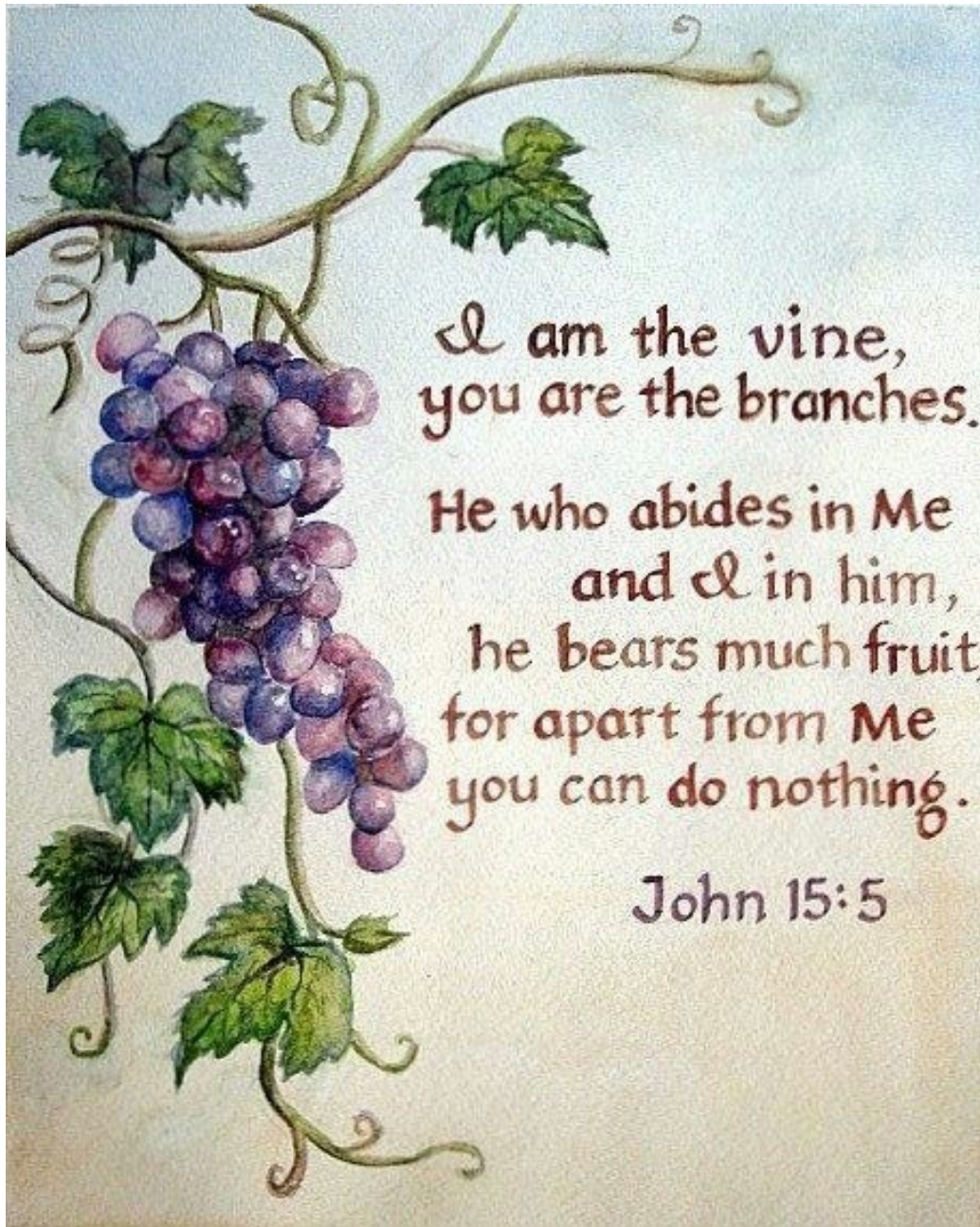


ST. ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH

Established 1706



THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Family Service at 9:00 a.m.

May 2, 2021



OLD ST. ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH

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The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

The Family Service at 9:00 a.m.

