

THE SEASON OF



EASTER

St. John's Episcopal Church
Munising, Michigan

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+ All are welcome +

Holy Eucharist **GATHERING**

Hymn

see hymn board

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Assembly: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Presider: The Lord be with you

Assembly: **And also with you**

Presider: Let us pray

Collect of the Day

The Reading of Scripture

Hebrew Scripture

Psalm

New Testament

Gospel Hymn

see hymn board

Gospel

Sermon

An Affirmation of Faith (from *A New Zealand Prayer Book*)

All: You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
your love to us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.

You are our God. We worship you.

Prayers of the People

Leader: Let us thank God for our many blessings.
For this new day added to our lives.

Assembly: **We thank you, God.**

Leader: For _____, our Presiding Bishop, for _____, our Bishop, for
_____, our Missioner, for the leadership of our diocese and
congregation, and for all the people of God.

Assembly: **We thank you, God.**

Leader: For this world we live in, and our leaders

Assembly: **We thank you, God.**

Leader: For homes that shelter us, and for the will to help those who have
no home.

Assembly: **We thank you, God.**

Leader: For our families and friends

Assembly: **We thank you, God.**

Leader: For courage and hope when we are afraid, comfort when we are
sad or lonely.

Assembly: **We thank you, God.**

Leader: We name those who are sick and are in our hearts today:

_____ . For the gift of your healing embrace:

Assembly: **We thank you, God.**

Leader: For (_____ and) the lives of those who have died.

Assembly: **We thank you, God.**

Leader: For all the goodness you give to us, especially _____.

Assembly: **We thank you, God.**

Presider: Lord, you have called us to serve you.

May we walk in your presence:

With your love in our hearts,

Your truth in our minds,

Your strength in our wills;

Until, at the end of our journey,

We know the joy of coming home to you

And the welcome of your embrace,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

Assembly: **And also with you.**

Offering

Hymn (see hymn board)

THE TABLE OF GOD

Presider: The Lord is with you.

Assembly: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

Assembly: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Assembly: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider:

It is right, Holy One, to give you thanks and praise. You created all that is, and have filled everything with your blessing and love. You led your people through the wilderness and rescued them from slavery. In time, you came and walked among us, as Jesus from Nazareth. We celebrate our life with Jesus as we remember how he lived and loved, how Jesus died on the cross, and yet he lives. We give thanks that Jesus is present in our midst this morning, as we sing:

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:

On the night before he died, Jesus gathered his friends together at the table to share a meal. And as they began to eat, he lifted up the bread and wine to God and gave thanks. It is God who makes the seed for the wheat and the seed for the grape. It is right to thank you, God.

After he gave thanks, Jesus broke the bread. He broke it to remind us that this bread, given by God and broken for us, is bread to feed the whole world. No one need go hungry if they eat this bread. No child, no adult, no elder. This bread, broken, is bread for all people.

Jesus broke this bread to remind us that God comes to us in those places where we are broken inside. Where we are lonely, frightened, sick and in sorrow. And God also comes to us in those places where we are joyful, playful and free.

As he gave the bread to his disciples Jesus said, “Take, eat: this is my Body which is given for you. Do this to remember me.”

Jesus gave them the cup of wine and said, “Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant, shed for you and shed for all. Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me.”

Finally, Jesus made his friends a promise which he makes to us this day. “I will never leave you alone. I will send God’s Holy Spirit to fill your hearts and your minds and your hands.”

We ask now that the Holy Spirit of God fill this bread, this cup, and our own hearts as we pray with the words that Jesus taught us:

**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

Presider: Alleluia. We break this bread
to share in the Body of Christ.

Assembly: **We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread. Alleluia.**

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.
All are invited to God's table.

The Communion

SENDING FORTH

We stand as able.

Presider: Let us pray

All: **In deep gratitude
for this moment, this meal, these people,
we give ourselves to you, O God.**

**Send us out to live as changed people
because we have shared the Living Bread
and cannot remain the same.**

**Ask much of us, expect much from us,
enable much by us, encourage many through us.**

**So, Lord, may we live to your glory,
both as inhabitants of earth
and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.**

Deacon: Let us rejoice in the Living Christ! Alleluia, alleluia
Assembly: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Hymn (see hymn board)

(The Eucharistic Prayer is by Caroline Fairless, adapted by Rise Thew Forrester.)