St. Andrew's Parish Church

Established 1706



THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

The Holy Eucharist at 11:00 a.m.

3 October 2021



OLD ST. ANDREW'S **PARISH CHURCH**

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The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

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The Holy Eucharist at 11:00 a.m.

THE INTROIT

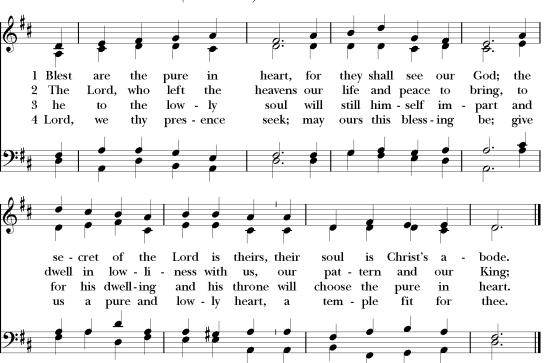
Ubi Caritas

Words: Paulinus of Aquileia (726-804) Music: Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

Where charity and love are, God is there. Christ's love has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him. Let us fear, and let us love the living God. And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exsultemus, et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN (Please Stand)



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

THE ACCLAMATION (BCP 2019 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 2019 page 124)

Celebrant:

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

Welcome!

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

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

Tune: Franconia

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.

THE FRONTISPIECE St. Francis preaching to the birds. Antonio Carnicero (1748-1814)

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW (BCP 2019 page 124)

Celebrant: 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 GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (BCP 2019 page 124)





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP 2019 page 125)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

(Please be seated)

The Liturgy of the Word

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 22 verses 13-16

Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness and his upper rooms by injustice; who makes his neighbours work for nothing, and does not give them their wages; who says, "I will build myself a spacious house with large upper rooms", and who cuts out windows for it, panelling it with cedar, and painting it with vermilion. Are you a king, because you compete in cedar? Did not your father eat and drink and do justice and righteousness? Then it was well with him. He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well. Is not this to know me? says the Lord.

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 Collects are prayers

that touch on the theme of the Scripture readings and

transitions us from speaking

and singing God's praise to listening to his Holy Scrip-

tures.

THE PSALM Domine, Dominus noster (O God, our God)

O LORD our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world: thou that hast set thy glory above the heavens!

- 2 Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, be cause of thine enemies: that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.
- 3 For I will consider thy heavens, even the works of thy fingers: the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained.
- 4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him: and the son of man, that thou visitest him?
- 5 Thou madest him lower than the angels: to crown him with glory and worship.
- 6 Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands : and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet;
- 7 All sheep and oxen: yea, and the beasts of the field;
- 8 The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea: and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.
- 9 O Lord our Governor: how excellent is thy Name in all the world!

THE EPISTLE LESSON

Galatians 6: verses 14-18

Psalm 8

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule-- peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



Text: Jonathan Friedrich Bahnmaier (1774-1841); tr. Arthur William Farlander and Charles Winfred Douglas (1867–1944), alt. St. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984) Music: GOTT SEI DANK, melody from Geistreiches Gesangbuch, 1704; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11: verses 25-30

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

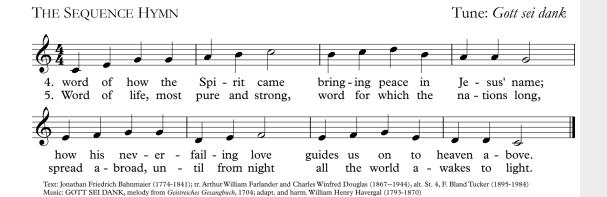
Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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

The 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 SERMON

THE NICENE CREED (BCP 2019 page 127)

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

Celebrant and 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-begotten Son of God, culminating in councils of 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP 2019 page 128) Led by a member of the Order of the Daughters of the King

Reader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy: People: Hear our prayer.

For Foley Beach, our Archbishop, and Mark Lawrence, our Bishop, for our Bishop in residence Bill Skilton; for all bishops, priests and deacons; especially for our Rector, Fr. Marshall; our Assistants to the Rector, Fr. Joe; and Fr David, our Deacon Emeritus, Lee Hershon and our church staff. We also pray for St. Andrew's Mission and their Vicar, Fr. Jimmy Gallant;

> Reader: Lord, in your mercy: People: Hear our prayer.

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.

The Nicene Creed is a statement of what the Chris-

tian community believes to

be true about God. It was born of rigorous intellectual

debate in the fourth century,

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."

