

The Season
After
Pentecost



The fullness of joy is to behold God in everything.
God is the ground, the substance,
the teaching, the teacher,
the purpose, the reward for which every soul labors.
- Julian of Norwich

An Order for Celebrating the Holy Eucharist



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Holy Eucharist

Form I

Voluntary *(Please refer to the insert)*

Welcome

Opening Hymn *(Please refer to the insert.)*

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

The Celebrant may say

Form II: The Collect for Purity

(BCP 1979)

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 Celebrant may add

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect, found in the insert.

Please refer to the insert for the following:

The First Lesson

Psalm

The Second Lesson

The Gospel

The Sermon

Nicene Creed ****This text of the Nicene Creed omits the phrase 'and the Son' in the third paragraph, recovering the original text of the First Councils of Nicaea and Constantinople, 325 and 381CE respectively.*

Presider: Let us affirm the faith of the Church:

**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. ****

**With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped 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: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
**For our families, friends, and neighbors,
and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless,
and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Miguelina our Bishop; and for all
bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
Those on our prayer list, the People may add their own petitions.
Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
The People may add their own thanksgivings
We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Those on our prayer list, the People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them

who put their trust in you.

Concluding Collect (*The Celebrant may use one of the following.*)

Form I

(BCP 1979)

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Amen.

Form II

(*Order of St. Helena's Breviary*)

O God, our rock and refuge: Keep us safe in your care and strengthen us with your grace, that we may pray faithfully to you and love one another boldly, following the example of Jesus; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Confession

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence is kept.*

**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 our Savior 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 Absolution

Celebrant:

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

Celebrant: The Peace of Christ be always with you,

People: **and also with you.**

Please greet one another with the sign of peace, as you are comfortable.

Offertory baskets are located at the entrances to the sanctuary for pledge offerings and donations.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S124 *(if sung)*

David Hurd

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

Sanctus *(if spoken, said by all)*

**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.

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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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."

Celebrant: Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
People: **We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 Stephen and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, 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 God, now and for ever.
AMEN.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

The Fraction S 154 (if sung)

David Hurd

(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.)

The Fraction *(if spoken)*

Celebrant: The Living Bread, given for the life of the world.

People: **Whoever eats this bread will live forever.**

(cf. John 6:51)

The Invitation

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Celebrant may add:

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion

Everyone is welcome to receive from God's Table.

Holy Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body the Church; our priest would be happy to speak with you about Baptism.

(See insert for detailed instructions on how to receive communion.)

Post Communion Prayer

Form I

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All:

Eternal God,
you have graciously accepted us
as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.

Form II

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All:

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 Christ,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing (*Celebrant may choose one of these or another.*)

Form I

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak;
help the afflicted;
honor everyone;
love and serve our God,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all, now and always. **Amen.**

Form II

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.

Announcements

Closing Hymn (*Please refer to the insert.*)

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.
People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Voluntary (*Please refer to the insert*)

Liturgical Resources – Holy Eucharist Form I

Permission for usage of these liturgies granted to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Pittsfield, for the Season after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday through August 30, 2026, by Bishop Miguelina Howell, Bishop of Western Massachusetts.

The Affirmation of Faith/Creed

This text of the Nicene Creed omits the phrase ‘and the Son’ in the third paragraph, recovering the original text of the First Councils of Nicaea and Constantinople (325 and 381CE respectively) and once again aligning ourselves with our brothers and sisters in the Orthodox Church. This version was approved for use in worship by The Episcopal Church in 1997, and published in *Enriching Our Worship I*.

Prayers of the People: Form VI, BCP 1979

Concluding Collects for the Prayers of the People

Form I: The Book of Common Prayer, 1979, p. 395.

Form II: The Order of St. Helena’s Breviary.

The Confession of Sin: The Book of Common Prayer, 1979, p. 360.

The Absolution and Peace: From *Enriching Our Worship*, p. 56

The Eucharistic Prayer

This is Prayer B, Expansive Language version, adapted from The Book of Common Prayer, 1979. (Approved at General Convention 79 in 2018, for trial usage.)

The Fraction

Adapted from John 6:51 (“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”)

Post Communion Prayers: BCP 1979, Expansive Language version

The Blessings

Blessing Form I is paraphrased from I Thessalonians 5, and commonly used across the Anglican Communion; with the Trinitarian blessing as phrased by the Order of St. Helena. Form II is drawn from Rite One, BCP 1979.

Holy Eucharist

Form II

Voluntary *(Please refer to the insert)*

Welcome

Opening Hymn *(Please refer to the insert.)*

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed are you, our Holy and Living God.