We Gather in the Lord's Name

The Processional Song, *standing*

Indescribable

1. Through the high - est of heights to the depths of the sea,
2. Who has told ev - ery light-ning bolt where it should go,
cre - a - tion's re - veal - ing Your maj - est - y;
or seen heav - en - ly store-hous - es lad - en with snow?
from the co - lours of fall to the fra-grance of spring,
who im - ag - ined the sun and gives source to its light
ev - ery creat-ure u - nique in the song that it sings! All ex - claim - ing...
yet con-ceals it to bring us the cool-ness of night; none can fath - om...
Refrain
"In - de-scrib - a - ble! Un - con-tain - a - ble!" You placed the stars in the
sky and You know them by name, "You are a - maz - ing, God!
All pow - er - ful! Un - tam - a - ble!" Awe-struck we fall to our
knees as we hum-bly pro - claim, "You are a - maz - ing, God!"
Ending
"You are a - maz - ing, God!" "You are a - maz - ing, God!"

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The Acclamation, *standing*

(BCP page 123)

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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 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 **Accla-
mation**, which is an eager expres-
sion of praise.

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.**

The Summary of the Law

(BCP page 124)

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*

Magnificat (Song of Mary)

My soul pro - claims Your great - ness, LORD, re - joic - ing
in my Sav - ior. Your mer - cy be - longs to those who fear Your
Son; His bless - ing You have giv - en them for ev - er.
And ho - ly is His name. Ho - ly is His name.
Refrain You a - lone have done great things, I can't boast of an - y - thing;
Might - y One and King of kings, Je - sus!
You a - lone have done great things, by Your liv - ing Word in me;
Might - y One and King of kings Je - sus! *1st time - repeat from beginning*
2nd time - repeat refrain
3rd time - to ending
My soul pro - claims Your great - ness, LORD, re - joic - ing in my Sav - ior.

Words adapted from *The Magnificat* ("Song of Mary") and music by Matt Maher
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Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Leader: Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 OLD TESTAMENT LESSON (*will not be read*)

Isaiah 45:11-13 & 18-25

Thus says the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, and the one who formed him: "Ask me of things to come; will you command me concerning my children and the work of my hands? I made the earth and created man on it; it was my hands that stretched out the heavens, and I commanded all their host. I have stirred him up in righteousness, and I will make all his ways level; he shall build my city and set my exiles free, not for price or reward," says the Lord of hosts. For thus says the Lord, who created the heavens (he is God!), who formed the earth and made it (he established it; he did not create it empty, he formed it to be inhabited!): "I am the Lord, and there is no other. I did not speak in secret, in a land of darkness; I did not say to the offspring of Jacob, 'Seek me in vain.' I the Lord speak the truth; I declare what is right. "Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, you survivors of the nations! They have no knowledge who carry about their wooden idols, and keep on praying to a god that cannot save. Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, the Lord? And there is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides me. "Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return: 'To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance.' "Only in the Lord, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; to him shall come and be ashamed all who were incensed against him. In the Lord all the offspring of Israel shall be justified and shall glory.

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.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The SPARK Bible Reading, *seated*

Jesus the Vine
SPARK Bible, pg. 452

The Gospel Song, *standing*

Lord, let my heart be good soil

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.

If my heart is hard, break the stone away. If my heart is cold, warm it with the day.

If my heart gets lost, lead it to your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.

If my way is dark, help me understand. Should I start to faint, refresh me with your command.

If the thorns surround, lift me to higher ground.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

The Homily, *seated*

Father Donnie McDaniel

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.

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.”

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 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, 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.**

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 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

We Give in Thanksgiving for God's Blessings

The Offertory Song, *seated*

Amazing Love (You are my King)

I'm for - giv - en, be - cause You were for - sak - en, I'm ac - cept - ed,
 You were con - demned; I'm a - live and well, You're
 Spir - it is with - in me, be - cause You died and rose a - gain.
Refrain
 A - maz - ing love! How can it be, that You my King would die for me?
 A - maz - ing love! I know it's true, it's my joy to hon - or You,
 in all I do, I hon - or You. **Fine**
 You are my King! You are my King! Je - sus,
 You are my King! Je - sus, You are my King! **D.S. to Refrain**

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The Presentation Song, *standing*

Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Him, all crea - tures here be -
 low; praise Him a - bove, ye heav - en - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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

Celebrant:

(BCP 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.**

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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has won for us 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.

