

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH

Established 1706



**The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sunday after Ascension**

The Family Service at 9:00 a.m.

May 17, 2026



Welcoming All, Worshipping Christ Witnessing God's Love



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HOMILIST - The Reverend Rich Giersch
 FAMILY OF THE DAY - The Christensens
 LECTORS - Stefanie & Tessa Christensen
 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - Stefanie Christensen
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We Gather in the Lord's Name

The Processional Song, *standing*

Mighty to Save



1. Ev - ery one needs com - pas - sion, love that's nev - er fail - ing, let
2. Take me as You find me, all my fears and fail - ures, -



mer - cy fall on me. - Ev - ery - one needs for - give -
fill my life a - gain; I give my life to fol -



- ness, the kind - ness of a Sav - ior, the Hope of na - tions.
- low, - ev - ery thing I be - lieve in. now I sur - rend er.



Sav - ior, He can move the moun - tains, my God is might - y to save,



He is might - y to save; for e - ver, Au - thor of Sal - va - tion,



He rose and con - quered the grave, Je - sus con - quered the grave.

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The Acclamation - (BCP 2019 page 161)

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

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 between 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*

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift Your Name on high; Lord, I Love to sing Your prai - ses.
 I'm so glad You're in my life; I'm so glad You came to save us.

Chorus

You came from hea - ven to earth to show the way, from the earth to the
 cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the
 grave, from the grave to the sky. Lord, I lift Your Name on high.

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The Collect of the Day (BCP page 124)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson

Acts 1: 1-14

St. Luke said: “In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Lesson

I Peter 4:12-19

²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And “if the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

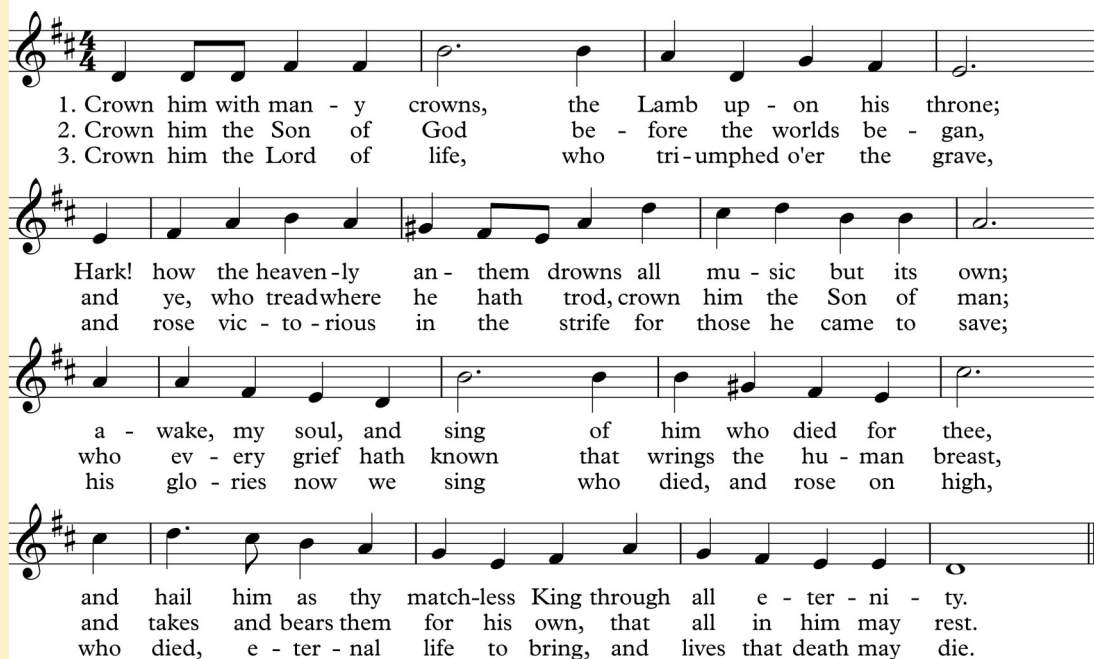
Lector: The Word of the Lord.

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.

The Gospel Song, *standing*

Crown Him With Many Crowns



1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2. Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan,
 3. Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave,
 Hark! how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own;
 and ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man;
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save;
 a - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 who ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast,
 his glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high,
 and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 and takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Text: Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)
 Music: DIADEMATA, George Job Elvey (1816-1893)



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

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.⁶“I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

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

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 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.”

The Homily, *seated*

Father Rich Giersch

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.

Reader: Let us offer our prayers to God.

Lord God, we thank you for the leaders of our Church, especially Archbishop Wood, Bishop Dobbs, 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.

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.

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.**

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*

The Peace

(BCP page 131)

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

People: **And with your spirit.**

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.

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.

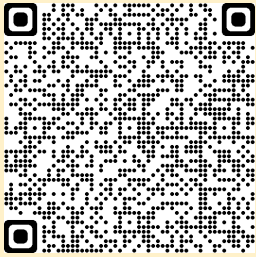
We Give in Thanksgiving for God's Blessings

The Offertory Song, *seated*

King of Kings

By *Hillsong Worship*

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In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope, without light
‘Til from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets
To a virgin came the word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus:

Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings
To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake you died

Chorus:

And the morning that You rose
All of Heaven held its breath
Til that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored
And the church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel, shall not faint
By His blood and in His name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

Chorus:

Musical score for 'The Presentation Song' in G major, 4/4 time. The score consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The lyrics are: 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here be - low; praise Him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.'

