

# ST. ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH

Established 1706



## **The Presentation of Christ in the Temple Candlemas**

The Family Service at 9:00 a.m.  
February 1, 2026



# Welcoming All, Worshipping Christ Witnessing God's Love



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## **SERVING TODAY**

HOMILIST -The Reverend Marshall Huey

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LECTORS– Shealey and Bartlee Davis

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – Erin Wilson

CHALICE BEARER - Mandy Beckmann

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## We Gather in the Lord's Name

The Processional Song, *standing*

*Holy is the Lord*

We stand and lift up our hands, for the joy of the Lord is our strength;  
we bow down and worship Him now; how great, how awesome is He.  
And to-gether we sing, ev - ery - one sing:  
Ho-ly is the Lord God Al - might - ty, the earth is filled with His glo  
- ry; ho - ly is the Lord God Al - might - ty, the earth  
is filled with His glo - ry, the earth is filled with His glo - ry.

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The Acclamation

(BCP page 123)

*Celebrant:* For unto us a child is born,

*People:* **Unto us a Son is given.**

The Collect for Purity

(BCP page 124)

*Priest:* 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.**

## Welcome!

to our historic, living church  
where the saints have  
gathered to worship  
since 1706!

Our Mission Statement...

*Welcoming All,  
Worshipping Christ,  
Witnessing God's Love*

If you are visiting with us today,  
please take a **welcome brochure**  
(located in the envelope rack on  
the back of each pew) and fill out  
the **visitor card**. Please place it in  
the offering plate or leave it with  
an usher.

The liturgy begins with the **Acclamation**, which is an eager expression of praise.

In the **Collect for Purity**, we ask  
God to cleanse our hearts and  
minds of anything that comes be-  
tween Him and us, anything that  
would impede our worship of Him.  
Here we offer ourselves to the  
glory of Jesus Christ.

These words of Christ bring to our attention the perfect standard of God's righteousness and what He requires of us. Both **The Summary of the Law** and The Decalogue (Ten Commandments) are valid options for this movement of the liturgy. The Summary was first used in place of The Decalogue in 1718.

The words Kyrie Eleison. Christe Eleison. mean Lord, Have mercy. Christ, Have Mercy. Within the liturgy, it lifts our voices in a prayer for the compassion of Christ after the declaration of the Summary of the Law, which holds up the standard of God's righteousness. Kyrie Eleison first appeared in the Holy Communion Service as the response of a litany in the Antioch-Jerusalem liturgy after the middle of the 4th century. Around 595AD, Christe Eleison was added by St. Gregory the Great of Rome

**The Collect** is a prayer that touches on the theme of the Scripture readings and transitions us from speaking and singing God's praise to listening to his Holy Scriptures.

## The Summary of the Law

(BCP page 124)

*Priest:* Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

## The Kyrie

(BCP page 124)

*Priest:* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*People:* **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

*Priest:* Lord, have mercy upon us.

## The Song of Praise, *standing*

*Praise*

I'll praise in the valley, praise on the mountain.  
I'll praise when I'm sure and praise when I'm doubting.  
I'll praise when outnumbered, praise when surrounded.  
'Cause praise is the water, my enemies drown in.

### **Chorus:**

**As long as I'm breathing,  
I've got reason to Praise the Lord, oh, my soul.  
Praise the Lord, oh my soul.**

I'll praise when I feel it, and I'll praise when I don't.  
I'll praise 'cause I know You're still in control.  
Because my praise is a weapon, it's more than a sound.  
Oh, my praise is the shout, that brings Jericho down

### **Chorus:**

**As long as I'm breathing,  
I've got reason to Praise the Lord, oh my soul.  
Praise the Lord, oh my soul**

I won't be quiet, my God is alive. How could I keep it inside?  
Praise the Lord, oh, my soul.

## The Collect of the Day (BCP 2019 page 125)

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in the substance of our flesh, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lessons

*Readings taken from Exodus, Leviticus & Malachi*

Exodus 13: 11-16

<sup>11</sup>“When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, <sup>12</sup>you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the LORD's. <sup>13</sup>Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. <sup>14</sup>And when in time to come your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ you shall say to him, ‘By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. <sup>15</sup>For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.’ <sup>16</sup>It shall be as a mark on your hand or frontlets between your eyes, for by a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt.”

