St. Andrew's Parish Church

established 1706



THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
The Holy Eucharist at 11:00 a.m.
29 September 2019



OLD ST. ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH

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29 September 2019

The Holy Eucharist at 11:00 a.m.

This service may be found in the red Book of Common Prayer beginning on page 355

THE INTROIT:

Call to remembrance, O Lord

Words: Psalm 25 verse 5-6 Music: Richard Farrant (1530-1580)

Call to remembrance, O Lord, Thy tender mercies and Thy loving-kindness Which hath been ever of old.

O remember not the sins and offences of my youth But according to Thy mercy, think Thou on me, O Lord, for Thy goodness.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN (Please stand)

Woodlands



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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom. now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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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 The Richman and Lazarus By John Everett Millais (1829-1896)

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

The Celebrant continues

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



This ancient Greek hymn, Gloria in excelsis, begins with the words uttered by the angels announcing the birth of the Savior in Bethlehem. The first Latin translation of this hymn, sometimes called the Greater Doxology, appeared in the fourth century.





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace; that by your grace we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen*.

Please be seated for the Lessons

The Liturgy of the Word

THE FIRST LESSON Amos 6 verses 1-7

"Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes! Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory, O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence? "Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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 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.

- 1. O praise the Lord, O my soul; while I live will I praise the Lord: yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing praises unto my God.
- 2. O put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man: for there is no help in them.
- 3. For when the breath of man goeth forth he shall turn again to his earth: and then all his thoughts perish.
- 4. Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help: and whose hope is in the Lord his God;
- 5. Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is : who keepeth his promise for ever;
- 6. Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong: who feedeth the hungry.
- 7. The Lord looseth men out of prison: the Lord giveth sight to the blind.
- 8. The Lord helpeth them that are fallen: the Lord careth for the righteous.
- 9. The Lord careth for the strangers, he defendeth the fatherless and widow :as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside down.
- 10. The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for evermore: and throughout all generations.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 6 verses 11-19

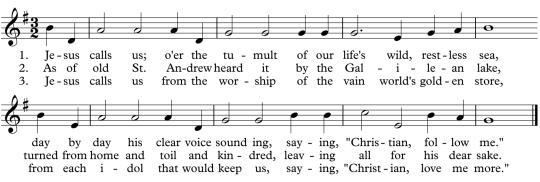
But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.





Text: Cecil F. Alexander (1823-1895) Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude (1851-1922)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16 verses 19-31

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

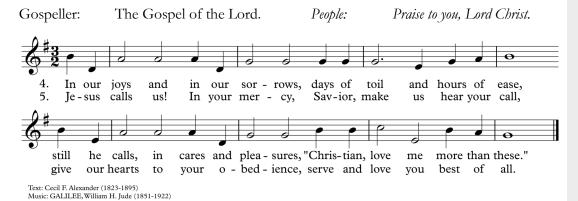
"There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead."

came 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 Scriptures tell us that

Jesus is the Word that be-

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 "evangelism" and "evangelism"



THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED (Please stand)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all that is, seen and unseen.

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from 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. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He 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

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; Deacon Lee; 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.

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.

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, 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

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.

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

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

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:1-2

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.

We are 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.

THE PEACE (Please stand)

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

People: And also with you.

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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Sung by The Old St Andrew's Parish Church Choir

"Be thou my vision"

Early Irish tr. Mary Byrne (1880-1931) versified Eleanor Hull (1860-1935) Harmonies and arrangement by Bob Chilcott (b.1955)

> 1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art; Be thou my best thought in the day and the night, Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word; Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord: Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son; Be with me, and I with thee one.

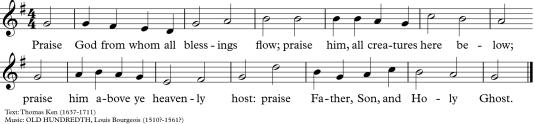
3. Be thou, and thou only, the first in my heart; O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art; Great heart of my heart, whatever befall, Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

"Be Thou My Vision" (Old Irish: Rop tú mo baile or Rob tú mo bhoile) is a traditional hymn from Ireland. The words are based on a Middle Irish poem often attributed to the sixth-century Irish Christian poet Dallán Forgaill, although it is probably later than that. The best-known English version, with some minor variations, was translated by Eleanor Hull and published in 1912.

Bob Chilcott, along with John Rutter, is one of the vibrant composers of church music for the 21st century. He chooses lyrical, instantly memorable themes, and weaves them around hauntingly beautiful words, to create a timeless and enduring work that one can return to again and again.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN (Please stand)

Old Hundredth



Here at Old St Andrew's

Parish Church we 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 mes-

sage 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.

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O LORD, *People:* And of thine own have we given thee.

