













2023 Diocesan Convention Eucharist

St. John's Episcopal Church, Johnson City 5:00 pm Friday, February 3, 2023









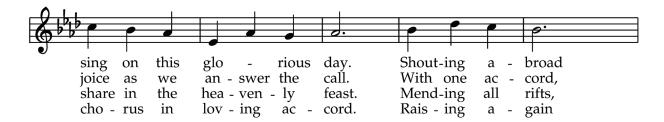
The Word of God

Hymn in Procession

Voices Found 109

"People of God, gather together"







praise to the Mak-er, come and with bo - dy and soul let us pray. made in God's im - age, come in com-mu - ni - ty, wel-com-ing all. heal - ing di - vi - sions, come and from sor - rows and hurts be re - leased. thanks ne-ver end-ing, come to the God who is Wis-dom and Word.





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Bishop Blessed be the One holy and living God.

People Glory to God forever and ever.

Collect of Purity

Book of Common Prayer 355

Hymn of Praise

Voices Found 107

"Let all things now living"



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Bishop

Almighty God, who called your Church your witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading Exodus 3:1-12

Lector A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

The service continues on the next page.

Psalm 139

The choir will introduce the refrain, after which the congregation may join.



- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; * you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places * and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, * but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before * and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; * it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
 where can I flee from your presence? **REFRAIN**
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; * if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning * and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me * and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, * and the light around me turn to night,"
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; * darkness and light to you are both alike. **REFRAIN**
- 22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; * try me and know my restless thoughts.
- 23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me * and lead me in the way that is everlasting. **REFRAIN**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:16-20

Lector A reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

"Lord whose love in humble service"



- 1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
- 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
- 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi sion, till your love's re veal-ing light
- 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed: still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead. in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight, to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a - lone, but heart; As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul, mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear, hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part. by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole. stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share. that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

The Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.

Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily Ms. Alison Barton

The Creed

ΑII

1 from Common Worship (authorized affirmations of faith)

Celebrant Do you believe and trust in God the Father,

source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist? **We believe and trust in God.**

Celebrant Do you believe and trust in God the Son,

who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

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All We believe and trust in God.

Celebrant Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,

who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

All We believe and trust in God.

Celebrant This is the faith of the Church.

All This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Times & Seasons

Intercessor

Sisters and brothers in Christ: God commands us through Jesus Christ to love one another. In baptism, we promise to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves and to strive for justice and peace, and respect the dignity of every human being. Let us now honor those vows and pray for the church, and for the needs of others throughout this community, our nation and the world.

We pray for your church throughout the world, O God; for all bishops, priests and deacons, and for all disciples of Jesus Christ. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may be ambassadors of your reconciliation in this world that longs for mending.

God our Shepherd,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for the congregations and communities of the Diocese of East Tennessee and for Brian, our Bishop. Enliven and sustain our ministries that we may proclaim your love and teach the ways of your grace.

God our help and hope,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor

We pray for blessings on all peacemakers, on leaders who value peace, and on everyone who promotes nonviolent solutions to conflict. We pray for a speedy end to all violence and warfare around the world.

God of peace and gentleness,

Hear our prayer. People

Intercessor

We pray for the strength of heart and mind to look beyond ourselves and address the needs of our siblings throughout the world; for the rural and urban poor; for the rebuilding of our communities; and for an end to the cycles of violence that threaten our future.

God of generosity and compassion,

Hear our prayer. People

Intercessor We pray for all nations, that they may live in unity, peace, and concord; and that all people may know justice and enjoy the perfect freedom that only God can give.

God of liberty and freedom,

Hear our prayer. People

We pray that the Holy Spirit may embrace the most vulnerable members of our society; we Intercessor

pray also for an end to the growing disparity between the rich and poor; and for the grace

and courage to strive for economic justice.

God of all gifts and blessings,

Hear our prayer. People

We pray for an end to prejudice throughout our country and the world; that we will respect Intercessor

all people as precious children of God; and that racism, sexism, and all other forms of discrimination will be forever banished from our hearts, our society, and our laws.

God of fellowship and equality,

Hear our prayer. People

We pray for a reverence of creation; that we will have the tools and the will to conserve it; Intercessor

that we will use its bountiful resources in the service of others; and that we will become better

stewards of all that has been entrusted to us.

God of nature and the universe,

Hear our prayer. People

We pray for all immigrants, refugees, and pilgrims from around the world, that they may be Intercessor

welcomed in our midst and be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect.