Leviticus 12 : 6-8

<sup>6</sup>“And when the days of her purifying are completed, whether for a son or for a daughter, she shall bring to the priest at the entrance of the tent of meeting a lamb a year old for a burnt offering, and a pigeon or a turtledove for a sin offering, <sup>7</sup>and he shall offer it before the LORD and make atonement for her. This is the law for her who bears a child, either male or female. <sup>8</sup>And if she cannot afford a lamb, then she shall take two turtledoves or two pigeons, one for a burnt offering and the other for a sin offering. And the priest shall make atonement for her, and she shall be clean.”

Malachi 3: 1-4

“Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. <sup>3</sup>He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

The Scriptures teach that much of our spiritual renewal is by the washing of the Word of God, which cleanses our minds and purifies our hearts. This portion of the service is known as the **Liturgy of the Word**, and it consists of the readings, the sermon, the creed, and the prayers of the people.

<sup>14</sup>Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup>and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. <sup>16</sup>For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

<sup>11</sup>Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. <sup>12</sup>For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

<sup>14</sup>Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Scriptures tell us that Jesus is the Word that became flesh and dwelled among us. In the reading of the Holy Gospel, the ministers process with the Gospel Book to the Crossing of the church to read the selected passage and symbolize the Word dwelling among us. The ministers process to the Crossing during this hymn.

The SPARK Bible Lesson, *seated*

*The Beatitudes (page 264)*

The Gospel Song, *standing*

*How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place*

1. How love - ly is thy dwell - ing - place, O Lord of hosts, to me!  
 2. Be - side thine al - tars, gra - cious Lord, the swal - lows find a nest;  
 3. They who go through the des - ert vale will find it filled with springs,  
 4. One day with - in thy courts ex - cels a thou - sand spent a - way;

My thirst - y soul de - sires and longs with - in thy courts to be;  
 how hap - py they who dwell with thee and praise thee with - out rest,  
 and they shall climb from height to height till Zi - on's tem - ple rings  
 how hap - py they who keep thy laws nor from thy pre - cepts stray,

my ve - ry heart and flesh cry out, O liv - ing God, for thee.  
 and hap - py they whose hearts are set up - on the pil - grim's quest.  
 with praise to thee, in glo - ry throned, Lord God, great King of kings.  
 for thou shalt sure - ly bless all those who live the words they pray.

The word Gospel comes from the Old English word, *gōd-spell*, which means "good news" or "glad tidings." That word developed from the Latin word, *evangelium*, and Greek, *evangelion*, which also literally means "good news." These are the source of the English words "evangelist" and "evangelism."

Text: Paraphrase of Psalm 84; sts. 1-2, *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, 1650; sts. 3-4, Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)  
 Music: BROTHER JAMES' AIR, J. L. Macbeth Bain, (c. 1840-1925) adapt.



The Holy Gospel

*St. Luke 2: 22-40*

*Gospeller:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

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

<sup>22</sup> And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) <sup>24</sup> and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” <sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup> And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. <sup>27</sup> And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup> he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, <sup>29</sup> “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation <sup>31</sup> that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” <sup>33</sup> And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup> And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed <sup>35</sup> (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

<sup>36</sup> And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, <sup>37</sup> and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup> And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. <sup>39</sup> And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup> And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

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

Reference:

Leviticus 12 requires that a first born son be presented in the Temple on the 40th day of the child’s life. Thus, we celebrate Candlemas, or the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord, 40 days after Christmas.

The Homily, *seated*

*Father Marshall Huey*

## **We Respond to God**

The Nicene Creed, *standing*

(BCP page 127)

*Celebrant:* Let us stand and confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

*People:* **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.**

**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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified who 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 **Nicene Creed** is a statement of what the Christian community believes to be true about God. It was born of rigorous intellectual debate in the fourth century, culminating in councils of the whole church at Nicaea in 325 and at Constantinople in 381. The word “creed” comes from the Latin word “credo” which means “I believe.”

*Led by a member of the Order of the Daughters of the King. If you would like our Daughters of the King to pray for a specific need, please fill out a confidential prayer card found at the prayer box near the main entrance to the church.*

Christians pray. When we worship the living God, we bring before Him our concerns for ourselves and others, for the world, and for the church. We also thank God for hearing and responding to our prayers. At the Offertory, all of our prayers are presented to God along with our tithes and offerings.

About the "posture" of prayer: It has been commonly said that Anglicans kneel for prayer, but that is not the rule for posture in any edition of the Prayer Book. Various editions have assumed that standing is the normal posture for public prayer and have directed the people to kneel only for confessions, for reciting the Commandments, etc. However, in this parish it is the traditional discipline to kneel for the prayers. It is a posture of humility, which is something always worth cultivating in ourselves.

*Reader:* Let us offer our prayers to God.

