

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH

established in 1706



THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Holy Eucharist at 11:00 a.m.

6 May 2018



St. Andrew's Parish Church

a parish in the Diocese of South Carolina

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The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Rogation Sunday

6 May 2018

The Holy Eucharist at 11:00 a.m.

This service may be found in the red Book of Common Prayer beginning on page 355

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN (*Please stand*) *LASST UNS ERFREUEN* (Hymnal 400)



1. All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
4. Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless-ings on our
5. All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
7. Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor-ship him in hum-ble -



sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing sun with gold - en
way, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and fruits that in you
part, O sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that pain and sor - row
ness, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the Fa - ther, praise the



beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:



O praise him. O praise him, Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Francis of Assisi (1182-1226) tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt.

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang*, 1626; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: *The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: 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!

If you are visiting with us today, please take a **welcome brochure** (located in the card 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.

Hearing aids are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Please **silence** your cell phone.

Did you remember to **lock** your car?

A **nursery** is available. Please ask an usher for directions.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

The Celebrant continues

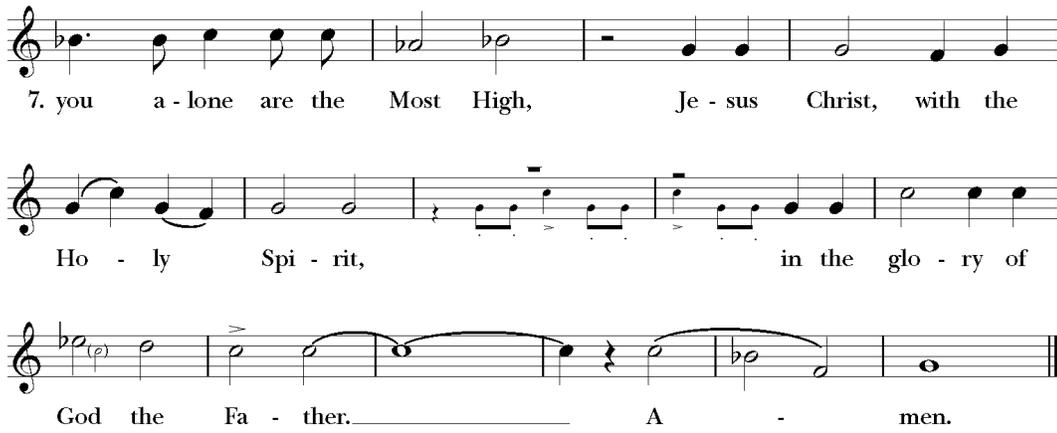
Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

THE GLORIA IN EXCSLSIS

(Hymnal S-278)

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

This ancient Greek hymn, **Gloria in excelsis**, begins with the words uttered by the angels announcing the birth of the Savior in Bethlehem. The first Latin translation of this hymn, sometimes called the Greater Doxology, appeared in the fourth century.



7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
 Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of
 God the Fa-ther. A-men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain you promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated for the Lessons.

The Liturgy of the Word

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 11:19-30

Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius). So the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea. And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

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 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.

THE PSALM - This week the psalm is spoken as instructed

Psalm 33:1-8, 18-21

Exultate Justi

(Rejoice ye just)

1. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous* for it becometh well the just to be thankful.
2. Praise the Lord with harp* sing praises unto him with the lute, and instrument of ten strings.
3. Sing unto the Lord a new song* sing praises lustily unto him with a good courage.
4. For the word of the Lord is true* and all his works are faithful.
5. He loveth righteousness and judgement* the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.
6. By the word of the Lord were the heavens made* and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth.
7. He gathereth the waters of the sea together, as it were upon an heap* and layeth up the deep, as in a treasure-house.
8. Let all the earth fear the Lord* stand in awe of him, all ye that dwell in the world.
18. To deliver their soul from death* and to feed them in the time of dearth.
19. Our soul hath patiently tarried for the Lord* for he is our help and our shield.
20. For our heart shall rejoice in him* because we have hoped in his holy Name.
21. Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us* like as we do put our trust in thee.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

THE SEQUENCE HYMN (*Please stand*)

GELOBT SEI GOTT (Hymnal 205)



