

# ST. ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH

Established 1706



THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Family Service at 9:00 a.m.

June 27, 2021



# OLD ST. ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH

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# The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

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## We Gather in the Lord's Name

The Processional Song, *standing*

*Wonderful, Merciful Savior*



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

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

*Refrain*

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

You are the One we a - dore, You give the heal - ing and grace our  
hearts al - ways hun - ger for; oh, our hearts al - ways hun - ger for.

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The Acclamation, *standing*

(BCP page 146)

*Leader:* 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)

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

*People:* **Amen.**

## Welcome!

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

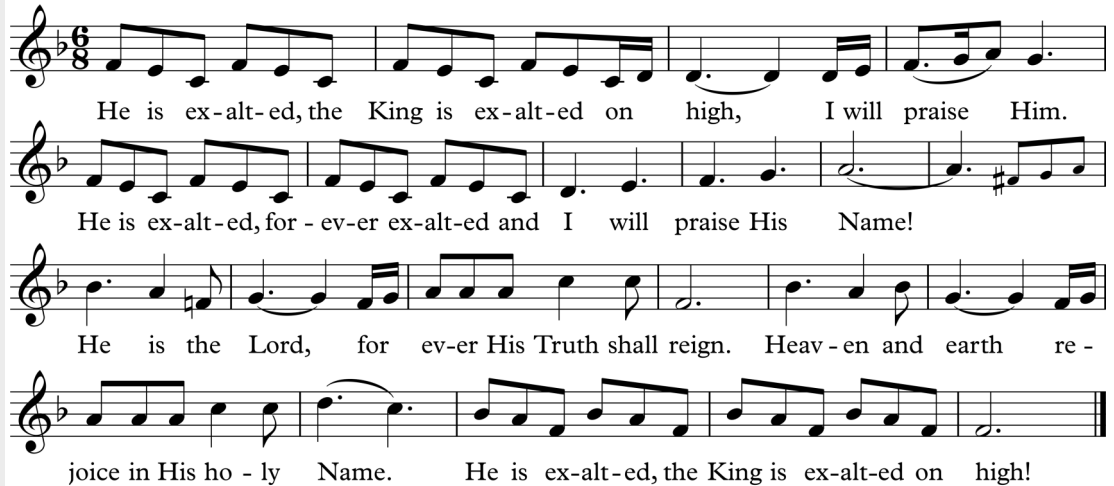
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(located in the envelope rack on  
the back of each pew) and fill out  
the **visitor card**. Please place it in  
the offering plate or leave it with  
an usher.

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

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

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

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

The Song of Praise, *standing**He is Exalted*


He is ex-alt-ed, the King is ex-alt-ed on high, I will praise Him.

He is ex-alt-ed, for - ev-er ex-alt-ed and I will praise His Name!

He is the Lord, for ev-er His Truth shall reign. Heav-en and earth re -

joice in His ho - ly Name. He is ex-alt-ed, the King is ex-alt-ed on high!

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**The Collect** 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 Collect of the Day, *standing*

(BCP page 125)

*Leader:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with your spirit.**

*Leader:* Let us pray.

O God, your never-failing providence sets in order all things both in heaven and on earth: Put away from us all hurtful things, and give us those things that are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the Lessons.*

**We Hear God's Word**

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 Old Testament Lesson

Deuteronomy 15 verses 7-11

"If among you, one of your brothers should become poor, in any of your towns within your land that the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother, but you shall open your hand to him and

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lend him sufficient for his need, whatever it may be. Take care lest there be an unworthy thought in your heart and you say, 'The seventh year, the year of release is near,' and your eye look grudgingly on your poor brother, and you give him nothing, and he cry to the LORD against you, and you be guilty of sin. You shall give to him freely, and your heart shall not be grudging when you give to him, because for this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, 'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.'

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Lesson (*will not be read*)

II Corinthians 8 verses 1-15

We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. And in this matter I give my judgment: this benefits you, who a year ago started not only to do this work but also to desire to do it. So now finish doing it as well, so that your readiness in desiring it may be matched by your completing it out of what you have. For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have. For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. As it is written, "Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack."

