

**Worship Plan for Wednesday, April 14, 2021**  
The Holy Eucharist Rite Two

# The Word of God

## Entrance Rite

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

*The Celebrant may say*

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 following is said, all standing*

Lord, have mercy.

***Christ, have mercy.***

Lord, have mercy.

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Merciful God, whose most dear Son came to heal the sick, raise the dead, cast out demons, and preach the gospel to the poor; Teach us by the example of your servants, Zenaida, Philonella, and Hermione to freely give even as we have freely received; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

## The Lessons

### FIRST READING: Sirach 38:1–14

*The people sit.*

A Reading from Ecclesiasticus, or the Wisdom of Jesus Son of Sirach.

<sup>1</sup>Honor physicians for their services,  
for the Lord created them;

<sup>2</sup>for their gift of healing comes from the Most High,  
and they are rewarded by the king.

<sup>3</sup>The skill of physicians makes them distinguished,  
and in the presence of the great they are admired.  
<sup>4</sup>The Lord created medicines out of the earth,  
and the sensible will not despise them.  
<sup>5</sup>Was not water made sweet with a tree  
in order that its power might be known?  
<sup>6</sup>And he gave skill to human beings  
that he might be glorified in his marvelous works.  
<sup>7</sup>By them the physician heals and takes away pain;  
<sup>8</sup>the pharmacist makes a mixture from them.  
God's works will never be finished;  
and from him health spreads over all the earth.  
<sup>9</sup>My child, when you are ill, do not delay,  
but pray to the Lord, and he will heal you.  
<sup>10</sup>Give up your faults and direct your hands rightly,  
and cleanse your heart from all sin.  
<sup>11</sup>Offer a sweet-smelling sacrifice, and a memorial portion of choice flour,  
and pour oil on your offering, as much as you can afford.  
<sup>12</sup>Then give the physician his place, for the Lord created him;  
do not let him leave you, for you need him.  
<sup>13</sup>There may come a time when recovery lies in the hands of physicians,  
<sup>14</sup>for they too pray to the Lord  
that he grant them success in diagnosis  
and in healing, for the sake of preserving life.

*Reader*            Here ends the Reading.

*Silence may follow.*

## **PSALM 147**

*Remain seated.*

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!  
How good it is to sing praises to our God;  
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.  
<sup>2</sup>***The LORD builds up Jerusalem;  
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.***  
<sup>3</sup>He heals the brokenhearted,  
and binds up their wounds.  
<sup>4</sup>***He determines the number of the stars;  
he gives to all of them their names.***  
<sup>5</sup>Great is our LORD, and abundant in power;  
his understanding is beyond measure.  
<sup>6</sup>***The LORD lifts up the downtrodden;  
he casts the wicked to the ground.***  
<sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;

make melody to our God on the lyre.

<sup>8</sup>***He covers the heavens with clouds,  
prepares rain for the earth,  
makes grass grow on the hills.***

<sup>9</sup>He gives to the animals their food,  
and to the young ravens when they cry.

<sup>10</sup>***His delight is not in the strength of the horse,  
nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;***

<sup>11</sup>but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,  
in those who hope in his steadfast love.

<sup>12</sup>***Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!***

***Praise your God, O Zion!***

<sup>13</sup>For he strengthens the bars of your gates;  
he blesses your children within you.

<sup>14</sup>***He grants peace within your borders;  
he fills you with the finest of wheat.***

<sup>15</sup>He sends out his command to the earth;  
his word runs swiftly.

<sup>16</sup>***He gives snow like wool;  
he scatters frost like ashes.***

<sup>17</sup>He hurls down hail like crumbs —  
who can stand before his cold?

<sup>18</sup>***He sends out his word, and melts them;  
he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.***

<sup>19</sup>He declares his word to Jacob,  
his statutes and ordinances to Israel.

