

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH

Established 1706



The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Family Service at 9:00 a.m.

September 13, 2026



Welcoming All, Worshipping Christ Witnessing God's Love



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We Gather in the Lord's Name

The Processional Song, *standing*

Praise My Soul the King of Heaven



1. Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy trib - ute bring;
2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;
3. Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
4. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;



ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing:
praise him still, the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Text: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847), alt.
Music: LAUDA ANIMA, John Goss (1800-1880)

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 lityny 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 Acclamation - (BCP page 123)

Celebrant: Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

(BCP page 124)

Priest: and People: **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)

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*

Alleluia #1

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his Name.

1. Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
 2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

He is the King of cre - a - - - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - - - en.

to Refrain

Text: Donald Fishel (b. 1950)
 Music: ALLELUIA NO. 1, Donald Fishel. Used by permission. OneLicense.net A-716890.

The Collect of the Day (BCP page 125)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

The 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 Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson

Genesis 49:33-50:3 and 50:15-21

³³ When Jacob finished commanding his sons, he drew up his feet into the bed and breathed his last and was gathered to his people.

Then Joseph fell on his father's face and wept over him and kissed him. ² And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father. So the physicians embalmed Israel. ³ Forty days were required for it, for that is how many are required for embalming. And the Egyptians wept for him seventy days.

¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶ So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you."' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰ As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹ So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Lector: Thanks 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 SPARK Bible Lesson, *seated*

Joseph Helps His Family, Page 60

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 Second Lesson

Romans 14:5-12

⁵ One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶ The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷ For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸ For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. ¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹ for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, And every tongue shall confess to God." ¹² So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Song, *standing*

Be Thou My Vision

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

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

²¹ Then Peter came up and said to Jesus, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. ²³ “Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

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

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

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

Reader: Let us offer our prayers to God.

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

Priest:

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

We Ask for God's Forgiveness

The Confession of Sins

(BCP page 130)

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

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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

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.**

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 Comfortable Words

(BCP page 130)

Bishop or Priest:

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Peace

(BCP page 131)

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

People: **And with your spirit.**

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.

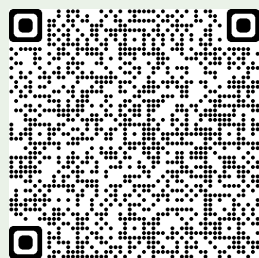
We Give in Thanksgiving for God's Blessings

The Offertory Song, *seated*

Love of God

by Brandon Lake and Phil Wickham

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It's so good I almost can't believe it
Far beyond what hearts could ever dream
The God who set the galaxies in motion
Would descend to give His life for me
For what could make perfection bleed for sinners
What leads a King to pay so great a cost?
All my life, my heart will sing the answer
Only the love of God

Chorus:

**Singing oh, how great is the love of God
He paid our debt on that rugged cross
For all our days, we will sing our Savior's praise
How great is the love of God**

It's so kind, it leads us to repentance.
And it's so bright, the darkness has to flee.
Hallelujah, it cleared my guilty sentence
For I was bound but now I stand redeemed.
For what could break the chains of any prison?
What force could rob the power from the grave?
What would trade my rags for heaven's riches?
Only the love of God

Repeat chorus

Though I try, my mind can't comprehend it
It's so high, too marvelous for words
I could sing a million songs about it
And barely scratch the surface of Your worth
This all my life, the banner I'll be waving
My anthem cry no matter what may come
And when I rise to walk the streets of heaven I
'll still be singing this song
For everything that You've done
How great the love of God

Repeat chorus two times

The musical score is written for two voices, Treble and Bass, in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: '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 HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

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.**

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 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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Sanctus



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



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

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

The Prayer of Consecration, *kneeling*

(BCP page 132)

Celebrant:

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

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

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

Celebrant:

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

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

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant:

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The 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 **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 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

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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

Before the Throne of God Above

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong, a per - fect plea;
2. When Sat - an tempts me to des - pair, and tells me of the guilt with - in,
3. Be - hold Him there! The ris - en Lamb! My per - fect spot - less Right - eous - ness,
A Great High Priest whose name is Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me.
Up - ward I look, and see Him there who made an end to all my sin;
The great un - chang - a - ble I AM, the King of glo - ry and of grace.;
My name is grav - en on His hands, my name is writ - ten on His heart;
Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed free;
One with Him - self, I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased by His blood,
I know that while in heaven He stands, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
For God, the Just, is sat - is - fied to look on Him and par - don me,
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God,
No tongue can bid me thence de - part.
To look on Him and par - don me.
With Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

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last time: repeat to last half of verse 3

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 Second Communion Song, *seated*

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

1. How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all mea - sure,
 2. Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders;
 3. I will not boast in an - y - thing, no gifts, no power, no wis - dom;
 that He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His trea - sure.
 a - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scoff - ers.
 but I will boast in Je - sus Christ, His death and res - ur - rec - tion.
 How great the pain of sear - ing loss; the Fa - ther turns His face a - way,
 It was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished;
 Why should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer,
 as wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
 His dy - ing breath has brought me life: I know that it is fin - ished.
 but this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

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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 Third Communion Song, *seated*

There is Hope

1. There is a hope that burns with - in my heart, that gives me
 3. There is a hope that stands the test of time, that lifts my
 strength for eve - ry pass - ing day; a glimpse of
 eyes be - yond the beck - oning grave to see the
 glo - ry now re - vealed in mea - ger part, yet drives all doubt a -
 match - less beau - ty of a day di - vine, when I be - hold His
 way: I stand in Christ, with sins for - given and
 face! When suf - ferings cease, and sor - rows die, and
 Christ in me, the hope of heaven; my high - est call - ing and my
 ev - ery long - ing sat - is - fied, then joy un - speak - a - ble will
 deep - est joy, to make His will my 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 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*

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

1. Lord, you give the great com-mis-sion: "Heal the sick and preach the Word."
2. Lord, you call us to your ser-vice: "In my Name bap-tize and teach."
3. Lord, you make the com-mon ho-ly: "This my bod-y, this my blood."
4. Lord, you show us love's true mea-sure: "Fa-ther, what they do, for-give."
5. Lord, you bless with words as-sur-ing: "I am with you to the end."

Lest the Church ne-glect its mis-sion, and the Gos-pel go un-heard,
That the world may trust your prom-ise, life a-bun-dant meant for each,
Let us all, for earth's true glo-ry, dai-ly lift life heav-en-ward,
Yet we hoard as pri-vate trea-sure all that you so free-ly give.
Faith and hope and love re-stor-ing, may we serve as you in-tend,

help us wit-ness to your pur-pose with re-newed in-teg-ri-ty.
give us all new fer-vor, draw us clos-er in com-mun-i-ty.
ask-ing that the world a-round us share your chil-dren's lib-er-ty.
May your care and mer-cy lead us to a just so-ci-e-ty.
and, a-mid the cares that claim us, hold in mind e-ter-ni-ty.

With the Spir-it's gifts em-power us for the work of min-is-try.

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We Go Out to Serve God

The Dismissal and Commissioning

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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!

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.