

*The people stand*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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 for ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.*

**Breaking of the Bread**



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

*Celebrant:* 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.

**Communion Hymns**

474 “When I survey the wondrous cross”  
439 “What wondrous love is this”

Rockingham  
Wondrous Love

**Post Communion Prayer** *The people stand.*  
Let us pray

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Blessing**

**The Dismissal**  
*People* Thanks be to God.

**Procession Hymn 473: “Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim”**  
*Crucifer*

**Voluntary “Crucifer”** Rebecca Groom Te Velde

Saint Peter’s Episcopal Church

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

17 March 2024

**Voluntary** “My song is love unknown” Peter Pindar Stearns

**Solemn Procession**

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People* His mercy endures for ever.

**Decalogue** (*kneel*) Response after each bidding: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

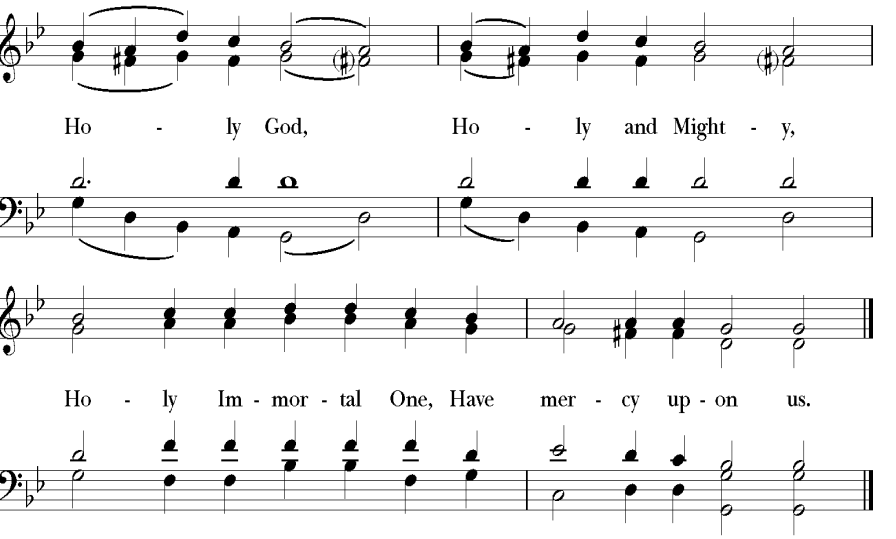
Hear the commandments of God to his people:  
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.  
You shall have no other gods but me. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*  
You shall not make for yourself any idol. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*  
You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*  
Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*  
Honor your father and your mother. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*  
You shall not commit murder. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*  
You shall not commit adultery. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*  
You shall not steal. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*  
You shall not be a false witness. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*  
You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

*Celebrant reads opening sentences*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*People and Celebrant*  
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.

*The Priest stands and says*  
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*



Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

