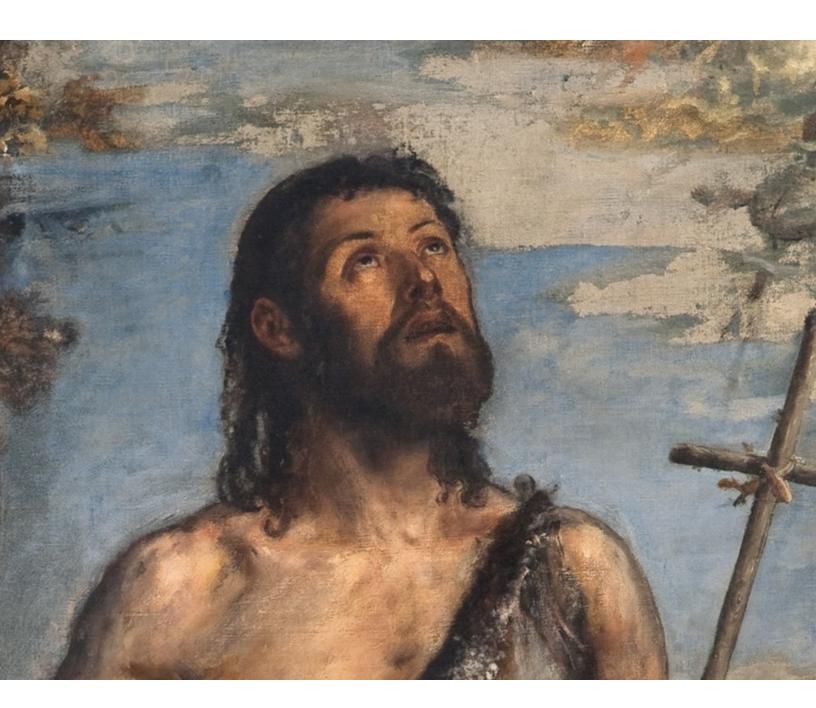
St. Andrew's Parish Church

established 1706



THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
THE HOLY EUCHARIST AT 11:00 A.M.
8 December 2019



The Clergy & Staff

The Vestry

THE REVEREND MARSHALL HUEY, Rector

THE REVEREND DR. DONALD MCDANIEL, Associate Rector

THE REVEREND JOSEPH VELLA, Assistant to the Rector

THE REVEREND LEE HERSHON, Deacon

DAVID ACRES, Director of Music

KIRSTEN HOLLEY, Organ/Piano

BRAD NETTLES, JR., Director of Youth Ministry

ANNE SHAUL, Director of Children's Education

AMY AUSTEN, Parish Administrator

JEANNE GERHARDT, Parish Bookkeeper

GILLIAN BAGLEY, Administrative Assistant

WALTER STANLEY, Sexton

THE RT. REV. WILLIAM J. SKILTON

Bishop Suffragan, South Carolina, Ret.

Assistant Bishop, The Dominican Republic, Ret.

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Join The King's Counterpoint this Christmas here at Old St Andrew's for their 6th Annual Free Concert. No tickets are required. "Christmas Through the Ages" traces the history of music and carols for the Christmas Season from the earliest plainchant, through the medieval and renaissance periods and up to the modern day. Beautiful carols from America, England, France, Germany, Spain, Italy. A truly perfect way to start the Christmas Season!

Saturday, 14th December at 6:00pm

Doors open at 5:00pm

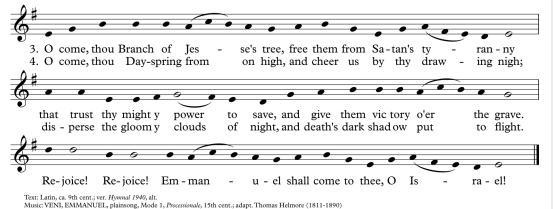
The Second Sunday in Advent

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The Holy Eucharist at 11:00 a.m.