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others, in particular for All Saints' Church in Florence and their Rector, Fr. Jason Hamshaw, Chelsea and their family; and for San José Church in the Dominican Republic and their Rector, Fr. Sandino Sanchez; and their Bishop Moises Quezada, and for Fr. Rob Sturdy, Anglican Chaplain at The Citadel.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy: People: Hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy: People: Hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service, especially our President, Joe Biden, our Governor, Henry McMaster and our Mayor, John Tecklenburg.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy: People: Hear our prayer.

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, particularly those on our parish prayer list, and for those we name at this time. (pause)

Reader: Lord, in your mercy: People: Hear our prayer.

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, (pause) in thanksgiving let us pray.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy: People: Hear our prayer.

Let us also pray for the selection of a Bishop for our Diocese:

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Bishop for this Diocese that we may receive a faithful pastor who will continue the ministry of Bishop Lawrence, by caring for your people, equipping us for ministry, and leading us forth in fulfillment of the Great Commission.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy: People: Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

THE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith, Where there is despair, hope. Where there is darkness, light. And where there is sadness, joy O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console To be understood, as to understand, to be loved, as to love For it is in giving that we receive and it's in pardoning that we are pardoned And it's in dying that we are born to Eternal Life. **Amen**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN (Please kneel) (BCP 2019 page 130)

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God. (Silence)

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

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

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

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.

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

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.



Scan here to give an offering to OSA.

Here at Old St Andrew's Parish Church the choir sing an Offertory Anthem every week. Music can often help to add additional weight and emotion into the written texts. A congregation can hear a message via the singing of the choir, in a similar way that they do when they listen to a sermon. The message can be used to teach, offer praise, set a mood for more teaching, and/or offer a link to the whole Body of Christ through the ages and around the world by using traditional songs & texts or songs from another place.

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS (BCP 2019 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 (Please stand) (BCP 2019 page 131)

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

People: And with your spirit.

> Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. At this time the Rector will welcome all to the Lord's Table and share the announcements of the day.

THE OFFERTORY

If you would like to make an online offering at this time to Old St. Andrew's Parish Church, please follow the link: https://www.oldstandrews.org/giving-1

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM (Please be seated)

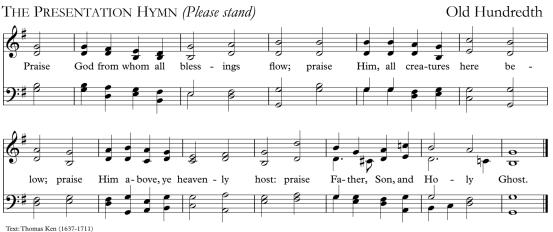
SUNG BY OUR PARISH CHOIR

"Thou visitest the earth"

Words: Psalm 65 verses 9 && 12 Music: Maurice Greene (1695-1755)

> Thou visitest the earth, and blesses it: And crownest the year with Thy goodness.

Maurice Greene was a choirboy at St Paul's Cathedral in London and, on the death of William Croft in 1727, he became organist at the Chapel Royal, and in 1730 he became Professor of Music at Cambridge University. In 1735 he was appointed Master of the King's Musick. At his death, Greene was working on the compilation Cathedral Music, which his student and successor as Master of the King's Musick, William Boyce, was to complete. Many items from that collection are still used in Anglican services today.



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

Celebrant: (BCP 2019 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.

The Holy Communion

THE SURSUM CORDA (BCP 2019 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:

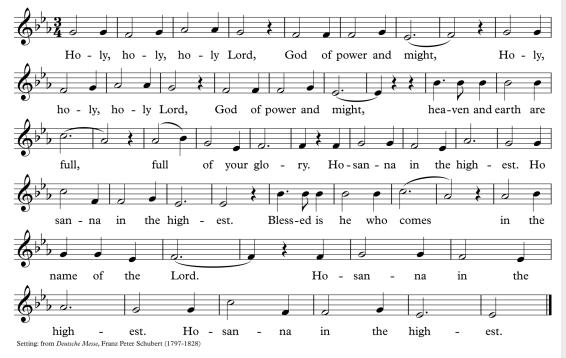
It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 SANCTUS



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

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

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION (BCP 2019 page 132)

(Please Kneel)

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.

