

# *There is a New Creation*

39TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF  
THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN NORTH TEXAS

## **The Holy Eucharist**

The 39th Convention of the Episcopal Church in North Texas

November 13, 2021 • 10:00 a.m.

Hosted by St. Luke's in the Meadow Episcopal Church

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

*The people's responses are in bold.*

OPENING HYMN • 551

Rise up, ye saints of God  
St Luke's Episcopal Church, Stephenville

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider* Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

*People* **Glory to God forever and ever.**

### 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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE • S-236

Glory to you, Lord God of our Fathers  
Trinity Episcopal Church, Fort Worth

### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you have given the Holy Spirit to abide with us forever: Bless, we pray, with the Spirit's grace and presence, people of God assembled in your Name, that your Church, being preserved in true faith and godly discipline, may fulfill all the mind of the One who loves us and gave everything for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

Genesis 1.1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while the spirit of God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM

All Saints Episcopal Church, For Wort

Psalm 100

*Jubilate Deo*

Frederick A. Gore Ouseley



Anglican chant composed by Sir Frederick Arthur Gore Ouseley (1825-1889), an English organist and priest. He founded St. Michael's College (near Worcester), a choir school intended to serve as a model for Anglican church music.

- 1 Be joyful in the LORD / all you / lands; \*  
serve the LORD with gladness and come before his / presence / with a / song.
- 2 Know this: The LORD him - / self is / God; \*  
he himself has made us and we are his;  
we are his / people and the / sheep of his / pasture.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his / courts with / praise; \*  
give thanks to him and / call up - / on his / Name.
- 4 For the LORD is good; his mercy is / ever - / lasting; \*  
and his faithfulness en - / dures from / age to / age.

## THE SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:17-20

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.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE • 513

Like the murmur of a dove's song  
Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Granbury

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 3.16-17

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, O Christ.**

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS TO CONVENTION

The Rt. Rev. J. Scott Mayer

*A moment for silent reflection follows the address.*

## THE NICENE CREED

**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; 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

*adapted from the Episcopal Church of Connecticut*

*Leader* Let us offer our prayers for all those who gather today for the 39th Convention of the Episcopal Church in North Texas by saying God of grace and God of glory, grant us courage, grant us wisdom.

Enliven all the delegates of this Diocesan Convention. Guide them to perceive what is right, and grant them both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it. God of grace and God of glory,

*People* **Grant us courage, grant us wisdom.**

*Leader* Refresh your church for this changing world, for things that have grown old are becoming new. We pray that the Episcopal Church in North Texas will possess the courage to write new chapters in our unfolding story, and to be transformed by your Spirit as we put our trust in your promised hope. God of grace and God of glory,

*People* **grant us courage, grant us wisdom.**

*Leader* Forgive the sins and failures of our past, and reveal new possibilities for our future. We pray that we will be able to discern what we must let go of and what we need to hold onto in our common life in order to follow Jesus more clearly. God of grace and God of glory,

*People* **grant us courage, grant us wisdom.**

*Leader* Direct all those within the Episcopal Church in North Texas so so that our actions will support the least, the last and the outsiders. Fill each one of us with your holy compassion and unbiased love, and allow us to join your mission in the world around us. God of grace and God of glory,

*People* **grant us courage, grant us wisdom.**

*Leader* Give rest to all your faithful people who have served your church in ages past and who now dwell with you. We pray we may look to their faith to proclaim the Gospel and trust in your promises. God of grace and God of glory,

*People* **grant us courage, grant us wisdom.**

*Bishop* Eternal God, in your Son Jesus Christ you redeemed all of human history and called us to proclaim the Good News of Christ's death and resurrection to the ends of the earth and to the end of the age: pour out your Spirit afresh upon the Episcopal Church in North Texas, help us to rejoice in our past and give us courage to trust your power to shape our future, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

**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.**

## ABSOLUTION

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

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## THE OFFERTORY

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

*An offering will be taken for Episcopal Migration Ministries.*

*[Make an online offering here.](#)*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Holy Now, Peter Mayer  
St. Alban's Episcopal Church

When I was a boy, each week  
On Sunday, we would go to church and pay attention to the priest  
He would read the holy word and consecrate the holy bread  
And everyone would kneel and bow  
Today the only difference is everything is holy now  
Everything, everything, everything is holy now

When I was in Sunday school we would learn about the time  
Moses split the sea in two, Jesus made the water wine  
And I remember feeling sad that miracles don't happen still  
But now I can't keep track cause everything's a miracle  
Everything, everything, everything's a miracle

Wine from water is not so small but an even better magic trick is that anything is here at all  
So the challenging thing becomes not to look for miracles but finding where there isn't one

When holy water was rare at best it barely wet my fingertips  
But now I have to hold my breath like I'm swimming in a sea of it  
It used to be a world half there heaven's second rate hand-me-down  
But I walk it with a reverent air cause everything is holy now  
Everything, everything, everything is holy now

Read a questioning child's face and say it's not a testament  
That'd be very hard to say see another new morning come  
And say it's not a sacrament, I tell you that it can't be done

This morning, outside I stood and saw a little red-winged bird  
Shining like a burning bush singing like a scripture verse  
It made me want to bow my head, I remember when church let out  
How things have changed since then  
Everything is holy now, It used to be a world half-there  
Heaven's second rate hand-me-down, but I walk it with a reverent air  
Cause everything is holy now

## NECROLOGY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore 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:

SANCTUS • S-125

Trinity Episcopal Church, Fort Worth

**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.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

**We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the blessed virgin Mary, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the

Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, together we pray,

*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

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

#### THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

COMMUNION HYMN • 338

Wherefore, O Father, we thy humble servants  
St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Stephenville

*If you have a consecrated host at home, please join us in sharing communion at this time.*

*If you do not have a consecrated host at home, join us by sharing spiritual communion with the following prayer.*

In union, O Lord, with the faithful of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all the love of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live in you, and may you live in us, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

#### THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**Almighty and everliving God,  
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, O God, 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 forever. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

And the blessing of God Almighty: Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you forever.

**Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CLOSING HYMN 521

I have decided to follow Jesus  
St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Arlington

I have decided to follow Jesus...no turning back, no turning back.  
Though no one join me, still I will follow...no turning back, no turning back.  
The world behind me, the cross before me...no turning back, no turning back.