

## HOPE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

+ *Hope Always* +



Hope Episcopal Church  
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## WELCOME TO HOPE CHURCH

We are a community gathered together in the name of Jesus in the Episcopal Church in Central Pennsylvania. Whoever you are and wherever you are on your faith journey, we are so glad you are joining us for worship, community, and fellowship.

Please take a moment to go through the announcements in the bulletin, and familiarize yourself with the many ways there are to connect with us in worship, music, creation care, Bible study, outreach, and youth ministry.

We hope that you will find something in our church that speaks to you. Should you **have any questions, or like to learn more, let's have a conversation.** Please either call the church office at 717-665-6311 or email us at [office@hopeepiscopal.org](mailto:office@hopeepiscopal.org).

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit +Romans 15:13*

## A HOLY LENT AT HOPE

Lent is an invitation—to return, to remember, to be made new. For forty days, we walk the road of repentance and renewal, following Jesus through the wilderness, where he fasted and prayed. It is a season to quiet the noise, to listen for God's voice, and to turn our hearts again to the One who is always calling us home.

*"Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart." (Joel 2:12)*

You will notice the color purple in our worship, a sign of both repentance and the coming reign of Christ. It is the color of kings, yet also of humility—the color of a Savior who took the form of a servant, walking the way of the cross for love of us. Lent teaches us that the way to resurrection always passes through surrender, that before Easter morning comes, we must stand at the foot of the cross. Here at Hope Church, we journey together. We pray, we serve, we gather at Christ's table. And in this season, we take special care to listen—listening to the stirrings of the Spirit, to the needs of our neighbors, to the call of Jesus to follow him more nearly.

Each Thursday morning from 9:30 to 11:00 AM, we gather for Bible Study and breakfast, sharing in conversation, scripture, and the nourishment of both body and soul. This Lent, we turn to the voices of the Minor Prophets, those messengers of old who spoke hard truths with great love. They called the people of God to justice, mercy, and faithfulness—a call that still echoes in our time.

*"What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8)*

Lent is not about perfection—it is about drawing near. It is about making space for grace, knowing that God meets us not because we have earned it, but because love is who God is. So come. Walk this road with us. Pray, reflect, listen, and be nourished. Let the color of the season remind you: Christ is our King, and his kingdom is breaking in—even now, even here. Let us keep a holy Lent.

## CHILDREN

Children are always welcome at Hope Church. Jesus wanted the little children to **come to him, and children's voices and presence are an important part of our worship here at Hope Church.**

To be added to our mailing list, please fill out a pew card, place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. You may also fill this out online by using the QR code.



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# Third Sunday in Lent HOLY EUCHARIST II

The symbol ♠ indicates when to stand if able.

The symbol ✠ indicates where to make the sign of the cross.

Prelude

“Rock of Ages”

Van Denman Thompson

Welcome + Good News & Announcements

## Opening Hymn

Christians often begin their services of worship with music. The opening hymn gives us an opportunity to raise our voices in song while worship servers and clergy process into the sanctuary following the cross. It allows us to enter into worship together as a community.

## THE WORD OF GOD

♠ Processional Hymn #686-“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my  
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hilt - er,  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly

heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er  
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good  
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a

ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise,  
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home,  
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee;

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by  
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering  
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to

flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me  
from the fold of God; be, to res - cue me from  
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and

on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood,  
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

✠ The Acclamation

*Celebrant* Blessed be the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* His mercy endures forever.

The Decalogue

*The people kneel or stand as able.*

*Please join in the leading of the Decalogue by reading the part designated "leader". If more than one person joins, read together as a "chorus".*

*Leader* Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

*People* Amen. Lord have mercy.

*Leader* You shall not make for yourself any idol.

*People* Amen. Lord have mercy.

*Leader* You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

*People* Amen. Lord have mercy.

*Leader* Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

*People* Amen. Lord have mercy.

*Leader* Honor your father and your mother.

*People* Amen. Lord have mercy.

*Leader* You shall not commit murder.

*People* Amen. Lord have mercy.

*Leader* You shall not commit adultery.

*People* Amen. Lord have mercy.