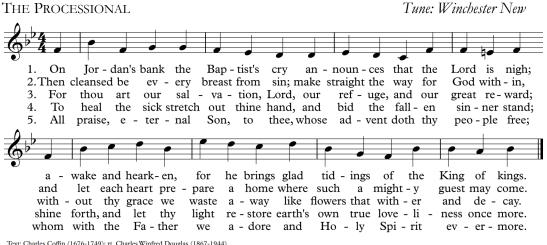
THE INTROIT Tune: Veni, veni Emmanuel

Verses sung by the choir and joined by the Congregation in the Refrains



THE LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE Deacon Dan & Sue Farley

Daughters of the King, Chaplain and Member



THE ACCLAMATION - (BCP 2019 page 123)

Surely the Lord is coming Celebrant:

Amen. Come Lord Jesus! People: Revelation 22:20

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.

Hearing aids are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Please silence your cell phone.

Did you remember to lock your car?

A **nursery** is available. Please ask an usher for directions.

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.

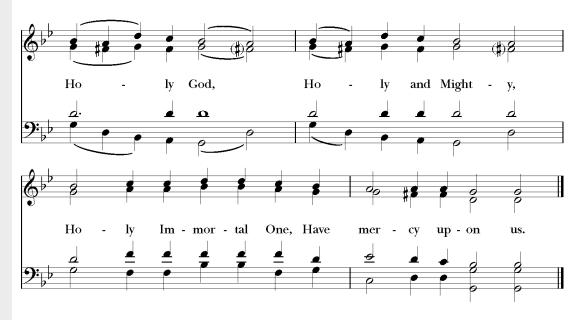
> ON THE COVER John the Baptist By Tiziano Vecelli (Titian) (1490-1576)

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW (BCP 2019 page 124)

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 TRISAGION (Sung Three Times)



THE COLLECTS OF THE DAY (BCP 2019 page 125)

Celebrant : The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant : Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your Holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 FIRST LESSON Isaiah11: verses 1-10

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

The Collects are prayers 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

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Deus judicium

Psalm 72 verses 1-11

(The Lord reigns)

- 1. Give the King thy judgements, O God: and thy righteousness unto the King's son.
- 2. Then shall he judge thy people according unto right: and defend the poor.
- 3. The mountains also shall bring peace : and the little hills righteousness unto the people.
- 4. He shall keep the simple folk by their right : defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrong-doer.
- 5. They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth: from one generation to another.
- 6. He shall come down like the rain into a fleece of wool: even as the drops that water the earth.
- 7. In his time shall the righteous flourish: yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.

- 8. His dominion shall be also from the one sea to the other: and from the flood unto the world's end.
- 9. They that dwell in the wilderness shall kneel before him: his enemies shall lick the dust.
- 10. The kings of Tharsis and of the isles shall give presents: the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts.
- 11. All kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall do him service

THE SECOND LESSON

The Scriptures teach that

much of our spiritual renew-

al 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.

1 Corinthians 13 verses 1-13

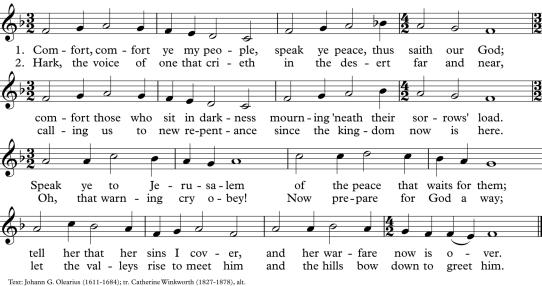
If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. *People:* Thanks be to God.



Text: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: PSALM 42, melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514-1572); harm. *The Hymnal 1982*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 3 verses1-12

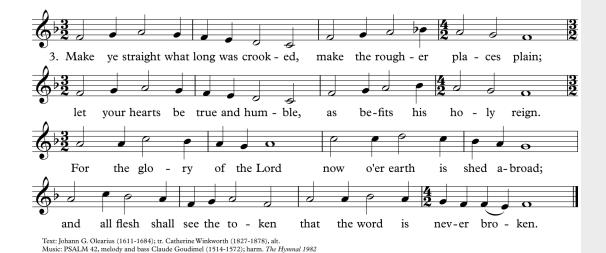
Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight." Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.



