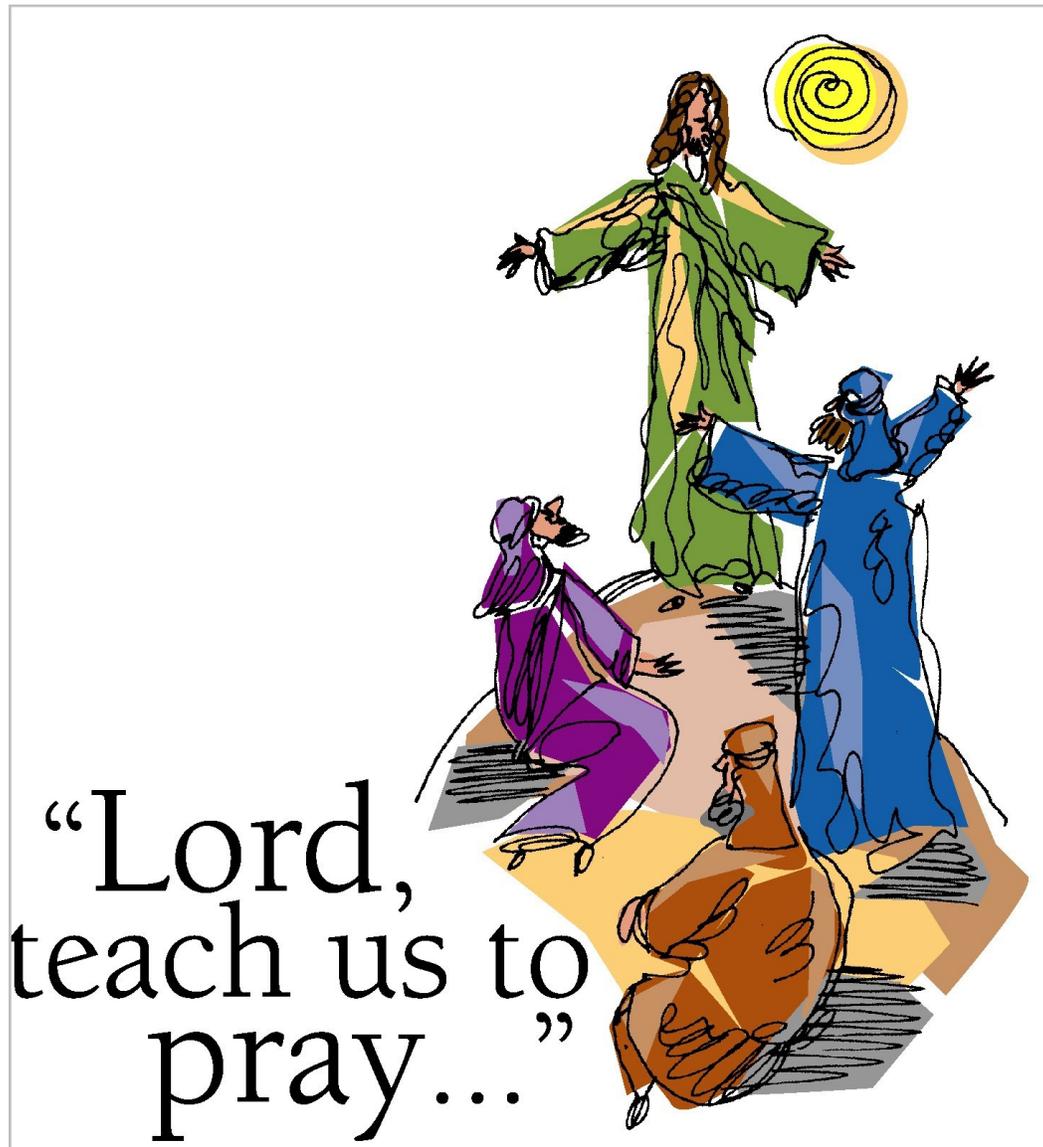


ST. ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH

Established 1706



The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

The Family Service at 9:00 a.m.

July 24, 2022



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Welcome!

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

We Gather in the Lord's Name

The Processional Song, *standing*

O for a thousand tongues to sing

Verses 1-3

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

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The Acclamations

(BCP page 123)

Leader: Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit

People: **And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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

The Collect for Purity

(BCP page 124)

Leader: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Summary of the Law

(BCP page 124)

Leader: We remember what our Lord Jesus Christ taught us:

People: **We should love the Lord our God with all our hearts. We should love our neighbors as ourselves.**

Leader: These two commandments explain the way God wants us to live.

