

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST Rite II

Proper 23

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Organ Prelude

## Ante-Communion

Opening Acclamation BCP p. 355

The Collect for Purity BCP p. 355

**Hymnal #470 (Verse 1)** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* Beecher

*There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in His justice which is more than liberty.  
There is welcome for the sinner and more graces for the good;  
there is mercy with the Savior there is healing in His Blood.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Response: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day:

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us,  
that we may continually be given to all good works; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the  
Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen*

## Philippians 4: 1-9 (KJV)

Reader: A reading from Philippians, chapter 4 beginning at the 1st verse.

Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved. <sup>2</sup>I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup>And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellowlabourers, whose names are in the book of life. <sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. <sup>6</sup>Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. <sup>9</sup>Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

## **Hymnal #470 V. 2**

*There is no place where Earth's sorrows are more felt than  
up in Heaven;*

*there is no place where Earth's failings have such kindly  
justice given.*

*There is plentiful redemption in the Blood that has been  
shed;*

*there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.*

## **The Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 22: 1-14 (NRSV)**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, chapter 22 beginning at the 1st verse.

Response: Glory be to You, Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup>“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup>He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ <sup>5</sup>But they made light of it and

went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' <sup>10</sup>Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup>"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup>and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

Response: Praise be to You Lord Christ

## THE SERMON

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### THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of Heaven and Earth,  
and of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
True God from True God,  
begotten not made,  
of one Being with the Father.

Through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

He came down from Heaven.

By the power of the Holy Spirit

He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

He ascended into Heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead,

and His Kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **THE INTERCESSIONS** (from the Great Litany)

Lay reader: We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God;  
and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church  
universal in the right way;

All: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, The  
President of the United States and the Governor of this State, that  
they may above all things seek thy honour and glory;

All: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illuminate all Bishops, Priests, and  
Deacons, with thy true knowledge and understanding of thy  
Word; that both by their preaching and living they may set it  
forth, and show it accordingly;

All: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all nations unity, peace and  
concord;

All: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to succor, help, and comfort, all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation;

All: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear may go from strength to strength, in the life of perfect service, in thy heavenly kingdom;

All: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word;

All: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Priest: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you Absolution and Remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

**The Peace**

## **REETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **The Holy Communion**

Offertory Sentence

**Hymnal #470 (verse 3)**

*For the Love of God is broader than the measure of man's mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.*

*If our love were but more simple we should take Him at His Word;  
and our life would be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.*

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP p.361ff

The Sanctus (said by all)

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might;  
Heaven and earth are full of your Glory. Hosanna in the Highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

The Prayer of Consecration

BCP. p. 362-3

The Lord's Prayer

### **The Communion**

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

BCP. p. 365

Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

**Hymn# 362** (verse 1) *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Nicaea

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee:  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in Three Persons, Blessed Trinity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, casting down their golden  
crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down  
before Thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be*

*Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see;  
only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
perfect in power, in love, and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy Name in Earth, and Sky, and Sea. Holy,  
holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in Three Persons, Blessed Trinity.*

Deacon: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

Response: Thanks be to God

Organ Postlude

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