1. Good Chris-tians all, re-joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph of our
2. The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of praise a - long his
King! To all the world glad news we bring:
way; let all the earth re - joice and say: Al - le - lu -
ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Cyril A. Alington (1872-1955), alt.
Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpius (1560?-1616)

The 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 HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

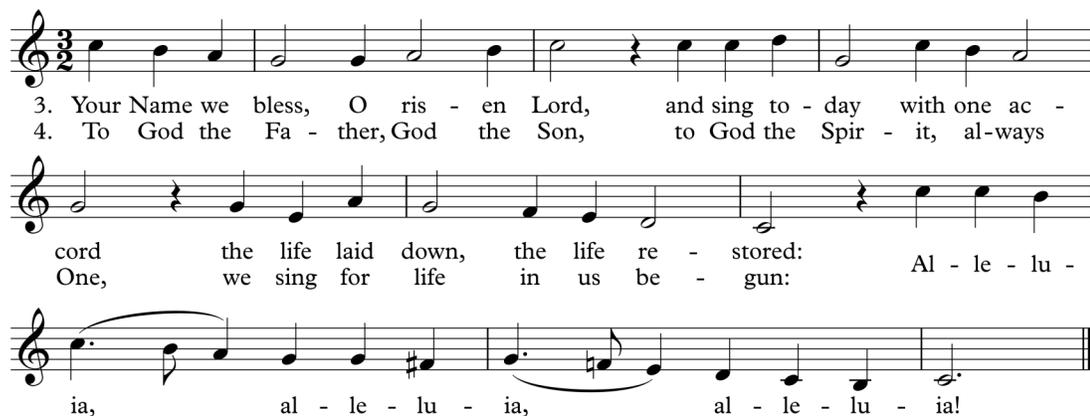
As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

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

The word **Gospel** comes from the Old English word, *god-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"

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

GELOBT SEI GOTT (Hymnal 205)



3. Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with one ac -
4. To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the Spir - it, al-ways
cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:
One, we sing for life in us be - gun: Al - le - lu -
ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Cyril A. Alington (1872-1955), alt. St. 5, Normal Mealy (1923-1987)
Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpius (1560?-1616)

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.”

THE NICENE CREED (*Please stand*)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and 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.*

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 our Archbishop, Foley Beach, our Bishop, Mark Lawrence; and Bishop Bill Skilton; for all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially for our Rector, Fr. Marshall; our assistant, Fr. Joe; Deacon Lee; and our church staff. We also pray for St. Andrew's Mission and their Vicar, Fr. Jimmy Gallant, and for San Jose Church in the Dominican Republic and their Rector, Fr. Sandino Sanchez.

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.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS *(Please kneel)*

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be 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 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 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.

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.

We are sinful people. In the catechism section of our Prayer Book (pg. 845), it tells us that "From the beginning, human beings have misused their freedom and made wrong choices" and that "Sin is the seeking of our own will instead of the will of God, thus distorting our relationship with God, with other people, and with all creation." Here, in the **Confession**, we admit our wrongdoings and lay our sins at the feet of Jesus on the cross.

"Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities."
- Psalm 51:10

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." - 1 John 1:9

THE PEACE (*Please stand*)

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

People: *And also with you.*

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

At this time the Rector will welcome all to the Lord's Table and share the announcements of the day.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

Moscow (Hymnal 371)

1. Thou, whose Al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,
 2. Thou who didst come to bring on thy re - deem - ing wing
 3. Spi - rit of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,
 4. Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, glo - ri - ous Tri - ni - ty,

and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the
 heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the
 speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the
 wis - dom, love might; bound - less as o - cean tide, roll - ing in

Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light!
 in - ly blind, now to all hu - man - kind, let there be light!
 gifts of grace, and, in earth's dark - est place, let there be light!
 full - est pride, through the world, far and wide, let there be light!

Text: John Marriott (1780-1825), alt.
 Music: MOSCOW, Felice de Giardini (1716-1796)

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low; Al-le-
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a - bove ye heaven-ly host: praise
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)
 Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesange*, 1623; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O LORD,

People: *And of thine own have we given thee.*

The Holy Communion

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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.*

Then, 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:

THE SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

(Hymnal S-130)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly,
ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea-ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho
san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: from *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828)

Please kneel

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. As he or she presents the cup, please gently take hold of the base of the chalice, helping the chalice bearer to guide it toward your lips.