He is ex-alt-ed, the King is ex-alt-ed on high, I will praise Him.
 He is ex-alt-ed, for - ev-er ex-alt-ed and I will praise His Name!
 He is the Lord, for ev-er His Truth shall reign. Heav-en and earth re-
 joice in His ho - ly Name. He is ex-alt-ed, the King is ex-alt-ed on high!

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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 everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

(Please be seated for the Lessons)

The First Lesson

Genesis 18:20-33

Then the Lord said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know."

So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord. Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

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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.

We Hear God's Word

The First Lesson Continued

Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." And the Lord went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Lesson *(will not be read)*

Colossians 2:6-15

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Song, *standing*

Be Thou my Vision

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.

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 Hymnary*, 1927

The Holy Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

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”

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

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

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” And he said to them, “When you pray, say: ‘Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.’” And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything?’”

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The Holy Gospel Continued

I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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."

The Prayers of the People, *standing*

(BCP page 128)

Reader: Let us offer our prayers to God.

Lord God, we thank you for the leaders of our Church, especially Archbishop Beach, Bishop Edgar; Bishop Skilton, Father Marshall, Father Joe, Father David, 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 Fr. Zac Nash, Chaplain at Joint Base Charleston; All Saints' Church in Florence, their Rector, Fr. Jason Hamshaw, Chelsea and their family; San José Church in the Dominican Republic, their Rector, Fr. Sandino Sanchez 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 Biden, Governor McMaster, Mayor Tecklenburg, 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 know you hear us when we pray. We ask that you answer our prayers as may be best for us.

Celebrant:

Almighty God, who sits on the throne of judgment, we humbly beseech thee to bless the courts of justice in our land; and especially the members of the South Carolina Supreme Court. Give unto them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, that they may apply the laws of this state and provide for your people here. And during these uncertain times, grant the members of this congregation Your peace which truly passes understanding and the knowledge that You are a just God.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

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.**

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 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*

No Longer Slaves

Sung by the Family Service Team

The Presentation Song, *standing*

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here be -

low; praise Him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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

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 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.

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Celebrant:

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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.**

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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of 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 and Benedictus

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)

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 **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.

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 has 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.

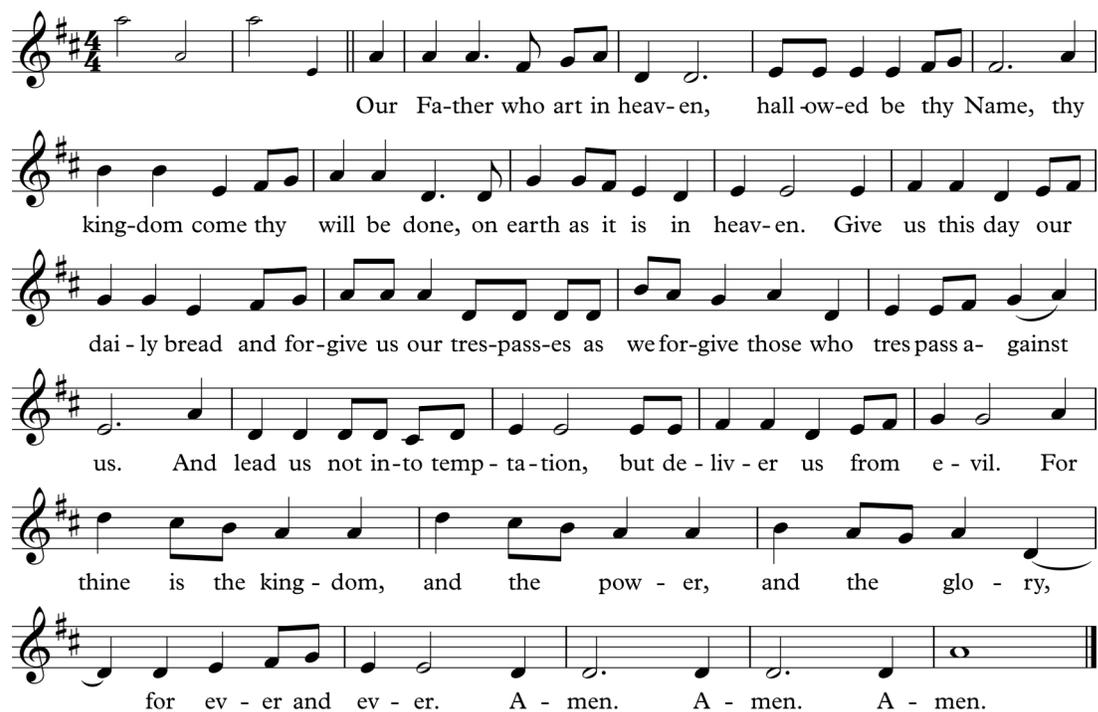
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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 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 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 Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, 2/2 time, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are: "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." The score consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath.