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Song, *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.  
 3. We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.  
 4. Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

He is the King of cre - a - - - tion.  
 Je - sus has died and has ris - - - en.  
 Now we shall live for ev - - - er.  
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - - - vior.

*to Refrain*

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## The Holy Gospel

Mark 5:22-43

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

Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at Jesus' feet and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." And he went with him. And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him. And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well." And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my garments?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, 'Who touched me?'" And he looked around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease." While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some

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who said, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?” But over-hearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. And when he had entered, he said to them, “Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. Taking her by the hand he said to her, “Talitha cumi,” which means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise.” And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

*Gospeller:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily, *seated*

Bradley Nettles, Jr.

## We Respond to God

The Nicene Creed, *standing*

(BCP page 127)

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

*People:* We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father, through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The **Nicene Creed** is a statement of what the Christian community believes to be true about God. It was born of rigorous intellectual debate in the fourth century, culminating in councils of the whole church at Nicaea in 325 and at Constantinople in 381. The word “creed” comes from the Latin word “credo” which means “I believe.”

The Prayers of the People, *standing*

(BCP page 128)

*Reader:* Let us offer our prayers to God.

Lord God, we thank you for the leaders of our Church, especially Archbishop Beach, Bishop Lawrence; Bishop Skilton, Father Marshall, Father Donnie, Father Joe, Father David, Deacon Lee, and our staff, and we ask you to bless them. We also pray for St. Andrew's Mission and their Vicar, Fr. Jimmy Gallant.

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

Lord God, we pray for the leaders of our country, especially President Biden, Governor McMaster, Mayor Tecklenburg, and we ask you to bless them.

Lord God, we thank you for all our blessings, especially for people who love and care for us. (*intercessions may be spoken aloud*)

Lord God, we ask you to take care of everyone who is sick or sad. (*intercessions may be spoken aloud*)

Lord God, we know you hear us when we pray. We ask that you answer our prayers as may be best for us.

The Prayer for the Selection of a Bishop

(BCP Page 648)

*Celebrant or Priest:*

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; 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 sinful people. "From the beginning, human beings have misused their freedom and made wrong choices" and that "Sin is the seeking of our own will instead of the will of God, thus distorting our relationship with God, with other people, and with all creation." Here, in the Confession, we admit our wrongdoings and lay our sins at the feet of Jesus on the cross.

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." - 1 John 1:8

The Absolution, *kneeling*

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

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

The Peace, *standing*

(BCP page 131)

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

*People:* **And with your spirit.**

# We Give in Thanksgiving for God's Blessings

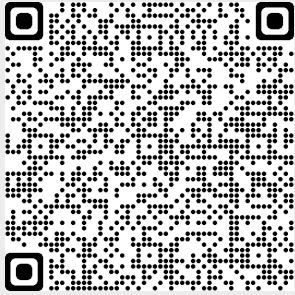
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The Offertory Song, *seated*

*He Will Hold Me Fast*

Sung by the Family Service Music Team

The Presentation Song, *standing*

*Doxology*

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like. 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.**

## We Share God's Holy Communion

The Sursum Corda, *remain standing*

(BCP page 132)

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues:*

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

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

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

The Sanctus and Benedictus

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

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

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

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

In the Anglican tradition, Communion is received in two kinds: in the Bread and in the Wine.