Text: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)
 Music: OLD HUNDREDDTH, 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.

Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his most glorious resurrection appeared to his Apostles, and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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.

The Sanctus

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 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.

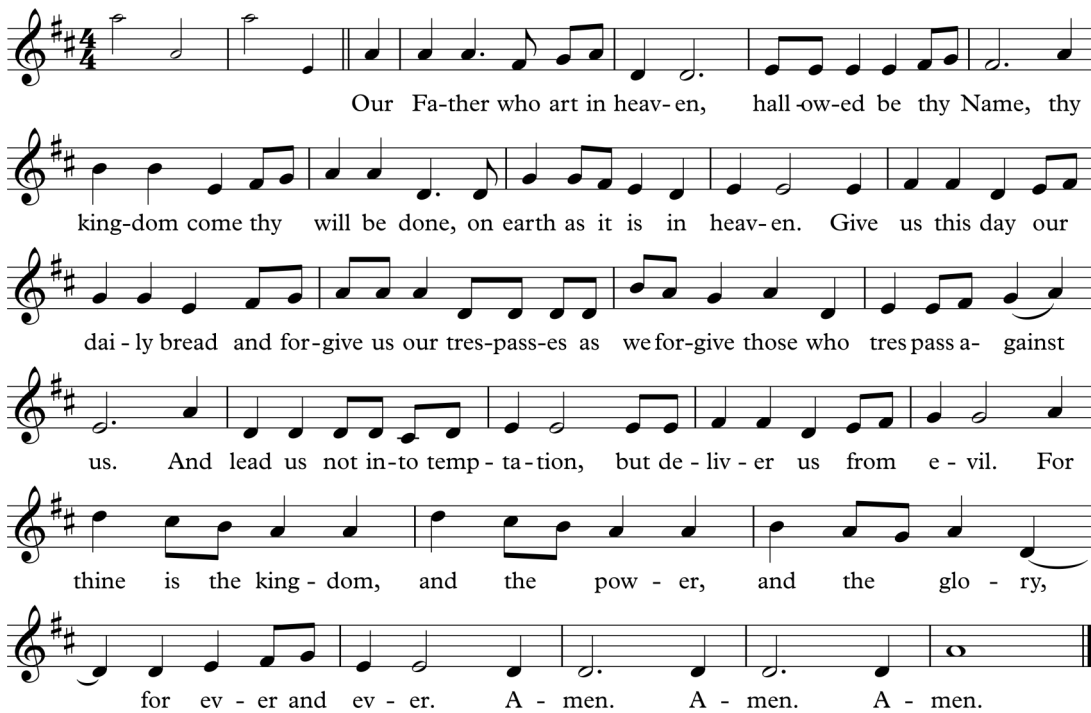
Amen.

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 **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 (page 135)

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*

Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

1. Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i - le - an King!
 2. Pas - chal Lamb, by God a - pointed - ed, all our sins on thee were laid:
 3. Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er to a - bide;
 Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us; thou didst free sal - va - tion bring.
 by al - might - y love a - noint - ed, thou hast full a - tone ment made.
 all the heav - en - ly hosts a - dore thee, seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side.
 Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame!
 All thy peo - ple are for - giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood:
 There for sin - ners thou art plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare;
 By thy mer - it we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name.
 o - pened is the gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.
 ev - er for us in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.

Text: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt.
 Music: IN BABILONE, melody from *oude en Nieuwe Hollants Boerenlities en Cantradanseu*, 1710

The Second Communion Song, *seated*

Blessed Assurance

1. Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! Oh, what a fore - taste of glo - ry di -
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of rap - ture now burst on my
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my Sa - vior am hap - py and

vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of His spir - it, washed in His blood.
 sight; an - gels descend - ing bring from a - bove e - choes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 blest, watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with His good - ness, lost in His love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sa - vior all the day

long: this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sa - vior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915)
 Music: Phoebe P. Knapp (1830-1908)

The Third Communion Song, *seated*

All Who Are Thirsty

All who are thirst - y, all who are weak, come to the foun - tain,
 dip your heart in the stream of life; let the pain and the sor - row be washed a - way
 in the waves of God's mer - cy as deep cries out to deep. We sing
 "Come, Lord Je sus, come. Come, Lord Je sus, come."
 "Ho - ly Spi - rit, come. Ho - ly Spi - rit, - come."

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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.

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*

Shine Jesus Shine

1. Lord, the light of Your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
2. As we gaze on Your king - ly bright - ness so our fac - es dis -
dark - ness shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the World, shine up - on us,
play Your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry;
set us free by the truth You now bring us; shine on me, shine on me.
mir - rored here, may our lives tell Your sto - ry; shine on me, shine on me.
Refrain
Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;
blaze, Spir - it blaze; set our hearts on fire;
flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;
send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

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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!