*Leader* You shall not steal.

*People* Amen. Lord have mercy.

*Leader* You shall not be a false witness.

*People* Amen. Lord have mercy.

*Leader* You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*People* Amen. Lord have mercy.

*Celebrant* If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*1 John 1:8-9*

### The Confession

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

### The Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

### The Kyrie

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*People* Christ, have mercy upon us.

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

### The Collect of the Day

This prayer gathers together the scriptural themes of the readings and the season. The collect follows a consistent pattern: We address God, naming something about God's nature (i.e., Almighty God); we ask God to work in a particular area of human living; and we acknowledge that we ask all of these things in the name of Jesus.

### ✠ The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant*

**A**lmighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

*The congregation may be seated for the readings.*

### First Lesson

*Exodus 17:1-7*

*Reader* A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### The Psalter *A Song of Praise*

*Psalm 95*

*Reader:* We will read the Psalm responsively.

- 1 | 1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

## The Lessons

The next portion of the liturgy focuses on the readings of Holy Scripture that are appointed for the day. The readings have a thematic unity that ties together the message of the Old and New Testaments.

## The Psalter

The Psalter, or the Book of Psalms, is the great song book of the People of God. In Jewish and Christian worship these hymns or songs are ordinarily sung and many of them form the lyrics of hymns in our hymnals. At each celebration of Holy Eucharist we read one of the Psalms, or a portion of a Psalm, that is selected to reinforce the theme of the lessons for the day.

7 For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!  
8 Harden not your hearts,  
as your forebears did in the wilderness, \*  
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,  
when they tempted me.  
9 They put me to the test, \*  
though they had seen my works.  
10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, \*  
"This people are wayward in their hearts;  
they do not know my ways."  
11 So I swore in my wrath, \*  
"They shall not enter into my rest."

The Epistle

*Romans 5:1-11*

*Reader* A Reading from Romans.

**W**hat Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation..

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
 2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guage know,  
 3 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,  
 all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone;  
 when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne.

he of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.  
 in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.  
 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

♣ The Gospel

John 3:1-17

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. ✠✠✠

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the

The Gospel

We customarily stand and face the Gospel Book as the Gospel of the Lord is read. It is a sign that the Word of the Lord is living and we honor its presence among us.

well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

*Celebrant*     The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*         Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Bradley Mattson

✠ The Nicene Creed

*To be read in unison.*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, 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 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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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 Sermon

The purpose of the sermon is to help us understand the meaning of the word of God in Scripture and to make it real in our lives.

The Nicene Creed

The Nicene Creed has been used by Christians of all traditions for over 1700 years and reminds us of the basics of our faith. The Creed is not a definition of Christianity, but briefly states the essentials of Christian teaching. We say it together to respond to the Word of God in the Scriptures and the sermon. We are saying in effect, "Yes! This is the faith that we believe and live!"

## The Prayers of the People

The prayers of the People follow the form of a litany, with the Leader offering petitions to God and the People responding or affirming the petition. These are the prayers of the entire community where we offer to God our concerns for the Church and the surrounding world. Prayers of the People always follow a particular order: prayers for the Universal Church, its mission and its members, for the Nation and all in authority, for the welfare of the world, for the concerns of the local community, for those who suffer or are in any trouble, for life's blessings, and for the departed.

## The Prayers of the People

*The people kneel or stand as able. The Leader and People pray responsively.*

*Intercessor:* Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

*Intercessor:* Lord, in your mercy,

*People:* Hear our prayer.

*Intercessor:* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy,

*People:* Hear our prayer.

*Intercessor:* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy,

*People:* Hear our prayer.

*Intercessor:* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy,

*People:* Hear our prayer.

*Intercessor:* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

*People:* Hear our prayer.

*Intercessor:* I invite your prayers of petition and thanksgiving, either silently or out loud. Lord, in your mercy,

*People:* Hear our prayer.

*Intercessor:* We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*Intercessor:* Lord, in your mercy,

*People:* Hear our prayer.

## Prayer for the Armed Forces

## The Concluding Collect

Almighty God to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## ✦ The Peace

Deacon The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People And also with you.