THE SERMON

THE REVEREND MARSHALL HUEY

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 NICENE CREED (BCP 2019 page 127)

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

Celebrant: We believe in one God,

People:

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 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, 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.

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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP 2019 page 128)

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 Bishop Bill Skilton; for all bishops, priests and deacons; especially for our Rector, Fr. Marshall; our Associate Rector, Fr. Donnie; our Assistant to the Rector, Fr. Joe; for our assistant Priest, Fr David; our Deacon, Lee; and our church staff. We also pray for St. Andrew's Mission and their Vicar, Fr. Jimmy Gallant;

ReaderLord, in your mercy: People Hear our prayer.

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and 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.

ReaderLord, 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, Donald Trump, 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.

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

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

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

Celebrant: I invite your prayers of intercession and thanksgiving at this time, silently or aloud.

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. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SINS (Please kneel)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept

Celebrant: Most merciful God, (BCP 2019 page 130)

..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.

We are all sinful people. In the catechism section of our Prayer Book (pg. 845), it tells us that "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.

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)

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)

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

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 ANTHEM

This is the Record of John

Words: John1 verses 19-23 Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

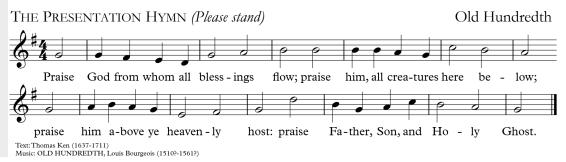
This is the record of John, when the Jews sent Priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him: "Who art thou?" And he confessed and denied not, and said plainly:

"I am not the Christ!"

And they asked him: "What art thou then? Art thou Elias?" And he said "I am not" "Art thou the prophet?" And he answered, "No."

Then said they unto him: "What art thou? That we may give an answer unto them that sent us? What say'st thou of thyself?" And he said, "I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness: Make straight the way of the Lord."

The Record of John is a verse anthem written by the Enslish composer Orlando Gibbons. It is based on a text from the Gospel of John in the Geneva Bible and is a characteristic Anglican-style composition of its time. "John" (whose record is being told) refers to John the Baptist. The piece is divided into three sections, each beginning with a verse for solo contratenor (more like a modern tenor, but often now sung by a countertenor) followed by a full section (consort of voices), echoing and underlining the words of the verse.



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.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great glory to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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 Ho - ly, Lord God of ho - ly, ho ly, thy full of glo - ry. Glo Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed. _ is he that com - eth_ in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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. As he or she presents the cup, please gently take hold of the base of the chalice, helping the chalice bearer to guide it toward your lips.

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 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 say:

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,

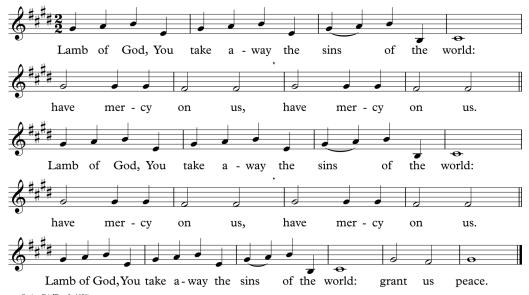
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

People :: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.
Celebrant: We do not presume (BCP 2019 page 135)

People: to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own right-eousness, 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, truly present in this bread. When we eat of this bread, we most certainly receive our daily bread.

