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## Lenten Council Eucharist

*Instrumental Prelude*

*All are invited to sit at tables and communion instructions are given.*

*The Bishop then invites the Assembly to stand and says*

*✠ Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
People      God's mercy endures for ever.*

*The procession enters as the people sing the Song of Praise: "The glory of these forty days" (tune *Erhalt uns, Herr*).*

The glory of these forty days  
we celebrate with songs of praise;  
For Christ through whom all things were made,  
himself has fasted and has prayed.

Alone and fasting Moses saw  
the loving God who gave the law;  
and to Elijah, fasting, came  
the steed and chariots of flame.

So Daniel trained his mystic sight,  
delivered from the lions might;  
and John the Bridegroom's friend became  
the herald of Messiah's name.

Then grant us Lord like them to be  
full oft in fast and prayer with thee;  
our spirits strengthen with your grace,  
and give us joy to see your face.

O Father, Son and Spirit blest,  
to you be every prayer addressed,  
who are in three-fold name adored,  
from age to age the only Lord.

The Bishop then says

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.*

The Bishop then says

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our 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 other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

The Deacon then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept for persons to bring before God their individual sins.

Deacon 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.

The Bishop 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.*

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord,

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Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

*Bishop* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Bishop* Let us pray.

## The Collect of the Day

Support us, O Lord, with your gracious favor through the fast we have begun; that as we observe it by bodily self-denial, so we may fulfill it with inner sincerity of heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The people sit. The assigned Reader then reads Isaiah 58:1-9a (*New Revised Standard Version*).

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,  
to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me  
and delight to know my ways,  
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness  
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;  
they ask of me righteous judgments,  
they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,  
and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today  
will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,  
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,  
a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them,  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you,  
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

After the Reading, the Reader says

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

The people stand and sing the Gospel Hymn: "Kind maker of the world" (tune *A la venue e Noël*).

Kind Maker of the world, O hear the fervent prayer, with many a tear  
poured forth by all the penitent who seek this holy fast of Lent!

Each heart is manifest to thee; thou knowest our infirmity;  
now we repent, and seek your face; grant unto us your pardoning grace.

Spare us, O Lord, who now confess our sins and all our wickedness,  
and, for the glory of your Name, our weakened souls to health reclaim.

Give us the discipline that springs from abstinence in outward things  
with inward fasting, so that we in heart and soul may dwell with thee.

Grant, O thou blessed Trinity; grant, O unchanging Unity;  
that this our fast of forty days may work our profit and your praise!

The Deacon reads Matthew 9:10-17, first saying

✠The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

And as Jesus sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples do not fast?" And Jesus said to them, "The wedding guests cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast. No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak, for the patch pulls away from the cloak, and a worse tear is made. Neither is new wine put into old wineskins; otherwise, the skins burst, and the wine is spilled, and the skins are destroyed; but new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved."

After the Gospel, the Deacon says

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

The procession returns to the altar accompanied by instrumental music. The Preacher then invites the people to be seated.

## **The Sermon**

Following the sermon, the Assembly stands as the Deacon leads the Prayers of the People

## **Prayers of the People**

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*The People offer their petitions.*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

*The People offer their petitions.*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*The People offer their petitions.*

I ask your prayer for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by the Holy One.

*The People offer their petitions.*

I invite your thanksgivings.

*The People offer their petitions.*

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

*The People offer their petitions.*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

The Bishop concludes the Prayers by saying

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you.” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The Peace

*Bishop*           The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*           And also with you.

## The Holy Communion

The Bishop designates the offering. The Assembly sits and the offering is collected while an instrumental is offered.

The people stand and sing the Presentation Hymn as gifts of bread, wine, and money are presented at the altar: “One Bread, One Body” (tune *One Bread, One Body*).

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.

## A Eucharistic Prayer for Lent

The Bishop faces the people and says

The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Bishop* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* We lift them to the Lord.  
*Bishop* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Bishop continues

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

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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:

The Presider and People sing the *Sanctus* (setting Deutsche Messe, Franz Peter Schubert)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

The people remain standing. The Bishop continues

Ever living God, you have created the world out of nothingness. You are present in both the darkness and the light.

You have created humanity from the dust of the earth, and have given us the ability to choose between good and evil. You have called your prophets and champions from among the lowly. You have formed your people through wanderings in the desert and through exile in foreign lands.

In your creative thirst to be known to us, you have entered into our struggles, coming among us in the human person of Jesus, the Christ. He was conceived amid scandal, born in want, raised in obscurity. With us he embraces hunger and thirst, temptation, rejection, doubt, grief, suffering and death.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Bishop is to hold or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died, he 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."

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

#### Bishop and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

#### The Bishop continues

Now in this sacred rite of thanksgiving and praise we celebrate the saving work of Jesus. In him the instrument of torture and death has been transformed into the sign of reconciliation and abundant life.

Recalling his life and teaching, his death and resurrection, we offer these gifts of bread and wine. Spirit of Compassion, breathe upon them now, making them for us the Body and Blood of your incarnate Love. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 blessed Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen!**

The Bishop then says

As our Savior Christ  
has taught us,  
we now pray,

Bishop and People

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 Bishop and People then say*

We do not presume to come to this your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your many and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

## **The Communion of the People**

*The Bishop breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. The Agnus Dei is sung (setting Deutsche Messe, Franz Peter Schubert) while the altar party communes and communion ministers move to their stations.*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Bishop then says

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Instrumental music is offered.

Communion Hymn: "I surrender all" (tune *Weeden*)

All to Jesus I surrender, all to him I freely give,  
I will ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live.

I surrender all, I surrender all,  
all to you, my blessed Savior,  
I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender humbly at his feet I bow;  
worldly pleasures all forsaken, take me, Jesus, take me now.

I surrender all, I surrender all,  
all to you, my blessed Savior,  
I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender make me, Savior, wholly thine;  
let me feel the Holy Spirit truly know that you are mine.

I surrender all, I surrender all,  
all to you, my blessed Savior,  
I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender Lord, I give myself to thee;  
fill me with your love and power, let your blessings fall on me.

I surrender all, I surrender all,  
all to you, my blessed Savior,  
I surrender all.

*When necessary, the bishop or a priest consecrates additional bread and wine*

Hear us, O heavenly Father, and with your Word and Holy Spirit bless and sanctify this bread (wine) that it, also, may be the Sacrament of the precious Body (Blood) of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who took bread (the cup) and said, "This is my Body (Blood)." *Amen.*

*The Bishop then says*

Let us pray.

*The Bishop and People stand and pray*

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 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 for ever. Amen.

The Bishop then offers a Lenten Prayer over the People.

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord.

*People* Amen.

The procession begins as the people sing: “Now let us all with one accord” (tune *Bourbon*).

Now let us all with one accord,  
in company with ages past,  
keep vigil with our heavenly Lord  
in his temptation and his fast.

The covenant, so long revealed  
to those of faith in former time,  
Christ by his own example sealed,  
the Lord of love, in love sublime.

Your love, O Lord, our sinful race  
has not returned, but falsified;  
author of mercy, turn your face  
and grant repentance for our pride.

Remember, Lord, though frail we be,  
in your own image were we made;  
help us, lest in anxiety,  
we cause your Name to be betrayed.

Therefore, we pray you, Lord, forgive;  
so when our wanderings here shall cease,  
we may with you forever live,  
in love and unity and peace.

The Deacon then says

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Instrumental Postlude