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

*Celebrant:*

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

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People:*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ has risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant:*

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

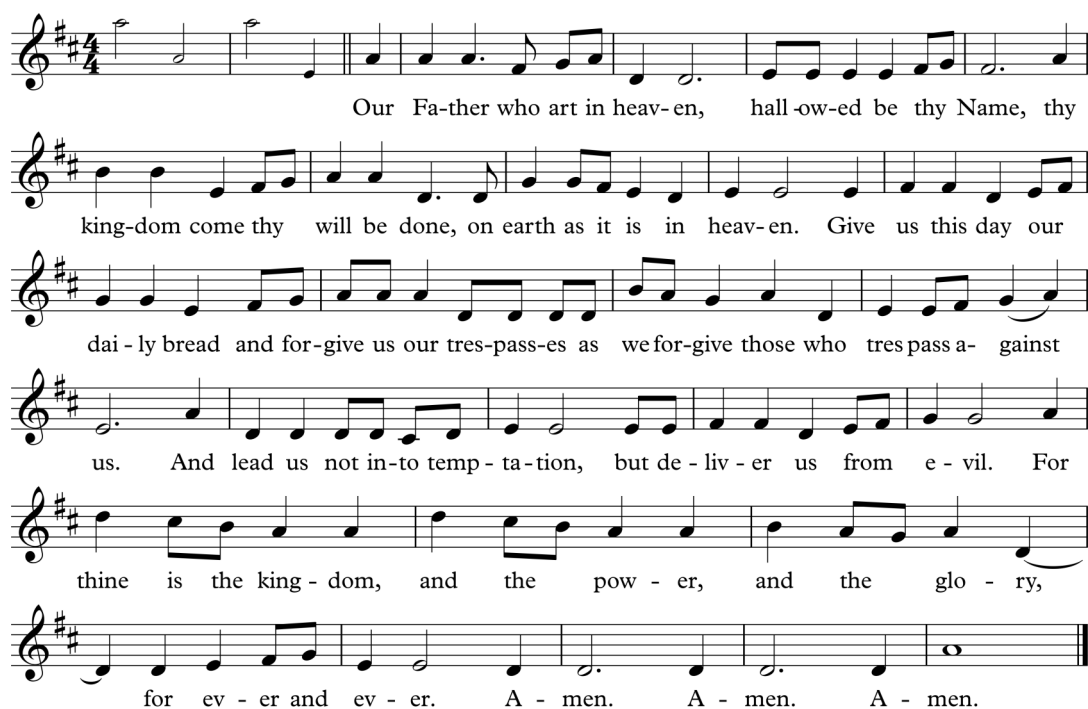
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

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

## The Lord's Prayer

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



Our Fa-ther who art in heav-en, hall-ow-ed be thy Name, thy  
king-dom come thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav-en. Give us this day our  
dai-ly bread and for-give us our tres-pass-es as we for-give those who tres pass a- gainst  
us. And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil. For  
thine is the king-dom, and the pow-er, and the glo-ry,  
for ev-er and ev-er. A - men. A - men. A - men.

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The **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

*Celebrant:* *Alleluia.* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## The Prayer of Humble Access

(BCP page 135)

*Celebrant and People;*

**We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

## The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

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.