<sup>20</sup>***He has not dealt thus with any other nation;  
they do not know his ordinances.  
Praise the LORD!***

#### **GOSPEL: Mark 1:29–34**

*All stand.*

*Deacon*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

<sup>29</sup>As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons.

<sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

Deacon        The Gospel of the Lord.  
People        *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## THE NICENE CREED

*All stand.*

*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.*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM III

*All remain standing.*

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

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

In the St. John's family, we pray for Susan, Gayle, Bill, Mary Kay, Mike, Al & Jane, Sharon, David & Nanette, Rod, Ted, Ida, and all of our ministries: the Vestry, the altar guild, the buildings and grounds ministry, our children's, youth, and family ministries, the choir, the Shared Ministry Development Team, the finance ministry, for Al, Amy, Kevin, Rev. Pam, and Fr. Curt.

In the Anglican Communion we pray for Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Eastern Michigan, and Skip our Assisting Bishop.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we remember today the Diocese of Biharamulo – The Anglican Church of Tanzania.

Locally we pray for our fellow Episcopalians at St. Matthew's and St. Paul, as well as our individual and collective efforts to end food insecurity in Saginaw.

We also pray for our partners in Interfaith Saginaw.

*The Celebrant adds the following Collect.*

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

***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.**

## THE PEACE

*All stand.*

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| <i>Celebrant</i> | The peace of the Lord be always with you. |
| <i>People</i>    | <b><i>And also with you.</i></b>          |

# The Holy Communion

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*The Celebrant says*

O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*

## The Great Thanksgiving

### SURSUM CORDA

*The People remain standing.*

*Celebrant*            The Lord 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 him thanks and praise.***

### PROPER PREFACE

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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

*Celebrant and People*

***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.***

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*The People stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

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.*

**EPICLESIS**

*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.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

*People and Celebrant*

*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,  
forever and ever. Amen.*

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

### **FRACTION ANTHEM**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

### **INVITATION**

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### **PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

With those worshipping online, we now pray:

*In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive Communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.*

### **POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

*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.*

## BLESSING

*The Priest blesses the people, saying*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. ***Amen.***

## DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People*           ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.***

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### APRIL 14: ZENAIDA, PHILONELLA, AND HERMIONE Unmercenary Physicians, c.100, c.117

Zenaida, Philonella, and Hermione were three early Christian women who are commemorated in the Orthodox Church as the first “unmercenary physicians”- Christian medical doctors who offered their skill to everyone and refused to accept payment.

According to Orthodox tradition, Zenaida and Philonella were sisters, born into a well-educated and wealthy Jewish family in the city of Tarsus. They were baptized by their brother Jason after his conversion and ordination as a priest.

Both sisters were said to be well-educated in philosophy and medicine, but were unable to find employment in either field in an age when both professions were controlled by men. Therefore, they built a chapel, two cells, and a medical clinic on the outskirts of the city of Thessaly, where they devoted themselves to treating all who came to them regardless of their ability to pay, and refused to accept money for their services.

Philonella was particularly skilled in experimental treatments, and Zenaida specialized in pediatric medicine and the treatment of psychological disorders, particularly depression. Zenaida became particularly renowned as a spiritual director as well as a physician. Three of her male disciples founded a monastery a short distance away from the sisters. Varying accounts are given of their death, with one tradition relating that they were martyred, and others relating that they continued in their ministry until dying peacefully of old age.

Hermione is the third woman to be given the title of “unmercenary physician.” She is reported to be one of the daughters of Philip the Deacon (Acts 6). After studying medicine in Caesarea, she went to Ephesus in the hopes of meeting the Apostle John, but he found that had already died. She therefore used her income to open up a medical clinic, with the help of her younger sister Eukhidia. Eventually, she expanded the clinic into a residential facility to allow for more extended treatment. Orthodox Christians believe that this was the first example of a Christian hospital, and it became the inspiration for later developments in Christian medical care, particularly in the Christian East.