



CHURCH OF THE
RESURRECTION

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

WE VALUE YOUR CHILDREN!

Nursery: Church of the Resurrection is providing nursery for children ages infant through 4. Nursery care is provided throughout the service. If you have a child in diapers, please leave all the necessary supplies with our wonderful nursery care providers.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: Children from pre-school through age 12 are invited to participate in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd where they will enjoy a structured time of prayer, Bible teaching, and Christian formation. Children will be dismissed to leave with their teachers early in the service and then return for Holy Communion. If you prefer, your children are welcome to stay with you during the service. For more information contact Mrs. Dana Huffman (dana@christchurchws.org).

Youth Ministry: For more information contact Fr. Keith (keith@christchurchws.org).



THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians who come with faith in Christ and genuine repentance for sin are welcomed at the Lord's Table. Any person who has doubts about his or her preparedness to receive the Sacrament is urged to seek godly advice and direction as soon as is possible. You may desire to read through the Exhortation provided at the end of this service guide to assist in discerning your readiness to receive Holy Communion.

If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, please feel free to receive the bread only. Simply cross your hands over your chest when you pass the chalice bearer by to indicate you do not wish to receive the wine. The ancient Christian teaching is that the full grace of the Sacrament is received whether one receives only the consecrated bread or both bread and wine.

If you are not receiving Holy Communion today you are still invited to come forward to receive a blessing. When you come forward, if you are not receiving the sacrament, please indicate this by crossing your arms in front of your chest. If you prefer you may remain in your pew and offer a prayer such as those provided at the end of this service guide for those who are not receiving the Sacrament.

During the distribution of Holy Communion we also encourage those who desire special prayer for healing or other needs to pray with our prayer team.

**IN REVERENCE TO GOD, PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR CELL PHONES.
THANK YOU!**



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The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Our worship service is rooted in the practices and teachings of the Bible and the early Church. We pray for and expect the Holy Spirit to be present and powerful among us as we are drawn into the never ceasing worship that is offered to God in heaven.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the power of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race
Ye ransomed from the fall
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all

Let every kindred every tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

KYRIE

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

SONGS OF PRAISE

You Alone Can Rescue

Who, O Lord, could save themselves
Their own soul could heal
Our shame was deeper than the sea
Your grace is deeper still

*And You alone can rescue, You alone can save
You alone can lift us from the grave
You came down to find us, led us out of death
To You alone belongs the highest praise*

You O Lord have made a way, the great divide You healed
For when our hearts were far away
Your love went further still
Yes Your love goes further still

We lift up our eyes, lift up our eyes, you're the giver of life
(Repeat)

The Lord Will Provide

Though troubles assail and dangers affright
Though friends should all fail and foes all unite
Yet one thing secures us, whatever betide
The scripture assures us, the Lord will provide
The birds without barn or storehouse are fed
From them let us learn to trust for our bread
His saints, what is fitting, shall ne'er be denied
So long as it's written, the Lord will provide

We may, like the ships, by tempest be tossed
On perilous deeps, but cannot be lost

Though Satan enrages the wind and the tide
The promise engages, the Lord will provide
His call we obey, like Abram of old
Not knowing our way, but faith makes us bold
For though we are strangers we have a good Guide
And trust in all dangers, the Lord will provide

When Satan appears to stop up our path
And fill us with fears, we triumph by faith
He cannot take from us, though oft he has tried
This heart-cheering promise, the Lord will provide
He tells us we're weak, our hope is in vain
The good that we seek we ne'er shall obtain
But when such suggestions our spirits have plied
This answers all questions, the Lord will provide

No strength of our own, or goodness we claim
Yet since we have known the Savior's great name
In this our strong tower for safety we hide
The Lord is our power, the Lord will provide
When life sinks apace and death is in view
This word of his grace shall comfort us through
No fearing or doubting with Christ on our side
We hope to die shouting "the Lord will provide"

One of the characteristics of our worship is the abundance of **Scripture** that is read. We believe that we encounter God through his inspired, authoritative Word.

The **Psalms** are the hymnbook of the people of God. They express our deepest longings, joys, and sorrows. Christians see many of the Psalms as directly related to Jesus. Let the Holy Spirit pray this Psalm through you as we speak these words together.

During our service we will use the prayers and Scripture readings specifically selected for this day in the Christian year.

The Celebrant (presiding minister) leads us in the **collect**, a prayer that "collects" our hearts and guides our thoughts into the presence of God.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: And with your spirit

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O Lord, you have taught us that without love, all our deeds are worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you; grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSON

Reader: A reading from Galatians 5:1-15.