The Holy Communion

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

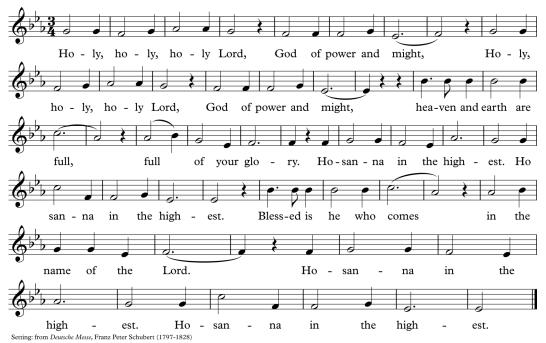
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, 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 & BENEDICTUS



Please kneel

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.

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, 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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continue

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. 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.

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



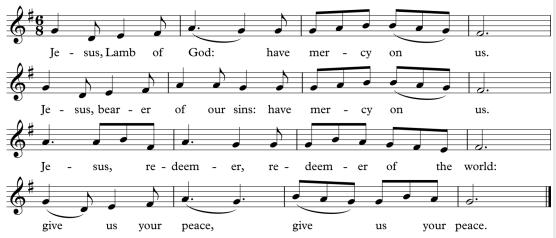
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Music: R.D. Duckett (1959-2013) Used by permission.
Harmonization: M. Wilkinson (b. 1991) & C.L. Walchesky (b. 1989). Used by permission.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE AGNUS DEI



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

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

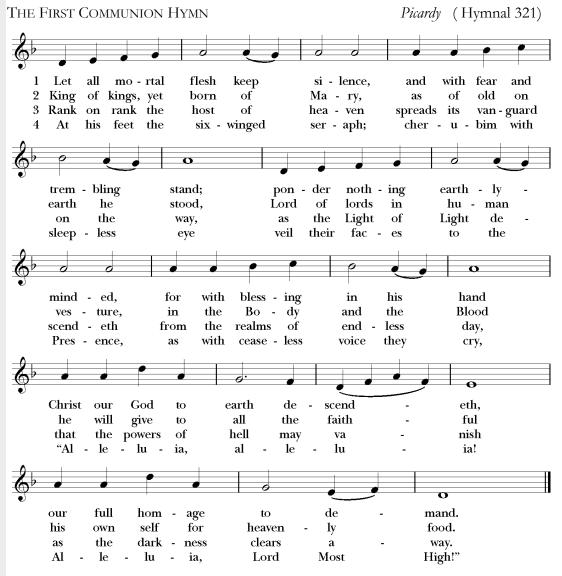
The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, 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.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885) Music: Picardy, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from Chansons populaires des Provinces de France, 1860; harm. after The English Hymnal, 1906

COMMUNION ANTHEM

(Sung by our Parish Choir)

O Strength and Stay

Music Louis Bourgeois (1510-1559) Words: St Ambrose (340-397)

- 1. O strength and stay upholding all creation, who ever dost thyself unmoved abide, Yet day by day the light in due gradation, from hour to hour through all its change guide.
 - 2. Grant to life's day a calm unclouded ending, an eve untouched by shadows of decay, The brightness of a holy death-bed bending with dawning glories of th'eternal day.
 - 3. Hear us, O Father, gracious and forgiving, through Jesus Christ thy coeternal word, Who with the Holy Ghost, by all things living now and to endless ages art adored.

Loys "Louis" Bourgeois (1510 – 1559) was a French composer and music theorist of the Renaissance. He is most famous as one of the main compilers of Calvinist hymn tunes in the middle of the 16th century. One of the most famous melodies in all of Christendom, the Protestant doxology known as the Old 100th, which we sing here at Old St Andrew's, is attributed to him



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.

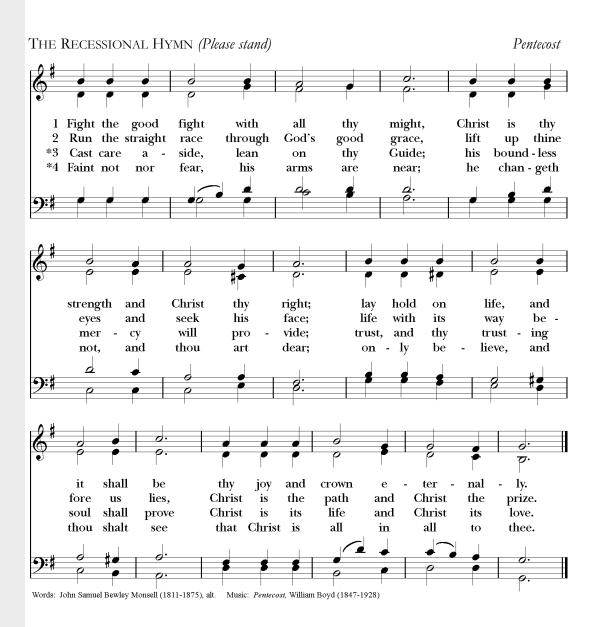
After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING



THE DISMISSAL

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

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.

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