Lord God, we thank you for the leaders of our Church, especially Archbishop Wood, Bishop Edgar; Bishop Skilton, Father Marshall, Father Rich, Father David, Father Doug, Deacon Lee, and our staff, and we ask you to bless them. We also pray for St. Andrew's Mission and their Vicar, Fr. Jimmy Gallant.

Lord God, we pray for all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others, in particular San José Church in the Dominican Republic, their Rector, Fr. Isaac Pringle and their Bishop, Moises Quezada; and Fr. Rob Sturdy, Anglican Chaplain at The Citadel.

Lord God, we pray for the leaders of our country, especially President Trump, Governor McMaster, Mayor Cogswell, and we ask you to bless them.

Lord God, we thank you for all our blessings, especially for people who love and care for us. (*intercessions may be spoken aloud*)

Lord God, we ask you to take care of everyone who is sick or sad. (*intercessions may be spoken aloud*)

Lord God, we pray for all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of resurrection, (*intercessions may be spoken aloud*)

Lord God, we know you hear us when we pray. We ask that you answer our prayers as may be best for us.

*Priest:*

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: Kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all people the true love of peace, and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



# We Ask for God's Forgiveness

The Confession of Sins

(BCP page 130)

*Celebrant:* Kneeling, let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God. (*Silence*)

*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.**

We are all sinful people. Here, in the **Confession**, we admit our wrongdoings and lay our sins at the feet of Jesus on the cross.

In the **Confession of Sin and Absolution**, our sins, both individual and corporate, have been confessed, and we have been powerfully reassured of God's complete forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

The Absolution, *kneeling*

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says:*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Comfortable Words

(BCP page 130)

*Bishop or Priest:*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

These verses of Scripture following the Absolution serve as a seal of assurance that for those who are truly penitent, the Lord has put away their sins. They are comforting in that they give us the strength to believe we are forgiven. **The Comfortable Words** come directly from the first Anglican Book of Common Prayer 1549 written by Thomas Cranmer and were included through German Lutheran influence.

**The Peace** is a particularly good time to welcome visitors and newcomers. Please take a moment to extend God's peace to those around you. That peace, which the world cannot give, comes only through the forgiving of Jesus Christ. This peace is not rooted in our circumstances but in the presence, promise and power of God and Christ's redeeming work.

The Peace

(BCP page 131)

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

*People:* **And with your spirit.**

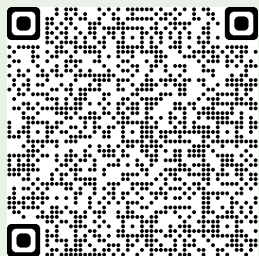
# We Give in Thanksgiving for God's Blessings

The Offertory Song, *seated*

***Peace in the Name of Jesus***

*by Kirby Kaple*

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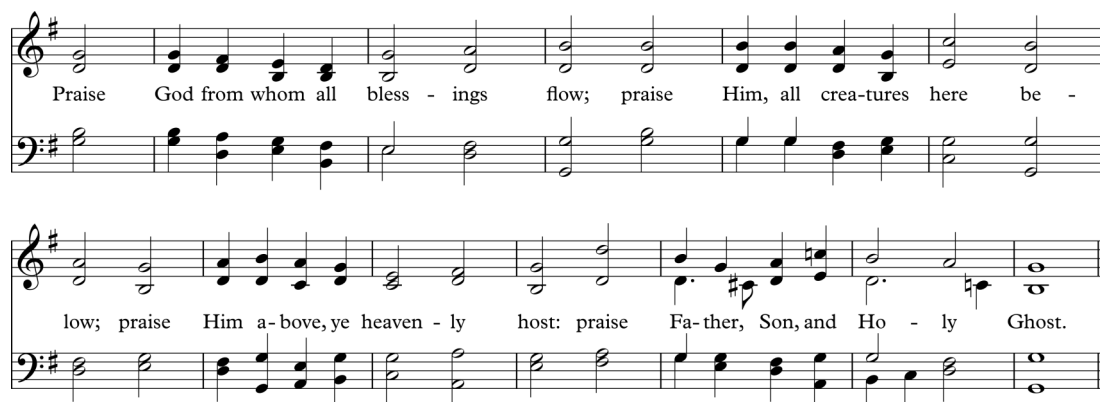
Every anxious thought  
Begins to fade when I hear your name  
Deep inside my heart  
I hear you say it's going to be OK

## **Chorus**

Let there be peace in the name of Jesus  
Peace in the name of Jesus  
Peace in the name of Jesus  
  
You still calm the waves  
It's what you do so I look to you  
One word is all it takes  
And I'm living proof that you come through

Be still my soul  
Be still and know  
He's in control

Let there be peace  
Let there be peace



Text: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)  
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

*Celebrant:*

(BCP page 131)

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

*People:* **And of your own have we given you.**

*I Chronicles 29:11-14*

## We Share God's Holy Communion

The Sursum Corda, *remain standing*

(BCP page 132)

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

*The Celebrant continues:*

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

Our altar is **The Lord's Table** and all baptized Christians (baptized in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) are welcome to receive Holy Communion here.