God of outcasts and wanderers,

Hear our prayer. People

Intercessor We pray for the sick, for all you are suffering, the aged and the infirm; for those with physical or mental disabilities; that all may have access to proper health care; and that God's loving embrace may be felt by all who suffer.

God of comfort and healing,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor

We pray for all prisoners and captives; that a spirit of forgiveness may replace vengeance and retribution; and that we, with all the destitute, lonely, and oppressed, may be restored to the fullness of God's grace.

God of absolution and mercy,

Hear our prayer. People

We pray for all children and families, and particularly for the orphaned, neglected, abused, Intercessor

and those who live in fear of violence or disease; that they may be relieved and protected.

God of children and families,

Hear our prayer. People

We pray for the reconciliation of all people, and for the Church throughout the world, that it Intercessor

may be an instrument of your healing love.

God of outreach and restoration,

Hear our prayer. People

Intercessor

We pray for all who have died, especially those who have died as a result as a result of violence, war, disease or famine, or because of human blindness, neglect, or hardness of heart and for those in our diocesan family who have died since our last diocesan convention: Paul Andrzejewski, Pattie Browder, Kathryn Ann Morris Brown, Vena Champion, Charles Cole, Seth Cooper, Shelia Crane, Jerry Crook, Joe Anthony Dichiara, Barbara Dooley, Mary Cecil Lawter Easterly, Hugh Failing, Joann Garrott, Barbara Kathryn Granju, Brian Graydon, Dorothy Griggs, Judi Griffith, Bitsy Gryder, Louie Gump, Robyn Hamlington, Tom Hebble, JR Hicks, John Edward Hodges, Dorothy Hurlbert, Carl Keaney, Margaret Kiley, Jackie Kirkey, Genny Ledford, Carlene Lemcke, Viola Long, Betsy Martin, The Rev. Dr. Susanna Metz, Robert Minnick, John Nash, Mary Dorothy Nisbet, The Rev. Adam Nygren, Jane Peterson, Larry Phillips, Libby Pilgrim, Katie Piper, Ruth Ruzicka, Charlie Shannon, Marie Smith, Howard Snead, Bill Stolte, Jack Strickland, The Rev. Canon Matthew Stockard, Walter Stooksbury, Joan Sullivan, George Taylor, Scott Teets, Lena Dot Templeton, Ted Tyrcha, Julie Van Valkenburg, Dorothy Marshall de Vogel, Haynes Wilkes, Barbara Wilson, Fred Wood, Patrecia Wykoff, and Jo Ann Yates.

God of eternal life and resurrecting love,

Hear our prayer. People

Intercessor

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

All God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you,

opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other,

in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,

the evil we have done,

and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us

through our Savior Jesus Christ,

that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ,

strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

The Peace Times & Seasons

Celebrant Christ is our peace.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.

The old has passed away: behold, everything has become new.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Anthem

William Bradley Roberts

"This little light of mine"

Ushers will direct each pew to come forward to receive the sacrament in a single line.

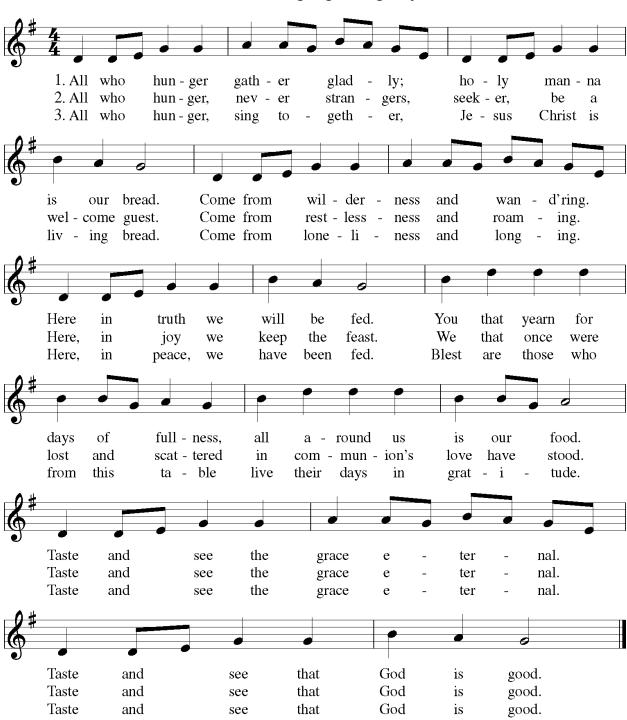
For those in overflow seating in the chapel, please come to the back of the nave and the ushers will direct you.