People: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Presider may say:

From the Penitential Order

(BCP 1979)

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel:

The Lord your God is the only Lord.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart,

with all your soul, with all your mind,

and with all your strength.

The second is this:

Love your neighbor as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:29-31

The Collect *Presider may use one of the following or the Collect of the Day*

Presider: May God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

A Collect for Guidance

(BCP 1979)

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being:

We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit,

that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget

you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect based on the Prayer of St. Augustine

(Common Worship, Church of England)

O Holy God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are

restless till they find their rest in you; so lead us by your Spirit that in

this life we may live to your glory and in the life to come enjoy you

for ever; through Jesus Christ our Savior who is alive with you and

the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please refer to the insert for the following:

The First Lesson

Psalm

The Second Lesson

The Gospel

The Sermon

Our Affirmation of Faith, Form I

The Apostles' Creed

(BCP 1979)

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,
**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 power of 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.**

Affirmation of Faith, Form II

(Common Worship, Church of England)

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
creator of heaven and earth?

I believe and trust in God Almighty.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ,
who redeemed the world?

I believe and trust in Christ our Savior.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit
who gives life to the people of God?

I believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

*(adapted from Common Worship,
Church of England)*

In faith and hope we pray:
For the Church of God.

For all bishops and other ministers; and for all people of God.

God of mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For those who govern, that peace and justice may prevail.

For those who suffer due to violence, poverty, or natural disaster;
may all in need of refuge find relief and safety.

God of compassion,

Hear our prayer.

For the peace of the world, and the well-being of Creation.

God of life,

Hear our prayer

For this congregation and our communities,
that we may be attentive to one another,
and responsive to the needs of the world.

God of reconciliation,

Hear our prayer.

For all that is graceful in our lives, and of those we love.

(Please add your thanksgivings here.)

God of joy,

Hear our prayer.

For those entrusted to our prayers,

may they live in joy, peace, and health:

(Please refer to the insert and add your own intercessions.)

God of love,

Hear our prayer.

For all who have died,

that they may know God's love and life eternal.

(Please refer to the insert and add your own intercessions.)

God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

Concluding Collects *(Presider uses one of the following.)*

Collect I

(A New Zealand Prayer Book)

God of peace, let your people know that at the heart of turbulence there is an inner calm that comes from faith in you. Keep us from being content with things as they are, that from this central peace there may come a creative compassion, a thirst for justice, and a willingness to give of ourselves in the spirit of Christ. **Amen.**

Collect II

(BCP 1979)

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Amen.

Collect III

(Order of St. Helena's Breviary)

O God, our rock and refuge: Keep us safe in your care and strengthen us with your grace, that we may pray faithfully to you and love one another boldly, following the example of Jesus; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Confession

(Common Worship, Church of England)

God is love and we are God's children.

There is no room for fear in love.

We love because God loved us first.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned

in thought, word and deed.

We have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy

forgive what we have been,

help us to amend what we are,

and direct what we shall be;

that we may act justly,

love mercy, and walk humbly with you,

O God of our salvation. Amen.

The 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.

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The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: May God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to our God.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Holy One.

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

All thanks and praise are yours, our true and loving God; you are the strength and goodness of fatherhood, you are the wisdom and love of motherhood; you are light and grace and blessed love. You are Trinity, you are Unity.

With so much of this life beyond our control, often overwhelmed by anxiety and grief, we gather around your table to remember that there is nothing the powers of this world can bring, nothing in our present lives, nor in whatever the future may hold, there is nothing in all creation that can separate us from your love.

You, O God, are nearer to us than our own soul, for you are the ground in whom our soul stands. So will we bless you as long as we live, and lift our voices in praise as we say/sing:

Sanctus (*if spoken*)

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Sanctus (if sung)

Wonder, Love and Praise Hymn 857

Betty Carr Pulkingham

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

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Gracious One, before you made us, you loved us. And when our sin turns us away from you and causes us pain, in your love and mercy you assure us that all shall be well, all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well.

Out of love for us you sent your Son, Jesus, to live and die as one of us, to teach and heal, to feed those who were hungry, to embrace the outcasts. Through his life you showed us the depth of your reconciling love for the world. Through his death and resurrection, you overcame death forever and gave to us everlasting life.

On their last night together, Jesus gathered his friends around the table. He took the bread, gave you thanks, broke it and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you." After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and offered it to them, saying, "Drink this all of you. This is my blood, the cup of God's new covenant with you and with all, the promise of life everlasting. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

The love of Christ restores and transforms us;
and we rejoice in our salvation:

**We open our hearts to love one another as he loved us;
We remember how he died
and rose again to live now in us.**

Together with him, we offer you these gifts,
and ourselves:

our souls and bodies.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and this wine, that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Empowered by your Spirit, may we do justice, and love kindness and walk with you all our days; until at the last, we are gathered home, and our hearts may rest in you.