## The Offertory

The offering will be taken at this time.

Please take this time to make an offering to Hope Church:

1. Online: <https://hopeepiscopal.breezechms.com/give/online> or scan the QR code in the margin of your bulletin
2. Text: “[AMOUNT]” to (717) 999-5991 to make a donation to the General Fund. If it is your first time using text giving, you will receive a link by return text to complete the donation.
3. Offering plate: cash or a check payable to “Hope Episcopal Church”. You may designate any ministry in the ‘memo’ line.

Thank you very much for your contribution to advance the mission of Hope Episcopal Church! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

## Offertory Music

## “Here, I Am Lord”

*Leader or All*



1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who  
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.  
break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

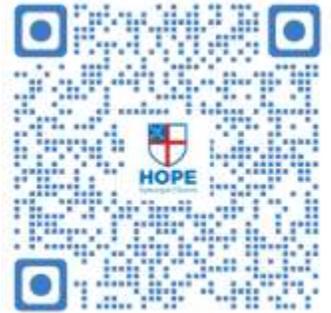
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

*Refrain All*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you  
call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you  
lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

## The Peace

After the Prayers of the People, the Priest extends Christ's peace to the congregation and the congregation shares the peace with one another. The Peace is real and also symbolic. It is real because in the forgiveness of our sins we are restored to Christ's peace. It is also the way we remind ourselves that because we have received the gift of God's forgiveness we can and must be reconciled to one another.



## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Doxology

*The congregation stands*

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.

The Holy Communion or Holy Eucharist

Eucharist means “thanksgiving.” This celebration of thanksgiving with its bread and wine is at the heart of the Christian faith. The Eucharist can also be called Holy Communion, the Lord’s Supper, or the Mass. In Holy Eucharist Christians give thanks for the gift of salvation given to us in the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ Jesus and the gift of new life that comes from it.

Gathering Together for the Meal of Christ

Offertory: At the beginning of the Eucharist we offer gifts to God, which are really just a return of the gifts God has given us—bread and wine for the Lord’s Supper, our financial gifts, and our lives.

Ablutions: The Priest comes to the front of the altar and wash his or her hands. This symbolic washing cleanses the Priest on behalf of all of the People so that we might all come to the holy meal refreshed. It is a reference to Psalm 26:6-12 which starts, “I wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, that I may go in procession around your altar.”

Sursum Corda: Literally, “we lift up our .” Here in the *Sursum Corda* the People affirm that they have turned wholeheartedly to God.

### ✠ The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer D*

*The people stand.*

*Celebrant* All things come from you, O God.

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

### The Sursum Corda

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*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 our thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Altar, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

### ✠ Sanctus - Holy, Holy, Holy

*The people kneel or stand.*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry, Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Sanctus: Sanctus means “holy.” We sing this hymn that the angels and archangels sing in heaven as a reminder that our worship here is an echo of the heavenly worship of God (Isaiah 6:3, Revelation 4:8).

Praise for the Work of God  
the Father

Preface: The opening prayer of the Eucharist is a prayer of blessing, praising God and giving thanks for his mercy to us. This opening prayer of blessing ends with a section that refers to the death and resurrection of Christ and focuses our prayers for the remainder of the liturgy.

Praise for the Work of God  
the Son

The next portion of the prayer of thanksgiving remembers the gift of salvation that came through Jesus Christ. It is followed by the Institution, the words of Jesus that explained the bread and the wine to His disciples at the Last Supper (Matthew 26:26-28).

Praise for the Work of God  
the Holy Spirit

This prayer asks that the Holy Spirit be present and bless and sanctify the bread and wine so that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. It also asks for blessings on the People that we might be holy. At the end of the prayers the People say, "Amen" which means, "So be it," or "So it is."

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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." ✠

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*People:* We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you Lord our God.

*Celebrant:* Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy and catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen

### ✠The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant*

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

**Notre Père..., Padre nuestro..., Vater unser...,**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav-	Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre; venga tu reino; hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el
en. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.	cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.	No nos dejes caer en la tentación y líbranos del mal.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.	Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén.

### The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast.

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the people of God.