¹For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. ²Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. ³I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. ⁴You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. ⁵For through the

Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. ⁶ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love. ⁷ You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? ⁸ This persuasion is not from him who calls you. ⁹ A little leaven leavens the whole lump. ¹⁰ I have confidence in the Lord that you will take no other view, and the one who is troubling you will bear the penalty, whoever he is. ¹¹ But if I, brothers, still preach circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been removed. ¹² I wish those who unsettle you would emasculate themselves! ¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵ But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 138

1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; *
even before the gods will I sing praises to you.

2 I will worship toward your holy temple and praise your Name,
because of your loving-kindness and truth, *
for you have magnified your Name and your word above all things.

3 When I called upon you, you heard me *
and gave me increase of strength.

4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, *
for they have heard the words of your mouth.

5 They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, *
that great is the glory of the Lord.

6 For though the Lord be high, yet he has respect for the lowly; *
as for the proud, he beholds them from afar.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shall you refresh me; *
**you shall stretch forth your hand upon the furiousness of my enemies,
and your right hand shall save me.**

8 The Lord shall make good his loving-kindness toward me; *
your mercy, O Lord, endures for ever; despise not the works of your own hands.

**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 SEQUENCE HYMN

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alle-, Alleluia

We stand during the Gospel reading because the Gospels represent Christ's presence in the Church through his Word.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke (16:1–13).

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

¹He also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ ³And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ ⁷Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ ⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings. ¹⁰“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alle-, Alleluia

THE SERMON

THE APOSTLE’S CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
**He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

You are encouraged to add your own petitions and thanksgivings either silently or aloud during the **Prayers of the People**.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer

For Foley, our Archbishop, Steven, Quigg, and Alan, our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people of our diocese and congregation.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer

For our nation, for those in authority and for all in public service.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer

COLLECT AFTER THE PRAYERS

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

**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.**

Many people kneel during the **Confession of Sin** as a sign of humility and repentance before God. Confession and repentance are the means God gives us for receiving the forgiveness made possible through Jesus Christ.

During the **Absolution** the priest declares God's forgiveness as promised in the Bible for all who confess and turn away from their sins. (1 John 1:9)

THE ABSOLUTION

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. *1 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. *1 John 2:1-2.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

I Will Sing of My Redeemer

I will sing of my Redeemer
And his wondrous love to me
On the cruel cross he suffered
From the curse to set me free

I will tell the wondrous story
How my lost estate to save
In his boundless love and mercy
He the ransom freely gave

*Sing, oh sing, of my Redeemer
With His blood, he purchased me
On the cross He sealed my pardon
Paid the debt and made me free*

I will praise my dear Redeemer
His triumphant power I'll tell
How the victory he giveth
Over sin and death and hell

I will sing of my Redeemer
And his heavenly love to me
He from death to life hath brought me
Son of God with him to be

The **Peace** reminds us that we must reconcile with one another before we receive Holy Communion (Matthew 5:23). "Peace be with you" or "God's peace" are some of the phrases used as we greet one another.

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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.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

**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.**

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 into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience 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."

The prayer of the **Great Thanksgiving** (also known as the "Anaphora" or the "Canon of the Mass") is taken directly from the words of the Bible and from the earliest Christian services. In this prayer we recall the scope of salvation history, thanking God for his mighty acts in creation and redemption.

One of the benefits of praying this prayer weekly is that these words are planted in our hearts. Thus we are better equipped to share our faith with those who have yet to come to Christ.

Although the prayer is prayed by the priest as the representative minister, the whole gathered people of God offer up this prayer. The great "Amen" at the end of the prayer is said forcefully by the people showing that this is indeed their prayer offered to God.

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, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. And bring us with all your saints into the fullness 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 forever.
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** is not a set of words, but an action and takes place in silence. “Christ our Passover” recalls Jesus as the Passover Lamb offered once for the forgiveness of sins (Hebrews 9:27-28).

Along with most Christians down through the ages and across the world we believe that we truly encounter Jesus in this meal. Communion is not merely a symbol. It also brings us into the real presence of Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 10:16-17).

All baptized followers of Jesus Christ who come with faith and repentance are welcome to receive Holy Communion in our church.

THE FRACTION

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

Facing the People, the Celebrant may say the following invitation

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.

The Ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the People.

The Bread and Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

During the ministration of Communion, hymns, psalms, or anthems may be sung.