With all your people, past, present and yet to come, we give you thanks and praise, through the Son and in the Spirit, in every moment of our lives, now and forever. **AMEN.**

In confidence and hope, let us pray the Lord's Prayer:
Praying either version, or in any language, as you are comfortable:

The Lord's Prayer, *traditional version*

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 Lord's Prayer, *contemporary version*

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.

The Fraction I (*if sung*)

Wonder, Love and Praise Hymn 764, refrain

James E. Moore, Jr.

Musical score for 'The Fraction I' in 3/8 time, featuring a single treble clef staff. The lyrics are: Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness of the Lord. O taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord. The score includes a 'Fine' marking at the end.

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness
of the Lord. O taste and see. Taste and
see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord. Fine

The Fraction II (*if sung*)

Wonder, Love and Praise Hymn 878

Carl Hayward

Musical score for 'The Fraction II' in 4/4 time, featuring a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: Who - ev - er comes to me shall not hun - ger and who - ev - er be - lieves in me shall nev - er thirst.

Who - ev - er comes to me shall not hun - ger and
who - ev - er be - lieves in me shall nev - er thirst.

The Fraction *(if spoken)*

Be known to us Lord Jesus,
in the breaking of the bread.

The Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Everyone is welcome to receive from God's Table.

Holy Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body the Church; our priest would be happy to speak with you about Baptism.

(See insert for detailed instructions on how to receive communion.)

Hymn at Communion *(Please refer to the insert)*

Post Communion Prayer

Form I

(Scottish Episcopal Church)

Let us pray:

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace,
and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Form II

(Enriching Our Worship)

Let us pray:

**God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people
in heaven and on earth.**

**Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior.**

Amen.

The Blessing *(Celebrant may use one of these, or another Blessing)*

Form I

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted; honor everyone;
love and serve our God,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all, now and always. **Amen.**

Form II

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.**

Form III

My friends, life is short
and we do not have much time
to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us,
so be quick to love and make haste to be kind.
And rest assured that God is infinitely more concerned
with the promise of our future
than the mistakes of our past.
And the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all, now and always. **Amen.**

Announcements *(Please refer to the insert)*

Closing Hymn *(Please refer to the insert)*

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

Voluntary *(Please refer to the insert)*

Liturgical Resources - Holy Eucharist Form II

Permission for usage of these liturgies granted to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Pittsfield, for the Season after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday through August 30, 2026, by Bishop Miguelina Howell, Bishop of Western Massachusetts.

The introductory texts: from the Penitential Order or the Collect for Purity are both from the Book of Common Prayer, 1979.

The Collects: the first is from the Book of Common Prayer, 1979. the second is based on a quotation by St. Augustine, found in his Confessions.

The Affirmation Form I is from the BCP 1979.

The Affirmation Form II, the Prayers of the People, the Confession and Absolution are drawn from The Church of England's Common Worship.

The Collects after the Prayers of the People:

Form I is from A New Zealand Prayer Book; Form II is from the *Book of Common Prayer, 1979*, p. 395; Form III is from the *Order of St. Helena's Breviary*.

The Post Communion Prayers: Form I is from the Scottish Episcopal Church, and Form II is from The Episcopal Church's approved resource, *Enriching Our Worship*. Form III and IV are from the BCP 1979.

The Eucharistic Prayer was written in house. (2016, *The Rev. Dr. Nina R. Pooley*) I drew upon Micah 6:8, Romans 8:38-39, Ephesians 3:16-19, and portions of St. Julian of Norwich's Showings, as translated by Clifton Wolters, and found in prayer form in The Saint Helena Breviary.

You may find those texts here:

Micah 6:8 (NRSV)

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Romans 8:38-39 (NRSV)

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Savior.

Ephesians 3:16-19 (The St. Helena Breviary)

I pray that, according to the riches of God's glory,
you may be strengthened in your inner being
with power through the Holy Spirit.

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,
as you are rooted and grounded in love.

I pray that you may have the power to comprehend,
with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height
and depth of the love of God for us, and that you may know
the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,
and be filled with all the fullness of God.

Canticle adapted from **The Showings of Julian of Norwich**
(The St. Helena Breviary)

You, O Christ, are the One:
the might and goodness of fatherhood.

You are the One:
the wisdom and kindness of motherhood.

You, O Christ, are the One:
the light and grace of all blessed love;
you are Trinity; you are Unity.

You, O Christ, are the One:
the high sovereign goodness of all manner of things.

You are the One who makes us to love;
you are the One who makes us to long.

You, O Christ, are the One:
the endless fulfilling of all our true desires.

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