### The Lord's Prayer

The last prayer of the Eucharist is the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples. The Priest and the People say it together (Matthew 6:9-13).

Breaking of Bread  
The Priest breaks the bread so that it might be shared among the People. It is seen as a symbol of the breaking of Christ's body on the cross and an invitation to each of us to enter into the life of Christ.

## The Communion

In 1 Corinthians 10: 16-17, St. Paul says, “The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread”. In receiving Communion week after week, Christians are sacramentally united with Christ in His life, death, and resurrection.

## Communion

Communion is received at the altar rail. All are invited to receive communion. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

*The Prayer of Spiritual Reception of the Sacrament for those joining us at home via Livestream:*

*Lord Jesus Christ, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.*

## Music During Communion

### Post Communion Hymn

### #325-“Let Us Break Bread Together”

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_  
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*  
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer - cy on me. \_\_\_\_\_

3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_  
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

*Refrain*  
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

The Thanksgiving  
*The congregation stands*

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.

✠ The Blessing  
 The Recessional

#690-“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
 fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,  
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,  
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -  
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and  
 songs of prais - es. I will ev - er give to

Prayer after Communion  
 In this prayer of thanksgiving for the gifts of grace we are given in the Communion we ask God to send us out into the world as ambassadors of the good news of the Gospel. It is important to remember that the gifts we have been given during worship are gifts given to us to share with all the world.

The Blessing & Dismissal

In the blessing and dismissal we are reminded that we carry the peace and love we have received from Christ into the world. We are challenged to live out the Gospel in our lives outside the walls of the church so that others may see and be drawn into new life in Christ.

more, shield, thee, feed be I, me thou will, now still ev, and my er, ev - er - more, strength and shield, give to thee.

✦ The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Three-Fold Amen

Postlude "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" Richard Williamson

*March Birthdays:*

- 3/3 - Dave Dissinger
- 3/4 - Donna Gerhard
- 3/9 - Dec. Nancy Leshner
- 3/11 - J.D. Hynick
- 3/12 - Jeremiah Norton
- 3/13 - Gail Edgell
- 3/18 - Bertha Dunstan
- 3/22 - Kathleen Peach
- 3/27 - Brooks Brown
- 3/30 - Dave Puskar

*March Anniversaries:*

- 3/20 - Steve & Gwen Norton

Thank you the Browns providing lunch today!

*If you'd like to sign up to provide lunch, there is a sign-up list on the whiteboard in the parish house. The entire year is listed on the sign-up pages. The last Sunday of the month is a Pot Luck, so plan to bring your favorite dish!*

Worship Servers for March 8, 2026

- Ushers - Tom Brown, Steve Norton
- Lectors - Rebecca Warren (1st & 2nd), Stephanie Seaman (Psalm)
- Prayers of the People - Lucy Longo
- Lay Eucharistic Minister - Bob Sims
- Altar Guild - Bob Sims
- Crucifer - Keegan Brown
- Acolytes - JD Hynick

Please remember in your prayers:

Elizabeth Grace & the Mattson Family, John, Marian, Michael, Bob, Janice, Barbara, Angie, Jerry, Paul, Braiden, Diane, Judith, Lydia, Jeff, Beth Ann, Mose, Ed, Daphne, Peg, Stephanie, Bertha, Lily, Carol, Steve, Lori, Patrick, Kyle, Betsy, Katie, Jim, Brandon, Kathleen, Liam, Felisa, Nancy, Claudia and our Creation Care, Outreach, Property and Yarn Ministries.

- Those suffering from all illnesses and those who caring for them;
- Those impacted by natural disasters and violence;
- The People of Ukraine and all those supporting them;
- Those living in nursing homes, group homes, and prisons;
- The People of the Diocese of Navajoland & all indigenous peoples;

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Grace Church, Allentown; Trinity, Chambersburg Diocese of Kajo Keji St. Peter Leikor Parish

*To add people to our Parish Prayer List, including those in the military please call the church office so they can be added to our prayer list.*

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The Right Rev. Audrey Cady Scanlan, Bishop of Central Pennsylvania

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### Worship at Hope Church

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist and live-streamed on YouTube.

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