In the Anglican tradition, Communion is received in two kinds: in the Bread and in the Wine. The Bread is offered first and is typically placed in one's open palm. After hearing the words "The Body of Christ, the bread of Heaven," the bread is ready to be consumed. A chalice bearer will then offer the Wine.

We offer two chalices for Holy Communion. The first, smaller chalice is for intinction (dipping the wafer into the chalice.) The second, larger chalice is for consumption. If you would prefer to drink from the cup, please hold the wafer in front of you until the larger chalice is offered.

\* If you or your children are not baptized, you may receive a blessing at the altar rail from the Priest. Simply cross your hands over your chest as you kneel at the rail.


Ladies, please "blot" your lipstick prior to receiving communion, as this will help preserve our beautiful altar linens.

The **Sanctus** is the song of the seraphim contained in the great vision that the prophet Isaiah experienced while worshipping in the Temple in Jerusalem. This vision is recorded in the 6th chapter of Isaiah. It is inspired by Isaiah's vision of the heavenly court "Holy, holy, holy" acknowledging the transcendence of God.

When we gather together, we remember the presence of Jesus. By repeating the words and actions of Jesus' last meal with His disciples, we join the story and make it our own. We don't just watch the drama or listen to it unfold, we enter into the story as we, too, take the bread and wine and eat and drink

This **AMEN** is often called the "Great Amen" because it is the apex of our liturgy, the powerful ending to the Eucharist Prayer.

## The Sanctus



1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, Ho  
 2. Bless - ed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho

Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 san - na in the high - est, Ho san - na in the high - est.

Text: International Consultation on English Texts  
 Music: LAND OF REST American; arr. Emily R. Brink (b. 1940)

## The Prayer of Consecration, *kneeling*

(BCP page 132)

### *Celebrant:*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you have made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ 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." Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People:*

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

### *Celebrant:*

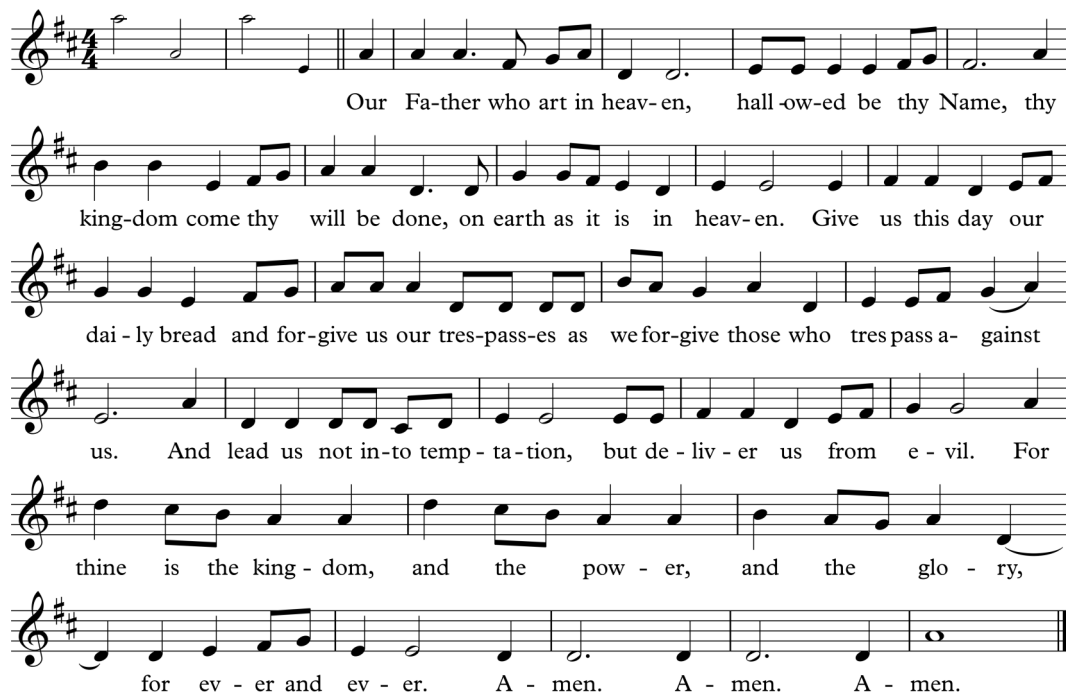
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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