The Celebrant may offer a sentence of Scripture at the conclusion of the Communion.

SONGS DURING COMMUNION

Your Love Defends Me

You are my joy, You are my song
You are the well, the One I'm drawing from
You are my refuge, my whole life long
Where else would I go?

*Surely my God is the strength of my soul
Your love defends me, Your love defends me
And when I feel like I'm all alone
Your love defends me, Your love defends me*

Day after day, night after night
I will remember, You're with me in this fight
Although the battle, it rages on
The war is already won
I know the war is already won

*We sing hallelujah! You're my portion, my salvation
Hallelujah!*

*We sing hallelujah! You're my portion, my salvation
Hallelujah! You're my portion, my salvation*

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People together say the following

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 forever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Soldiers of Christ Arise

Soldiers of Christ arise, and put your armor on

Strong in the strength which God supplies

Thru his eternal Son

Strong in the Lord of Hosts

And in his mighty power

Who in the strength of Jesus trusts

Is more than conqueror

Stand then in his great might

With all his strength endued

But take to arm you for the fight

The panoply of God

That having all things done

And all your conflicts passed

Ye may o'ercome thru Christ alone

And stand, victor, at last

Rise with your Risen Lord

Who triumphed o'er the grave

And rose victorious in the strife

For those he came to save

His glories now we sing
Who died, and rose on high
Who died, eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die

From strength to strength go on
Wrestle and fight and pray
Tread all the powers of darkness down
And win the well-fought day
Still let the Spirit cry
In all his soldiers, "Come!"
Till Christ the Lord, descends from high
And takes the conquerors home

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Suggested prayers for those not receiving Holy Communion

O Lord, teach me to seek you, and reveal yourself to me when I seek you. For I cannot seek you unless you first teach me, nor find you unless you first reveal yourself to me. Let me seek you in longing, and long for you in seeking. Let me find you in love, and love you in finding. Amen.

—Saint Ambrose of Milan, c. 340 - 397

Heavenly Father, I am in a far country, destitute and distant from you. Create in me the desire and grant me the strength to arise and return to you. And seeing my return, Father, run quickly to embrace me, fall on my neck and kiss me, and claim me as your beloved child who was dead, but is alive again, who was lost but is now found. Amen.

—From Luke 15:11-32

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and for the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

— The Book of Common Prayer

Lord Jesus, I believe that you offer yourself in this Sacrament. I desire to love you above all things, and I long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you in Holy Communion, be present to me by your Word and the fellowship of your Church. As though you have already come, by faith I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you. Never permit me to be separated from you, for your great love's sake.

THE EXHORTATION

Dearly beloved in the Lord: if you intend to come to the Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, you must consider how Saint Paul, in his First Letter to the Corinthians, exhorts us all diligently to examine ourselves before we presume to eat of that Bread, and drink of that Cup. For as the benefit is great, if we receive that holy Sacrament with a truly penitent heart and lively faith, spiritually eating the flesh of Christ and drinking his blood, so that we might be made one with Christ and he with us; so also is the danger great, if we receive these gifts unworthily. For then we become guilty of profaning the Body and Blood of Christ our Savior, and we eat and drink to our own condemnation.

Therefore, judge yourselves lest you be judged by the Lord. First, examine your life by the rule of God's commandments. Wherever you have offended, either by thought, word, or deed, confess your sins to Almighty God, with the full intention to amend your life. Be ready to make restitution for all injuries and wrongs you have done to others; and also be ready to forgive others who have offended you: for otherwise, if you unworthily receive Holy Communion, you will increase your own condemnation. Therefore, repent of your sins, or else do not come to God's Holy Table.

If you have come here today with a troubled conscience, and you need help and counsel, come to me, or to some other priest, and confess your sins; that you may receive godly counsel, direction, and absolution. To do so will both satisfy your conscience and remove any scruples or doubt.

Above all, each of us should give humble and hearty thanks to God for the redemption of the world by the death and passion of our Savior Jesus Christ. He humbled himself, even to death on a cross, for us sinners who lay in darkness and in the shadow of death, that he might make us children of God, and exalt us to everlasting life.

Because of his exceedingly great love for us, our Savior Jesus Christ has instituted and ordained these holy mysteries as pledges of his love, and for a continual remembrance of his death and passion, to our great and endless comfort.

To him, therefore, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, let us give continual thanks, as is our duty and our joy; submitting ourselves entirely to his holy will and striving to serve him in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life. *Amen.*

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