

The Holy Eucharist

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St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church

Presider: The Rev. Judith McDaniel

Livestream Producer: Guy Fulton

Musician: Chris Eisenberg

Welcome to St. Antony's. Our Eucharistic celebration is offered both in person and is livestreamed on Facebook. You will find our livestream at <https://www.facebook.com/saintantony/>. For those worshipping in person, the use of facemasks is optional and we encourage respect for each person's choice to remain as healthy as possible.

Our service includes both a prelude and a postlude offering. We ask that you use this time in quietness to prepare for our celebration of God's unconditional love for each of us and as an opportunity to give thanks as well as to show our respect for our musicians.

We have been entrusted to be care takers of this beautiful piece of God's creation. We acknowledge that the Suquamish and S'Klallam people are the traditional stewards of the land on which our buildings stand and we pay our respect to their people and heritage.

Welcome

Prelude

Opening Hymn **"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"**

Hymnal 390

Salutation

The Presider says to the people

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Presider

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.**

Gloria

Hymnal S-280

Collect of the Day

Presider Lord be with you

People And also with you

Presider Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading – Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

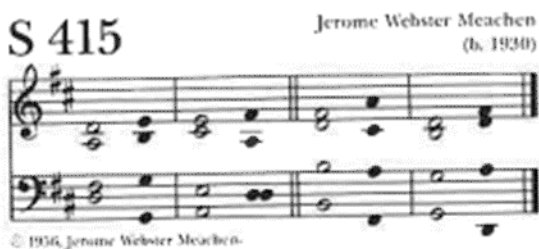
Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 114

In esitu Israel



1 Hallelujah!, When Israel came out of/ Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange/ speech,

2 Judah became God's/ sanctuary *
and Israel his do/minion.

3 The sea beheld it and/ fled; *
Jordan turned and went/ back.

4 The mountains skipped like/ rams, *
and the little hills like young/ sheep.

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you/ fled? *

O Jordan, that you turned/ back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like/ rams? *

you little hills like young/ sheep?

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the/ Lord, *

at the presence of the God of/ Jacob,

8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of/ water *

and flint-stone into a flowing/ spring.

The Second Reading – Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn *"When Israel was in Egypt's land"*

Hymnal 648

The Gospel Reading – Matthew 18:21-35

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and

payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily – The Rev. Judith McDaniel

The Nicene Creed (*said together, standing as you are able.*)

**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.**

Prayers of the People

Leader I ask your prayers for those in the Armed Forces of our Country.

People O Almighty God, shelter the men and women of our armed forces under your mighty wings; steel their courage in times of peril; give them integrity and honor in all they do; grant perseverance and resilience to their families; and heal the wounded warriors. We remember those who are deployed, especially *Chris Peterson and Travis Sanger* through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Prayers of the People from “Intercessions for the Christian People”

Leader

Our God is a God of unity, not division; of love, not hate; of forgiveness, not of resentment. With open hearts, bearing the pain of the world, let us beseech the God of love, saying: We beseech you, O Lord.

For our brothers and sisters of every race and nation:

for their safety and well-being,
for the relief of their sufferings,
for the assuaging of their hunger and thirst,
and for the overcoming of enmity,
let us pray to the Lord.

We beseech you, O Lord.

For those peoples we have come to view as enemies:

for the peoples of the Soviet Union and China,
for the healing of hatred and the birth of friendship,
let us pray to the Lord.

We beseech you, O Lord.

For the churches of the world, let us pray:

for the healing of divisions,
for growth in understanding,
for devotion to the truth of the gospel,
for our mutual enrichment,
and for complete communion in the Holy Spirit,
let us pray to the Lord.

We beseech you, O Lord.

For our homes and families:

for an end to feuds,
for release from the cycle of violence,
for the healing of painful memories,
for forgiveness and peace between those who injure,
for patience in bearing with one another,
let us pray to the Lord.

We beseech you, O Lord.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Let us Pray for Peace Among the Nations

Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Presider concludes

Lord God, your Son made himself the least among us, bore our sins upon the cross, and delivered us from death by his own suffering and dying. Forgive us our sins, by which we have added to the world's pain, and make us instruments of peace and reconciliation, through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Presider

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution

The Presider stands and says

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

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The clergy and people greet one another in the name of the Lord, maintaining a respectful distance.

Announcements

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthday Prayer - Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Presider may begin the Offertory with a sentence of scripture. The offering plates are placed on the altar as a sign of our self-offering to God and our promise to give faithfully to the church.

Music Offering - Chris Eisenberg

The Doxology is sung

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

Eucharistic Prayer 3 From *Enriching our Worship*

Please stand as you are able

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus

Hymnal S-125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

The Presider continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Presider continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ.

Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with Antony and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. ***Presider and People* Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now say,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

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This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
 there - fore let us keep the feast.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

We invite all present to participate in this feast, regardless of where you are on your spiritual journey. Our table is open to all, as this is God’s gift to all.

We are serving the cup individually. After receiving the bread, the body of Christ, if you like, please take a cup from the tray and then the Eucharistic Minister will serve you the wine, the blood of Christ. Please leave your cup at the baptismal font so we can properly dispose of them.

If needed, we do have gluten free communion wafers available. Just ask as you approach the priest.

If you do not wish to receive the Eucharist but would like a blessing, please approach the priest with your hands crossed over your chest.

We ask that you remember to use the hand sanitizer as you come to receive the Holy Eucharist.

Those who are participating by livestream may say the following prayer.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

From A Prayer Book for the Armed Forces

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. And since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our heart. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Communion Music - Chris Eisenberg

The Postcommunion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

All Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

“Go forth for God, go to the world in peace”

Hymnal 347

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Please join us for Coffee Hour after the service. Holly & Jim Foley are our hosts today.

Happy Birthday!

- 17th Cheryl Wright
- 18th Heidi Feenstra-Wilson
- 19th Malcolm Campbell
- 20th Sylvia Campbell
- 22nd Christina Morris
- 23rd Jessica Sherwin

Happy Anniversary!

There are no anniversaries this week.

The Altar Flowers are given today by Carrie Rivers in celebration of the success of the Search Committee.

Flowers arranged by Carrie Rivers

The Sanctuary Lamp is given today by Benny & Cheryl Wright in celebration of Cheryl's birthday.



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