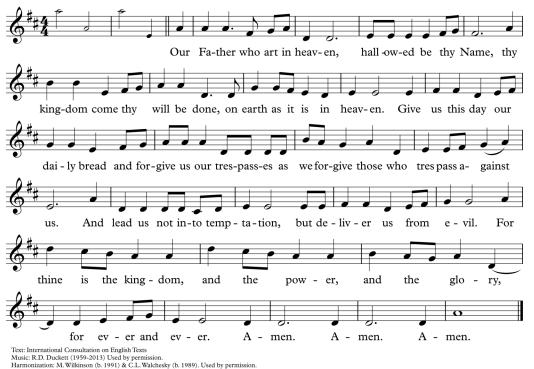
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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 (BCP 2019 page 134)

Celebrant:

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



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

THE FRACTION (BCP 2019 page 135)

Celebrant: Alleluia Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

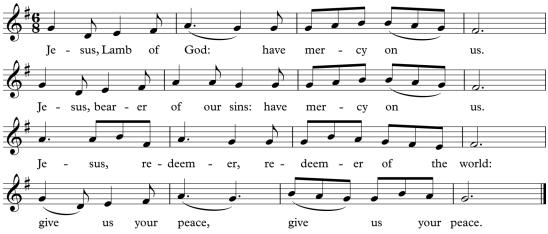
People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (BCP 2019 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



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

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION (BCP 2019 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 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 COMMUNION MOTET

Make me a channel of Your Peace

Music Sebastian Temple Words: Prayer of St. Francis

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love. Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.

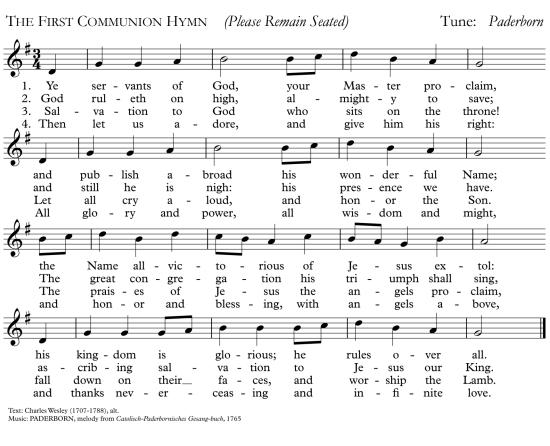
Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O Master, grant that I may never seek, so much to be consoled as to console,

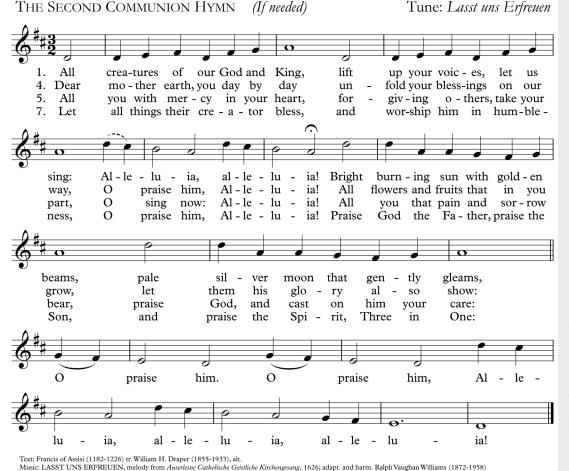
To be understood as to understand, to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Lord, make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.

In giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.



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



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

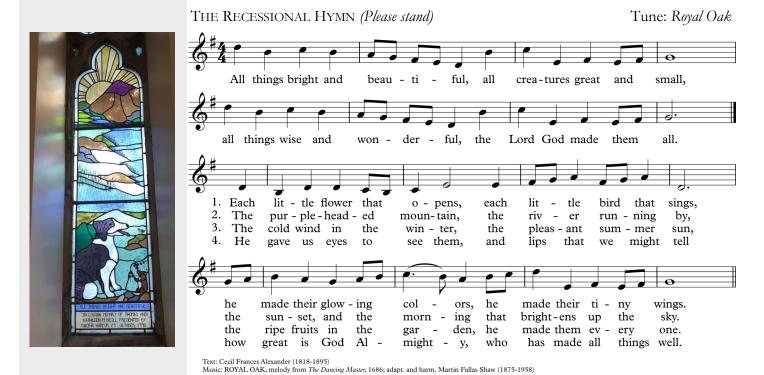
THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP 2019 page 137)

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 (BCP 2019 page 137)



THE DISMISSAL (BCP 2019 page 138)

Priest or Deacon: Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!