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HOLY COMMUNION

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The Cathedral of  
THE DIOCESE OF THE CAROLINAS  
of the Anglican Church in North America

## THE ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

## OPENING HYMN—144

"LORD JESUS, SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS"  
 Cornhill

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open,  
 all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:  
 Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
 that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name;  
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Rowan

## THE DECALOGUE

*The Clergy and People kneel as able. The Celebrant says*  
 God spoke these words and said:

I am the Lord your God, you shall have no other gods but me.  
**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Honor your father and your mother.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not murder.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not commit adultery.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not steal.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not covet.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these, your laws, in our hearts, we  
 beseech you.**

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Deacon* Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

**Almighty and most merciful Father,**

**we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.**

**We have offended against your holy laws.**

**We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,**

**and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;**

**and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.**

**O Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Spare those who confess their faults.**

**Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises**

**declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,**

**that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,**

**to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.**

*The Celebrant stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him:

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11.28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3.16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I Timothy 1.15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. I John 2.1-2

KYRIE ELEISON

**Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison.**

*(Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.)*

*Rosemary*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31.31-34

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 51.10-15 *Miserere mei, Deus*

Tone III.4



<sup>10</sup> Hide your **face** from **my** sins \*  
and blot out all my **iniquities.**

<sup>11</sup> Create in me a **clean** heart, **O** God, \*  
and renew a right spirit **within me.**

<sup>12</sup> Cast me not away **from** your **presence** \*  
and take not your holy **Spirit** from **me.**

<sup>13</sup> Give me the joy of your **saving** help **again** \*  
and sustain me with your **bountiful** **Spirit.**

<sup>14</sup> I shall teach your ways **to the wicked,** \*  
and sinners shall **return to you.**

<sup>15</sup> Deliver **me** from death, **O** God, \*  
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, **O** God of my **salvation.**

Glory to the **Father**, and to **the** **Son,** \*  
and to the Holy **Spirit:**

As it was in the **beginning, is** now, \*  
and will be for **ever. Amen.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 4.14-5.10

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“LORD, TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?”  
*Verba Vitae*

**Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.  
We have believed and have come to know you are the Holy One of God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Deacon*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.  
*People*      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John 12.20-33

*Deacon*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Children 4k-2nd grade are invited to Children's Chapel. Children 3 and younger are welcome when accompanied by an adult. We return at the Passing of the Peace.*

THE HOMILY

(the Revd) Lisa Wheeler

THE NICENE CREED

*All stand to recite the Creed, the Celebrant first saying,  
Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, visible and invisible.**  
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten 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,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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 in glory 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;  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified;  
who 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The People kneel, if able, or remain standing*

Almighty God, you do not desire the death of sinners, but rather that we may turn from our wickedness and live abundantly. Grant us repentance leading to a knowledge of truth, and enable us to lay aside every weight and sin that clings so closely, so that we may run with endurance the race that is set before us looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.

*Deacon* Lamb of God,  
*People* **Have mercy on us.**

Forgive us, Lord, for failures in Christian service. Exhort our bishops, priests, deacons, and lay leaders to speak the need all Christians have for continual repentance and the offer of pardon as set forth in the gospel. We pray for Foley, our Archbishop; and for Steve, David, Thad, and Terrel, our bishops. We pray for our sister church, St. John Baptist, and their pastor, the Rev Dr Jamey Graham. In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for... In the ministries cycle of prayer, we pray for...

*Deacon* Lamb of God,  
*People* **Have mercy on us.**

Forgive us, Lord, for failures in government. Humble, guide, and protect those in positions of public trust: Joe, our President; Henry, our Governor; Daniel, our mayor; and all elected representatives.

*Deacon* Lamb of God,  
*People* **Have mercy on us.**

Forgive us, Lord, for failing those in need. Exhort us to defend and comfort the poor, the lonely, the imprisoned, the sick, the fearful, the addicted, the depressed, and the hopeless. We pray for those who are suffering... (*you are invited to pray names aloud*)

*Deacon* Lamb of God,  
*People* **Have mercy on us.**

Forgive us, Lord, for our failures in justice and concern for the world. We pray for the peace of Jerusalem and for your healing among all the peoples of the earth. Open our eyes to the injustices of our society and guide us in righteousness and healing where sin abounds.

*Deacon* Lamb of God,  
*People* **Have mercy on us.**

Forgive us, Lord, for our failures in the thoughtful care of our resources and for our consumerism, leading to the waste and pollution of your creation.

*Deacon* Lamb of God,  
*People* **Have mercy on us.**

O Lord, we groan inwardly as we await eagerly the redemption of our bodies. In this hope, we are saved. We pray for those who have died in the Communion of the Church, as they have realized the blessed hope of eternal life...(*you are invited to pray names aloud*)

*Deacon* Lamb of God,  
*People* **Have mercy on us.**

Gracious God, thank you for leading our search committee to a faithful pastor who will preach the Gospel, care for your people, equip us for ministry, and lead us forth in fulfilment of the Great Commission in his service as dean and rector of Church of the Apostles. We ask for mercy and grace upon Fr Eric and his wife Laura and their children through their time of transition; and guide us as a parish in welcoming them.

*Deacon* Lamb of God,  
*People* **Have mercy on us.**

O Lord, full of compassion, long-suffering, and abounding in steadfast love, we thank you for your mercy in sparing us the punishment that our thoughts, words, and deeds deserve. Accomplish in us your work of salvation that we may show forth your glory in this world.

*Deacon* Lamb of God,  
*People* **Have mercy on us.**

*The Celebrant adds this Concluding Collect.*

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And with your spirit.**

#### INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE PARISH

#### OFFERTORY SONG

“WHITE AS SNOW”  
Jon Foreman

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;  
according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God;  
restore in me the joy of your salvation.**

**The sacrifices of our God are a broken and a contrite heart;  
against you and you alone have I sinned.**

**Would you create in me a clean heart, O God:  
restore in me the joy of my salvation.**

**Wash me white as snow and I will be made whole.**

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#### DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him all creatures here below;  
praise him above ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*When the gifts are placed on the Altar*

Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O LORD,

*People* **And of your own have we given you.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**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.**

*Eisley*

*The People kneel, if able, or remain standing*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obe-

dience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

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

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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. **AMEN.**

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

**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 FRACTION

**Christ, our Paschal Lamb is offered up for us,**

**once, for all, as He bore our sins on the cross.**

**Therefore, let us keep a joyful and holy feast before the Lord.**

*Fiona*

#### THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

**We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord,**

**trusting in our own righteousness,**

**but in your abundant and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much as to gather up**

**the crumbs under your table;**

**but you are the same Lord**

**whose character is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,**

**so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,**

**and to drink his blood,**

**that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,**

**and our souls washed through his most precious blood,**

**and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

## THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All baptized Christians who trust Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are welcome at the Lord's Table. Those not prepared to receive Communion are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing from the priest. Those who would like to receive from the intinction-only station, in which only the server dips the bread into the wine, please come to the middle of the rail. All others, please go around to the side rails to the left or right. After receiving, our Prayer Team is available to pray with you through the doors to the left of the altar. All requests are held in the strictest confidence.*

## POST COMMUNION MUSIC

**“Agnus Dei et Kyrie Eleison”**  
Marty Reardon

**Jesus, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.**

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
O grant us your peace, O grant us your peace.**

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## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Heavenly Father,**

**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 LENTEN BLESSING

### OFFERTORY HYMN—149

**“ETERNAL LORD OF LOVE”**  
*Old 24<sup>th</sup>*

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

**“KYRIE”**  
Franz Schubert