

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

In Celebration of the Millennium Development Goals



Friday of the Fourteenth Week after Pentecost (Proper 18)
September 15, 2006

Chapel of Christ the Lord at the Episcopal Church Center

The Assembly stands as the Presider and other ministers enter the chapel and process to the font.

HYMN 598: *Lord Christ When First Thou Cams't to Earth*

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GATHERING

Presider Blessed be God: Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

Presider There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Presider One Lord, one faith, one baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

Presider Dear brothers and sisters in Christ: Before his crucifixion, Our Lord Jesus Christ promised to draw all people to himself through his Cross and Resurrection. As all are brought to God's side by the reconciling love of Christ, so too have we been brought to this place to show forth Christ's glory and answer God's call that all be one as Christ and the Father are One. Gathering in Jesus' name to share in his sacraments and celebrate our common commitment to God's mission in the world, we begin by remembering our Baptism, in which by water and the Spirit we are given new life in Christ and made inheritors of God's eternal kingdom.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Presider We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are

reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that it may be for all assembled here a sign and reminder of our baptism into the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

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

People **Amen**

Presider Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church. And as we renew our call to common mission, let us join in remembering our new life in Christ through water and the Holy Spirit.

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
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.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The entire Assembly is sprinkled with baptismal water as a sign and reminder of our Baptism into the risen life of the Risen Christ. The Presider and other ministers then take their places around the altar.

HYMN 182: *Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

The Assembly sits.

FIRST READING: 1 Corinthians 9: 16-27

Reader A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe betide me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, so that I might by any means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable garland, but we an imperishable one. So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air; but I punish my body and enslave it, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 517: *How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place*

Brother James' Air

The hymn is a paraphrase of the Psalm appointed for the day, Psalm 84

GOSPEL: Luke 6: 39-42

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospeler Jesus also told them a parable: 'Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above the teacher, but everyone who

is fully qualified will be like the teacher. Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbor, "Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye", when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Assembly sits.

SERMON: Bishop Griswold

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: *based on the Millennium Development Goals*

The Assembly stands.

Leader Brothers and sisters in Christ: Reconciled as one to God through the sacrifice of Christ, let us pray that the peace accomplished through the Cross may be revealed in our own world and our own relationships. Let us pray for the Church and the world God so loves, for peace among all nations, and for the reconciliation of all people and all things in the Name of Christ.

Let us pray for the poor, hungry, and neglected all over the world, that their cries for daily bread may inspire works of compassion and mercy among those to whom much has been given.

People God of love, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Leader Let us pray for schools and centers of learning throughout the world, for those who lack access to basic education, and for the light of knowledge to blossom and shine in the lives of all God's people.

People God of love, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Leader Let us pray for an end to the divisions and inequalities that scar God's creation, particularly the barriers to freedom faced by God's children throughout the world because of gender; that all who have been formed in God's image might have equality in pursuit of the blessings of creation.

People God of love, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Leader Let us pray for the health of women, children and families around the world, especially for an end to maternal and child mortality, that in building healthy families, all God's people may be empowered to strengthen their communities and repair the breaches which divide nations and peoples.

People God of love, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Leader Let us pray for an end to pandemic disease throughout the world, particularly the scourges of HIV/AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis; that plagues of death may no longer fuel poverty, destabilize nations, and inhibit reconciliation and restoration throughout the world.

People God of love, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Leader Let us pray for an end to the waste and desecration of God's creation, for access to the fruits of creation to be shared equally among all people, and for communities and nations to find sustenance in the fruits of the earth and the water God has given us.

People God of love, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Leader Let us pray for all nations and people who already enjoy the abundance of creation and the blessings of prosperity, that their hearts may be lifted up to the needs of the poor and afflicted, and partnerships between rich and poor for the reconciliation of the world may flourish and grow.

People God of love, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Leader Let us remember before God the departed, particularly those who have died as a result of poverty, hunger, disease, violence, or hardness of the human heart;

Leader God of love, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

The Presider adds a concluding Collect:

Presider Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered together and reconciled under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The ministers and people greet each other in the Name of the Lord.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. And so we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Music at S-130 in Hymnal 1982

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.

Presider

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All

Amen

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. The following is then sung:

Music at S-160 in Hymnal 1982

People **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us!
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us!
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Grant us peace.**

Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION

After all have received, the Assembly stands.

HYMN 665: *All My Hope on God is Founded*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.
All **Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,**

**and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

Presider Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

People **The Maker of heaven and earth.**

Presider Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

People **From this time forth and forevermore.**

Presider The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

People **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth in the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**