Setting: Eric Wyse (b. 1959).
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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.

The First Communion Song, *seated*

There is a hope

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.

1. There is a hope that burns with - in my heart, that gives me
 2. There is a hope that lifts my wea - ry head, a con - so -
 3. There is a hope that stands the test of time, that lifts my

strength for eve - ry pass - ing day; a glimpse of
 la - tion strong a - gainst de - spair; that when the
 eyes be - yond the beck - oning grave to see the

glo - ry now re - vealed in mea - ger part, yet drives all doubt a -
 world has plunged me in its deep - est pit, I find the Sav - ior
 match - less beau - ty of a day di - vine, when I be - hold His

way: I stand in Christ, with sins for - given and
 there! Through pres - ent suf - ferrings, fu - ture's fear, He
 face! When suf - ferings cease, and sor - rows die, and

Christ in me, the hope of heaven; my high - est call - ing and my
 whis - pers, "Cour - age!" in my ear; for I am safe in e - ver -
 ev - ery long - ing sat - is - fied, then joy un - speak - a - ble will

deep - est joy, to make His will my home.
 last - ing arms, and they will lead me home.
 flood my soul, for I am tru - ly home.

Reprise

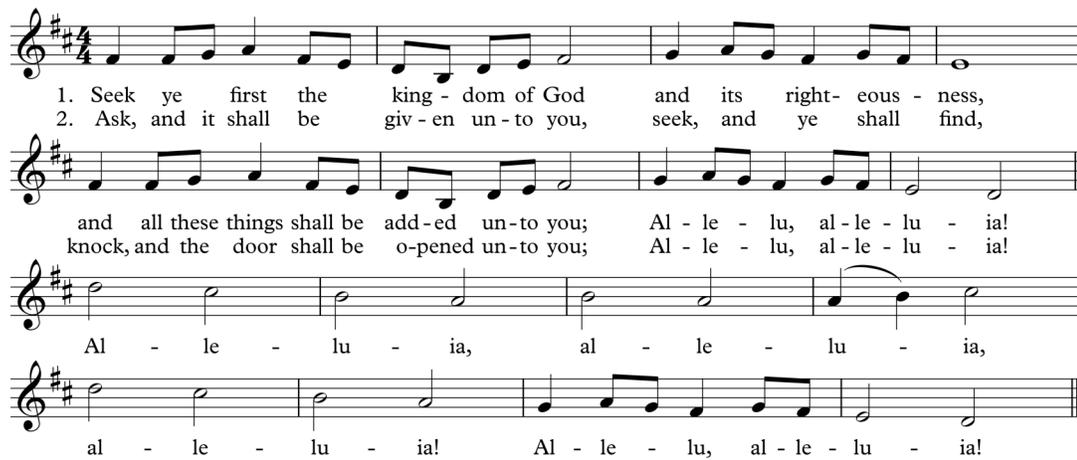
When suf - ferings cease, and sor - rows die, and ev - ery long - ing sat - is - fied, then

joy un - speak - a - ble will flood my soul, for I am tru - ly home.

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The Second Communion Song, *seated*

Seek Ye First



1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God and its right - eous - ness,
2. Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you, seek, and ye shall find,
and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

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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.

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 Blessing

The Recessional Song, *standing*

Wonderful, Merciful Savior



1. Won - der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, pre - cious Re - deem - er and Friend;
2. Coun - se - lor, Com - fort - er, Keep - er, Spir - it we long to em - brace;
3. Al - might - y, in - fi - nite Fa - ther, faith - ful - ly lov - ing Your own;



who would have thought that a Lamb could res - cue the souls of men?
 You of - fer hope when our hearts have hope - less - ly lost the way;
 here in our weak - ness You find us fall - ing be - fore Your throne;

Refrain



Oh, You res - cue the souls of men. *(to vs. 2)*
 oh, we hope - less - ly lost the way. You are the One that we praise,
 oh, we're fall - ing be - fore Your throne.



You are the One we a - dore, You give the heal - ing and grace our



hearts al - ways hun - ger for; oh, our hearts al - ways hun - ger for.

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We Go Out to Serve God

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

The Dismissal and Commissioning

(BCP page 138)

Priest or Deacon:

Our worship has concluded; our service begins.

Priest or Deacon:

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

People:

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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