



Transfiguration  
Episcopal Church

The Joyful Noise Eucharist @ 9am  
The Season of Easter 2024  
Order of Service



9:00AM SERVICE FOR THE SEASON OF EASTER 2023

## OPENING SONG (9:00)

### Opening Acclamation

*Please Repeat after me, as we do the movements*

**We welcome God the Creator.** (We welcome . . .)

**We greet God the Redeemer in each other.** (We greet . . .)

**We bless God the Sanctifier.** (We bless . . .)

#### **Jobs to Assign:**

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2 children to pour water on stones

2 people to collect offering

1 family to bring up bread and wine to the altar

1 family to help with clean up

*Note: The bell can be used at any point as needed to bring calm and re-center the children*

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### Liturgy of the Word

It's time for our story.

Then those who would like to are welcome to come and sit on a pillow to listen to the story.

STORY...

Please place your cushions back in the baskets and return to the chairs.

# CONFESSION

Take a stone, everyone needs a stone. When you have a stone, hold it up so that we know when everyone is ready.

Now, hold it to your heart.

Think about the things you have done this week that you wish you hadn't done. Think about the things you didn't do this week that you wish you had done. Lift all these things done and left undone, off your hearts and lay them on the stones. O Christ, the Rock of Salvation, carry them.

Say this after me:

God of Mercy (repeat...)

this week we have done things against you, (repeat...)

and against each other and our planet. (repeat...)

We are truly sorry...

and we ask your forgiveness...

Help us to walk in the way of your love...

Please place the stones gently in the bowl, while we sing this song.

**Song:** #7 Love, Love

# ABSOLUTION

*Invite 2 children forward to pour water. While the children pour the water:*

Holy God, you have heard the hearts of your people. Wash us clean from our sins as you wash us clean in our Baptism. Have mercy on us. Forgive us. Keep us in eternal life. Amen.

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY

**Let us bring what we have to God.**

*Ask 2 children to collect the offerings.*

*Ask a family to bring forward the Gifts of bread and wine.*

*The Presider says a prayer over the offering.*

*Come and join me for our greatest story.*

## EUCCHARIST

*<invite children to come sit on the rug near the Table>*

God 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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right, Living God, to give you thanks and praise as we celebrate your Son's Resurrection in this Easter Season. And so we join with the saints and angels above in singing this song: *#5 Sanctus*

**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.**

God, you are always caring for your people. You sent your son Jesus to be our friend: to heal the sick, to care for the hungry, and to comfort those who are sad or lonely.

We remember that on the night before he died, Jesus gathered around a table with his friends. He took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying:

“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. Again he gave thanks to God and gave it to them, saying:

“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 for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, we offer to you, O God, these gifts of bread and wine, and our own hearts too.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ... and that we may be One with You, as we say together the words that Jesus taught us:

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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.**

## Fraction Rite

*The bread is broken in silence.*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## Communion

--> *Ask an EM (or two) to be chalice bearer*

*We share the Bread and Wine with Communicants of all ages.*

## Prayers of the People

*Everyone is asked to hold up prayers in the categories that follow.*

*They may also name what is on the prayer card out loud.*

*Praise (wow), Petition (dear God please...) and Thanksgiving (Thank you God).*

*During the final hymn children are asked to bring their prayers to the small altar and leave them there - the altar is cleared for this purpose.*

Gracious God, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Receive these prayers and strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our risen Lord. **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Birthdays/Anniversaries/Milestones Prayers

Do we have any birthdays, anniversaries or other blessings today?

# THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

## AN EASTER BLESSING

May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life; and the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier be with you all, this Easter and always. **Amen.**

## Closing Song

## The Dismissal

*Presider:*

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## Share the Peace

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

# PRAYERS FOR BLESSINGS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please raise your hands toward those being blessed.

## Prayers for Birthdays

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant \_\_\_\_\_ as s/he begins another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Or,

Watch over thy child, O Lord, as her/his days increase; bless and guide her/him wherever s/he may be. Strengthen her/him when s/he stands; comfort her/him when discouraged or sorrowful; raise her/him up if s/he falls; and in her/his heart may there be your peace which passes all understanding, through your Spirit. **Amen.**

## Prayers for Anniversary

Grant, O God, in your compassion that this couple having taken each other in marriage, may grow in forgiveness, loyalty, and love in their life together; and come at last to the eternal Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in unity of the Holy Spirit, on God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**