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.

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:

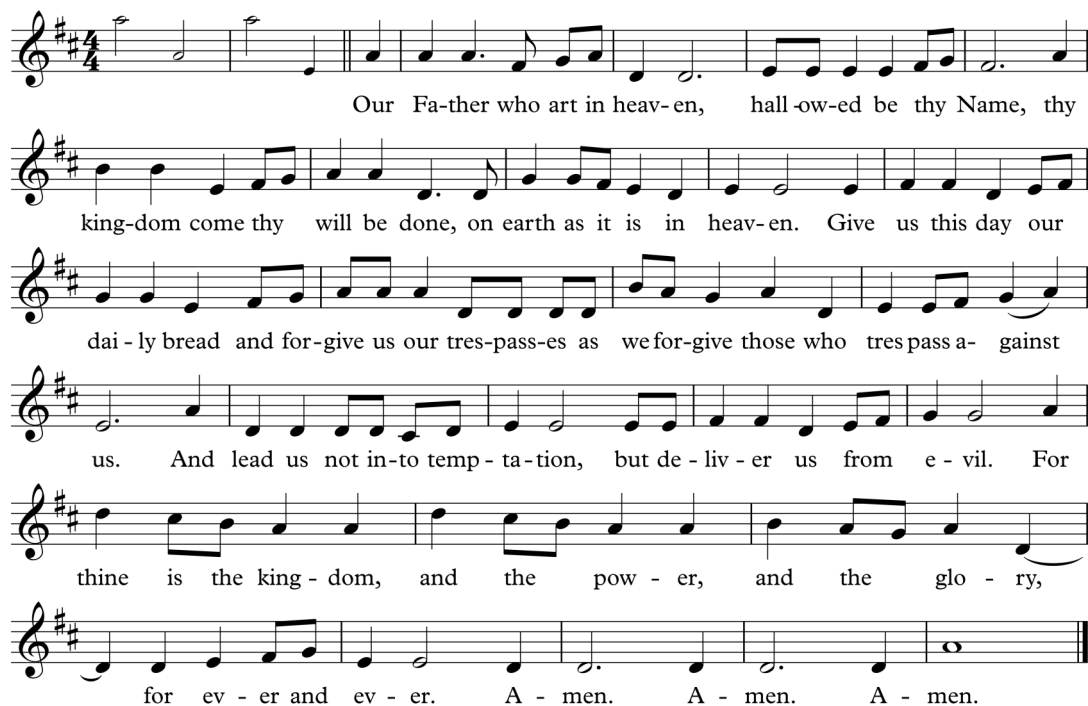
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, 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.**

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 Prayer for Spiritual Communion

(BCP page 677)

Celebrant:

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people [gathered around every altar of your Church], and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul, never permit me to be separated from you. **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.

The Communion Song, *seated*

How great thou art

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.

The Blessing

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 Recessional Song, *standing*

All creatures of our God and King



1. All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voic-es, let us
 4. Dear mo-ther earth, you day by day un-fold your bless-ings on our
 5. All you with mer-cy in your heart, for-giv-ing o-thers, take your
 7. Let all things their cre-a-tor bless, and wor-ship him in hum-ble -

sing: Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Bright burn-ing sun with gold-en
 way, O praise him, Al-le-lu-ia! All flowers and fruits that in you
 part, O sing now: Al-le-lu-ia! All you that pain and sor-row
 ness, O praise him, Al-le-lu-ia! Praise God the Fa-ther, praise the
 beams, pale sil-ver moon that gen-tly gleams,
 grow, let them his glo-ry al-so show:
 bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
 Son, and praise the Spi-rit, Three in One:
 O praise him. O praise him, Al-le-lu-
 lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Text: Francis of Assisi (1182-1226) tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt.
 Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang*, 1626; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

We Go Out to Serve God

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 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.

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.

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