*Celebrant:* And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray



Our Fa-ther who art in heav-en, hall-ow-ed be thy Name, thy  
king-dom come thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav-en. Give us this day our  
dai-ly bread and for-give us our tres-pass-es as we for-give those who tres pass a- gainst  
us. And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil. For  
thine is the king-dom, and the pow-er, and the glo-ry,  
for ev-er and ev-er. A-men. A-men. A-men.

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The **Lord's Prayer**, so called because Jesus gave this prayer to His disciples as an example of how to pray, has been a part of Eucharistic liturgies since the fourth century. The link between "our daily bread" and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is very ancient. In the Lord's Prayer, we ask for daily bread, meaning the things we need to get through each day. But as a part of that, the sacramental bread is Jesus Christ. When we eat of this bread, we most certainly receive our daily bread.

## The Fraction

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People:* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

## The Prayer of Humble Access

(BCP page 135)

*Celebrant and People:*

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant 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 character 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 our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The **Prayer of Humble Access** is a very distinctive element of worship in the Anglican Tradition. Assembled in the earliest prayer books by Thomas Cranmer, it includes phrases and concepts from Mark 7:28, the Liturgy of St. Basil, a Gregorian collect, John 6:56, and some ideas of Thomas Aquinas

# The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

Lamb of God, You take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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## The Invitation to Communion

(BCP page 136)

*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.

*(If you need Holy Communion brought to you in your pew, please ask the Usher.)*

## The First Communion Song, *seated*

*Melody Green*

1. There is a Re - deem - er: Je - sus, God's own Son;  
2. Je - sus, my Re - deem - er: Name a - bove all names;  
3. When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face;  
pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One. *(to verse 2)*  
pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.  
there I'll serve my King for - ev - er in that ho - ly place.

*Refrain*

Thank You, O my Fa - ther, for giv-ing us Your Son,  
and leav - ing Your Spir-it till the work on earth is done.

Words: Melody Green, 1982  
Musoc: *There Is a Redeemer*, Melody Green, 1982  
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# The Second Communion Song, *seated*

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,  
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,  
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.  
 un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.  
 till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.  
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889), alt. Music: *Nova Vita*, Lister R. Peace (1885-1969)

# The Third Communion Song, *seated*

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Ru - ler of all na - ture, O thou of  
 2 Fair are the mea - dows, fair - er still the wood - lands, robed in the  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light, and all the

God and man the Son; thee will I cher - ish,  
 bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,  
 twink - ling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,

thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.  
 Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.  
 Je - sus shines pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.

Words: German composite; tr. pub. New York, 1850, alt. Music: *St. Elizabeth*, melody from *Schlesische Volkslieder*, 1842; harm. Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953).

The Christian life is deeply personal yet is essentially corporate by nature, not private. Every act of worship is intended not only to glorify God for His own sake, but to lift up and build up one another in Christ for His sake as well. The word "liturgy" literally means "the work of the people." A central function of liturgy is to send the message that in a worship community there are no bystanders. It is corporate through and through and from one end to the other. Singing is also a form of prayer that can help carry the heart to God not only in the words being sung but beyond the reach of words.

At Old St. Andrew's, we encourage you to continue to pray by singing both before and after Communion. In this way all of us are helping each other to lift our hearts continuously in the midst of receiving the greatest gift ever given: the life of Jesus Christ.

We have been blessed by being here. Now, at the end of the service, we are reminded that God takes loving delight in blessing us abundantly. We leave in peace, forgiven, fed, and sent out with a purpose to make Christ known in the world.

The Post Communion Prayer, *kneeling*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People:*

**Heavenly Father,**

**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 Blessing

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The Recessional Song, *standing*

*Lift Up Your Heads, ye Mighty Gates (Verses 1-3)*

Words: Georg Weissel (1590-1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)  
Music: *Truro*, melody from *Psalmody Evangelica*, Part II, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

As the service ends, we are charged to “go,” a challenge to reach out beyond our own church to the world around us.

The Scripture quotations are from the English Standard Version of the Bible.

## We Go Out to Serve God

The Dismissal and Commissioning

(BCP page 138)

*Priest or Deacon:* Our worship has concluded; our service begins.

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

*People:*

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**