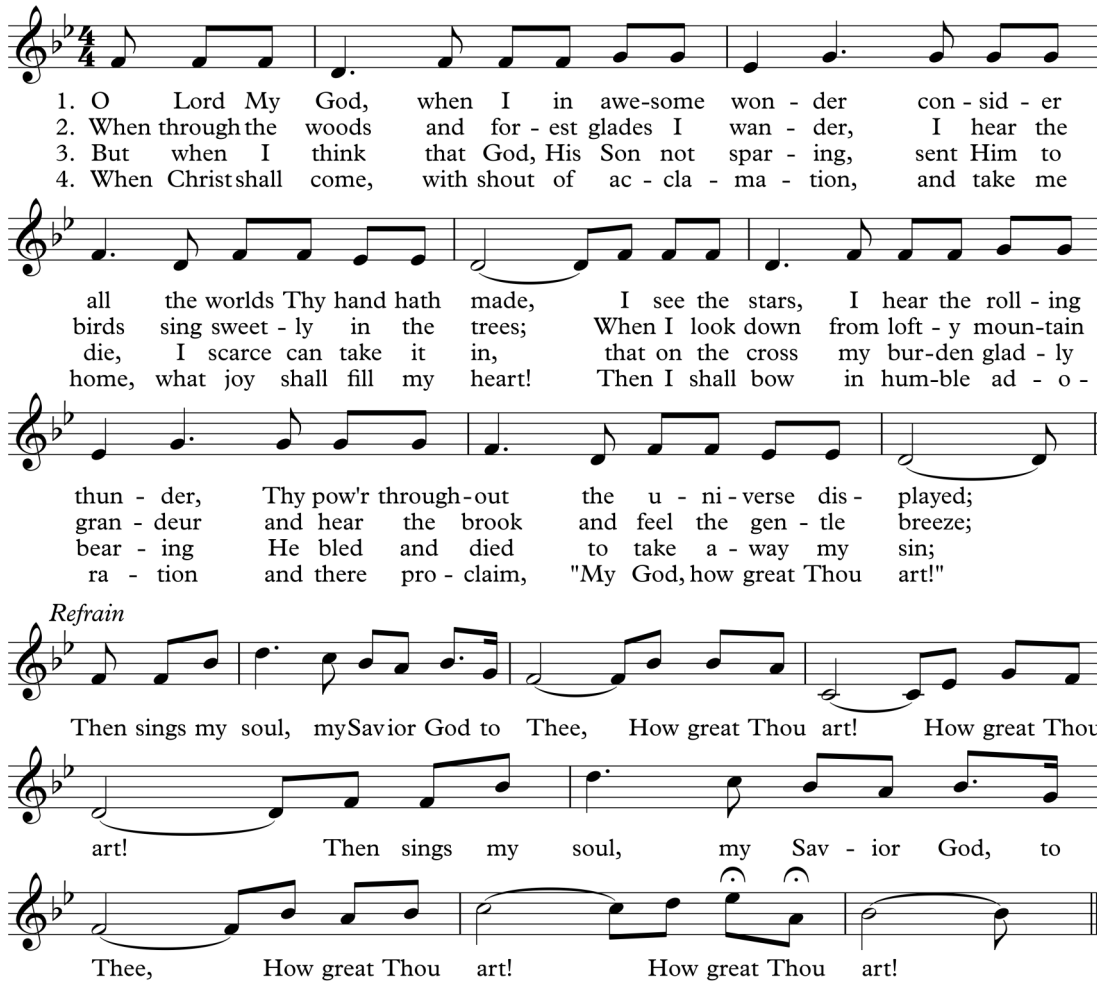
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## The Invitation to Communion

(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.



1. O Lord My God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er  
 2. When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the  
 3. But when I think that God, His Son not spar-ing, sent Him to  
 4. When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion, and take me

all the worlds Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the roll-ing  
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; When I look down from loft-y moun-tain  
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly  
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-

thun-der, Thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;  
 gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;  
 bear-ing He bled and died to take a-way my sin;  
 ra-tion and there pro-claim, "My God, how great Thou art!"

*Refrain*

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou  
 art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to  
 Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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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.**

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



## The Blessing

## The Recessional Song, *standing*

*Soon and Very Soon*



1,4. Soon and ve - ry soon,  
2. No more cry - ing there, we are going to see the King!  
3. No more dy - ing there,

Soon and ve - ry soon,  
No more cry - ing there, we are going to see the King!  
No more dy - ing there,

Soon and ve - ry soon,  
No more cry - ing there, we are going to see the King!  
No more dy - ing there,

Hal-le - lu - jah! Hal-le - lu - jah! We're going to see the King!

*Ending*  
Hal - le - lu - - jah! Hal - le - lu - - jah!

Hal - le - lu - - ia! Hal - le - lu - - jah!

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## We Go Out to Serve God

### The Dismissal

(BCP page 138)

*Priest or Deacon:*

Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People:*

**Thanks be to God!** Alleluia, alleluia.

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*Please leave the church one pew at a time to avoid congestion in the aisle. Please wait for an usher to dismiss you. If you are sitting in the transept, please use the side door.*

After hearing his holy Word and eating and drinking of his precious Body & Blood, we are sent out into the world to proclaim the great things Jesus has done for us.

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