Welcome & Announcements

The Holy Eucharist – The Great Thanksgiving

The Offering

Celebrant: Let us with gladness present the offering & oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Anthem

Thanks be to Thee

by Michael Sammes

Offertory Hymn

If you believe and I believe

WLP 806

THE HOLY COMMUNION

(People remain standing)

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. 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 Hymnal S 127

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.

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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error unto truth, out of sin into righteous, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant & People: We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 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 all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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*.

Celebrant 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia. Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Administration of Communion

Communion Hymns For the bread which you have broken

Come now, O Prince of Peace

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Post Communion Prayer

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

Recessional We know that Christ is raised and dies no more **Hymnal 296**

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Postlude

The Seventh Sunday of Easter The Feast of the Ascension May 16, 2010 9:30 am

HOLY BAPTISM & HOLY EUCHARIST - Rite II

Prelude

Processional Hymn All hail the power of Jesus name Hymnal 450

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ is risen.

PeopleThe Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.CelebrantThere is one Body and one Spirit;PeopleThere is one hope in God's call to us;CelebrantOne Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;PeopleOne God and Father of all.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen*.

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.

They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 47

1

Clap your hands, all you peoples; * shout to God with a cry of joy.

2

For the LORD Most High is to be feared; * he is the great King over all the earth. 3 He subdues the peoples under us, * and the nations under our feet. He chooses our inheritance for us, * the pride of Jacob whom he loves. God has gone up with a shout, * the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn. Sing praises to God, sing praises; * sing praises to our King, sing praises. For God is King of all the earth; * sing praises with all your skill. God reigns over the nations; * God sits upon his holy throne. The nobles of the peoples have gathered together * with the people of the God of Abraham. 10

The rulers of the earth belong to God, *

and he is highly exalted.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn The head that once was crowned with thorns **Hymnal 483**

Gospel Luke 24:44-53

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with youthat everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon Mr. Peter Doddema, Seminarian

Procession to the Font Descend, O Spirit, purging flame **Hymnal 297**

The Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

(Parents and godparents please stand; the congregation may be seated)

Celebrant: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors: I present Alexa Nana Adwoa, to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the

Christian faith and life?

Sponsors: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of

Christ:

Sponsors: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against

God?

Sponsors: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the

creatures of God?

Sponsors: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Sponsors: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Sponsors: I do.

Celebrant: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Sponsors: I do.

Celebrant: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Sponsors: I do.

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in

their life in Christ? *People:* We will.

Celebrant: Then, standing together, let us all renew our baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: 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.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: 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.

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

Celebrant: Let us now pray for Alexa Nana Adwoa Gibbs who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth

Leader: Deliver Alexa, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son, may live in the power of his resurrection, and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen*.

(The congregation, including parents, godparents, and candidates may be seated)

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

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

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Celebrant touches the water:

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that he who here is cleansed from sin and born again, may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. *Amen*.

The Baptism

(Will the parents, godparents [and candidates] please come forward now; children in the congregation may also come forward)

Celebrant: Alexa Nana Adwoa, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen*.

Anointing her with Chrism in the sign of the cross the Priest says:

Alexa Nana Adwoa, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. *Amen*.

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People: We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

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

People: And also with you.