Please stand at the right side of altar to receive the sacrament by drinking from the chalice.

Please stand at the left side of the altar to receive the sacrament with the glass dropper.

Please do not intinct the bread into the wine at this time.

"All who hunger gather gladly"



Prayers at the Preparation of the Table

Times & Seasons

Celebrant

God of power and love, by your Holy Spirit, draw the scattered flock of Christ into a visible unity and make your Church a sign of hope to our divided world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

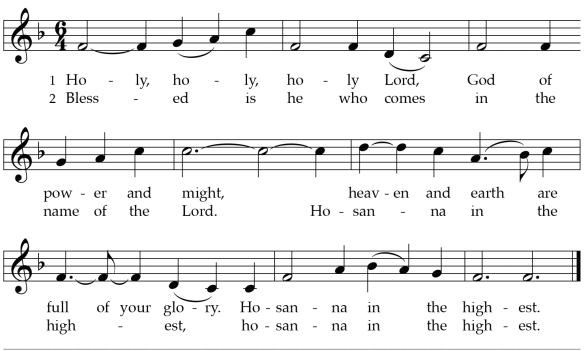
Celebrant

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus

Wonder, Love, & Praise 858



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LAND OF REST

MUSIC: American folk melody; adapt. Marcia Pruner, 1980; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984

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Celebrant

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

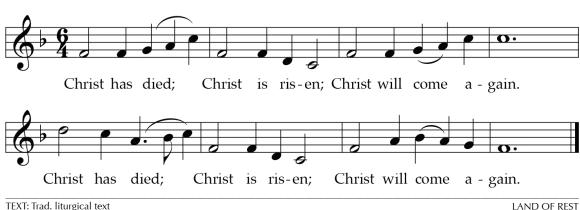
Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Memorial Acclamation

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: Celebrant



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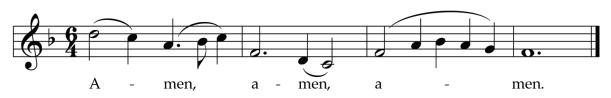
Celebrant

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Celebrant

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

The Great Amen



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LAND OF REST

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The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,

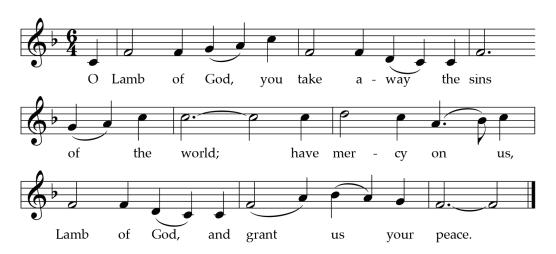
and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Bishop We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People We who are many are one body, for we share in the one bread.

Fraction Anthem



Hymn Voices Found 30



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Land of Rest & Midnight on the Water

Postcommunion Prayer

Enriching Our Worship I

All God of abundance

you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world;

and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you,

and remain with you always. Amen.

The service continues on the next page.



The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary String Band

Johnson City Rag inspired by the Roane County Ramblers

Those Serving

Bishop and Celebrant	The Rt. Rev. Brian L. Cole		
Bishop's Chaplain	The Ven. Dr. Jerry Askew		
Homilist	Ms. Alison Barton		
Deacon of the Word	The Rev. Gordon Brewer		
Deacon of the Table	The Rev. Cathy Johnston		
Communion Ministers The Rev. I The Rev. Dr. Timothy Holder, T	Dr. Laura Bryant, The Rev. Dr. Ken Saunders, he Rev. Jon Hermes, The Rev. Johnny Tuttle		
Musicians			
String Band	Lee Bidgood, Jim Miller, Sherry Miller, Tyler Hughes		
Ushers Bill A	rcher, Rick Gordon, Ted Jackson, Ed Jordan		
Acolytes Ryan Clinton, Finn Lilla	avivat, Crawford Lillavivat, Caitlyn Pendleton		
Lectors	Anne Davis, Doug Keen		
Convention worship planning team The R	ev. Dr. Laura Bryant, The Rev. Johnny Tuttle,		
The Rev. C	Cathy Johnston, Nick Andrews, Lee Bidgood		

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