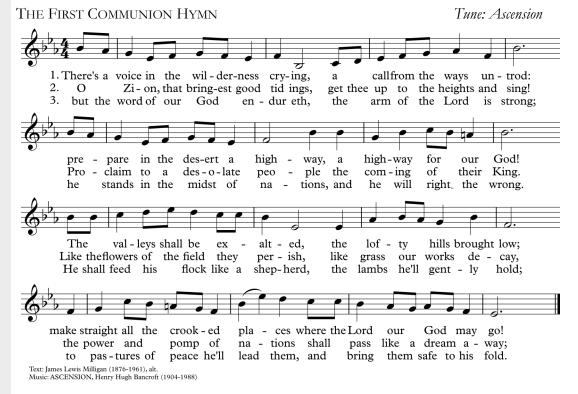
The **Prayer of Humble Access** is a very distinctive element of worship in the Anglican Tradition. Assembled in the earliest prayer books by Thomas Cranmer, it includes phrases and concepts from Mark 7:28, the Liturgy of St. Basil, a Gregorian collect, John 6:56, and some ideas of Thomas Aquinas.

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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 require a gluten-free wafer, please ask the priest at the altar rail when you kneel for Communion.

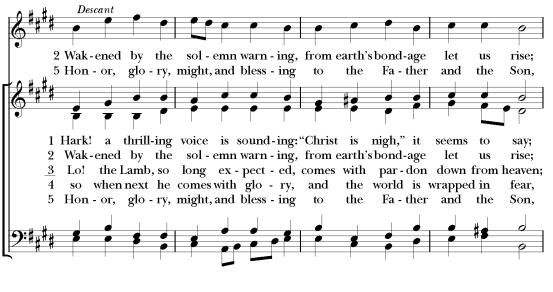


THE COMMUNION ANTHEM - I wonder as I wander—Collected by John Jacob Niles

- 1. I wonder as I wander, out under the sky, why Jesus the Savior came down from on high. For us lowly people to suffer and die, I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.
- 2. When Jesus was born it was in a cow's stall, came angels and shepherds and wise men and all, and from the high heaven a star's light did fall, the wonderful promise of God to recall.
- 3. If Jesus had wanted for any one think, a star in the sky or a bird on the wing, or all of God's angels in heaven to sing, he surely could have it, for He was the King.
- 4. I wonder as I wander.....

"I Wonder as I Wander" is a Christian folk hymn, typically performed as a Christmas carol, written by American folklorist and singer John Jacob Niles. The hymn has its origins in a song fragment collected by Niles on July 16, 1933.

While in the town of Murphy in Appalachian North Carolina, Niles attended a fundraising meeting held by evangelicals who had been ordered out of town by the police. In his unpublished autobiography, he wrote of hearing the song: "A girl had stepped out to the edge of the little platform attached to the automobile. She began to sing. Her clothes were unbelievable dirty and ragged, and she, too, was unwashed. Her ash-blond hair hung down in long skeins.... But, best of all, she was beautiful, and in her untutored way, she could sing. She smiled as she sang, smiled rather sadly, and sang only a single line of a song." The girl, named Annie Morgan, repeated the fragment seven times in exchange for a quarter per performance, and Niles left with "three lines of verse, a garbled fragment of melodic material—and a magnificent idea" - thus was born I wonder as I wander! This arrangement is by Andrew Millington, David's musical director, when he was singing in the choir at Exeter Cathedral in England.





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THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP 2019 page 137)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

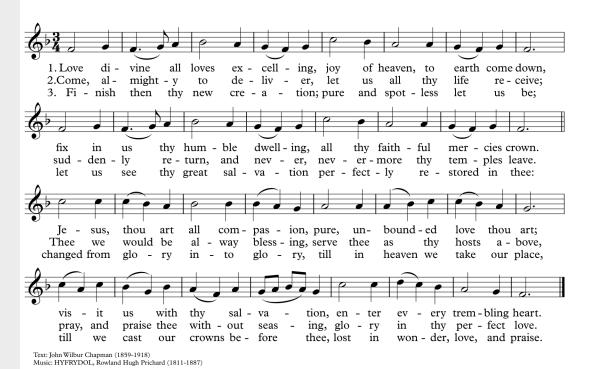
Celebrant: Heavenly Father

People: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 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 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.

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN (Please stand)



THE DISMISSAL (BCP 2019 page 138)

Deacon: Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia!

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

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