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 and participate in the victory Christ has won for us.

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

Then 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.

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.

And now, in the words our Savior taught us, we are bold to sing..

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.

Text: International Consultation on English Texts
Music: R.D. Duckett (1959-2013) Used by permission.
Harmonization: M. Wilkinson (b. 1991) & C.L. Walchesky (b. 1989). Used by permission.

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, truly present in this bread. When we eat of this bread, we most certainly receive our daily bread. This setting was composed by the late Dr. Ricky Duckett, former music director at Old St. Andrew's.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

AGNUS DEI

HYMNAL S.164

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.

Setting: from *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

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.

If you require a gluten-free wafer, please ask the priest at the altar rail when you kneel for Communion.

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.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer

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

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

THE FIRST COMMUNION HYMN

FRANCONIA - HYMNAL 656

1 Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the
 2 The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to
 3 he to the low - ly soul will still him - self im - part and
 4 Lord, we thy pres - ence seek; may ours this bless - ing be; give

se - cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a - bode.
 dwell in low - li - ness with us, our pat - tern and our King;
 for his dwell - ing and his throne will choose the pure in heart.
 us a pure and low - ly heart, a tem - ple fit for thee.

Words: Sts. 1 and 3, John Keble (1792-1866), alt.; sts. 2 and 4, William John Hall (1793-1861), alt.
 Music: *Franconia*, melody Johann Balthasar König (1691-1758); adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870)

Refrain



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in Him and not be a - fraid. For the



Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de-fense, and He will be my Sav-ior.

(repeat Refrain)



1. There fore you shall draw wa-ter with re-joic-ing from the springs of sal-vat-ion. And on that

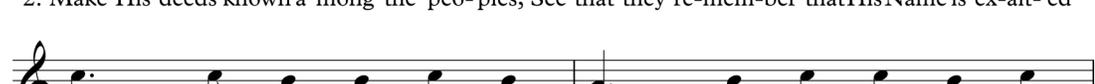


day you shall say, "Give thanks to the Lord," and call up - on His Name;

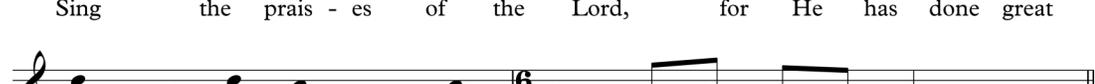
(to Refrain)



2. Make His deeds known a mong the peo-ples; See that they re-mem-ber that His Name is ex-alt-ed

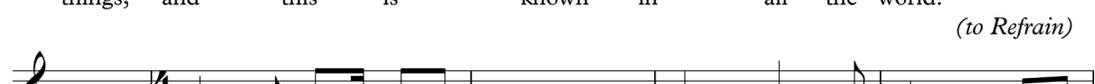


Sing the prais - es of the Lord, for He has done great

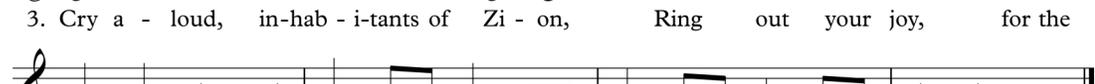


things, and this is known in all the world.

(to Refrain)



3. Cry a - loud, in-hab - i-tants of Zi - on, Ring out your joy, for the



Great One in the midst of you is the Ho - ly One of Is - rael.

(to Refrain 2x)

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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.

At Old St. Andrew's, we encourage you to continue to pray by singing both before and after you come to the Communion Rail. 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 in the name of Jesus Christ.

THE BLESSING

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN (*Please stand*)

SLANE (Hymnal 488)

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3. High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,
 all else be nought to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!
 thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
 Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be - fall,
 wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in my dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 still be my vi - sion, O Ru - ler of all.

Text: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931); tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935), alt.
 Music: SLANE, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnal*, 1927

As the Eucharistic celebration ends, we are charged to “go forth.” The Holy Eucharist is therefore not an exclusive gathering that separates us from the world but a charge to reach out beyond our own walls to the world around us for the sake of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon:

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People:

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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