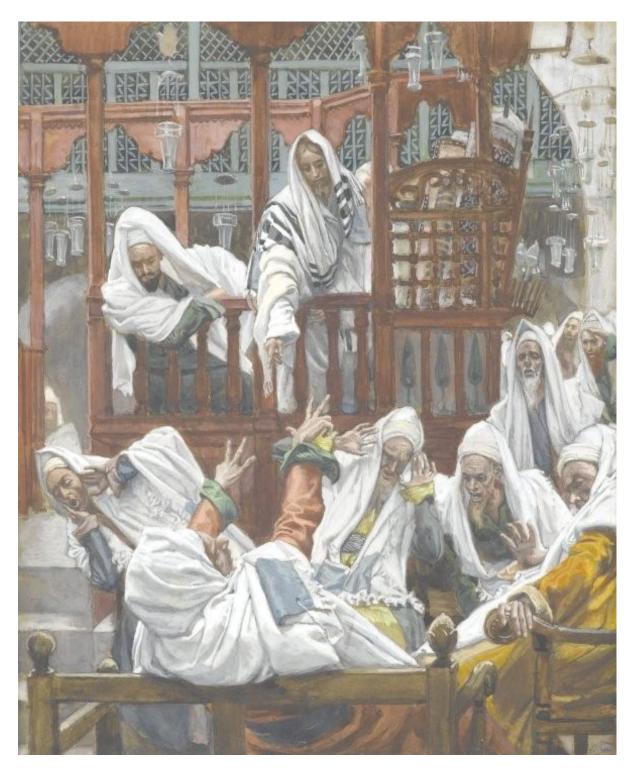
# St. Andrew's Parish Church

established in 1706



THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
The Holy Eucharist and Holy Baptism at 11:00 a.m.
28 January 2018



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# The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

28 January 2018

The Holy Eucharist & Holy Baptism at 11:00 a.m.

This service may be found in the red Book of Common Prayer beginning on page 299

#### THE OPENING VOLUNTARY



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

Music: Paderborn, melody from Catolisch-Paderbornisches Gesang-buch, 1765; harm. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947)

# 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 **wel-come 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.

How may I best prepare for worship? First, pray for God to speak to your through worship today, thank God for your blessings, and ask God to give your heart to those things that need your repentance. Next, open your bulletin to the Gospel lesson and read the passage for the day. All of the music and lessons for the day flow from the message of the Gospel lesson assigned by the lectionary.

ON THE COVER
A Demoniac
in the Synagogue
By James Tissot

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

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

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: One God and Father of all.

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you know that we are set in the midst of so many and grave dangers that in the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant us your strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through every temptation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

# The Liturgy of the Word

THE FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 18:15-22

"The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' And the Lord said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.' And if you say in your heart, 'How may we know the word that the Lord has not spoken?'—when a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the Lord has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him.

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.

(Praise to you)

- 1. I will give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart: secretly among the faithful, and in the congregation.
- 2. The works of the Lord are great: sought out of all of them that have pleasure therein.
- 3. His work is worthy to be praised and had in honour: and his righteousness endureth for ever.
- 4. The merciful and gracious Lord hath so done his marvellous works: that they ought to be had in remembrance.
- 5. He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he shall ever be mindful of his covenant.
- 6. He hath shewed his people the power of his works: that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.
- 7. The works of his hands are verity and judgement: all his commandments are true.
- 8. They stand fast for ever and ever: and are done in truth and equity.
- 9. He sent redemption unto his people : he hath commanded his covenant for ever; holy and reverend is his Name.
- 10. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do thereafter; the praise of it endureth for ever.

#### THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 8: 1-13

Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "an idol has no real existence," and that "there is no God but one." For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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, *evangelium*, which also literally means "good news." These are the source of the English words "e v a n g e l i s t" a n d "evangelism"



Music: SALZBURG, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

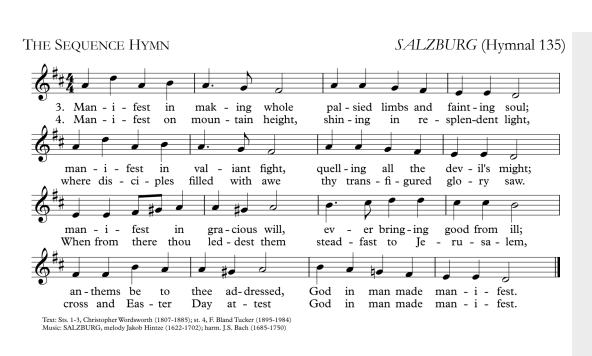
Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord. *People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Mark 1:21-28



THE SERMON

The Rev. Marshall Huey



### Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents

I present Louisa Jean Schaeffer to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness

that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt

and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love

of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *this person* in *her* life in Christ?

People: We will.

The Celebrant then says

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

# The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and

earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conce-

ived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin

Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the

dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the comm-

union of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the

body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship in the

breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into

sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God

in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neigh

bor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and

respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

#### PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

The Celebrant then says

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deacon: Deliver *her*, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon: Open *her* heart to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon: Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon: Keep *her* in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon: Teach *her* to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon: Send *her* into the world in witness to your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon: Bring *her* to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen*.

#### THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

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

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen*.

# The Baptism

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, or to an assisting priest or deacon, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying

Louisa Jean Schaeffer, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Bishop or Priest prays over them, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *this* your *servant* the forgiveness of sin, and have raised *her* to the new life of grace. Sustain *her*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *her* an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen*.

Then the Bishop or Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying to each one Louisa Jean Schaeffer, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PEACE (Please stand)

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

People: And also with you.

#### THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM (Please be seated)

Softly and Tenderly
Music: Raymond Brown
Words: Will L. Thompson (1847-1909)

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.

See on the portals He's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

Come home, come home, you who are weary, come home

Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling, calling, "Oh, sinner, come home."

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?

Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me?

Time is now fleeting; the moments are passing, passing for you and for me.

Shadows are gath'ring, death's night is coming, coming for you and for me.

Oh, for the wonderful love He has promised, promised for you and for me!

Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.

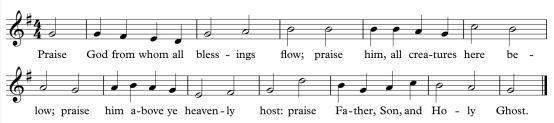
Come home, come home; you who are weary, come home.

Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling, calling, "Oh, sinner, come home."

This gospel song was first written in 1880 by William L. Thompson. The tune that normally accompanies the song was also written by Thompson and beautifully conveys the lyrics. Raymond Brown wrote a new tune in the 1980s and the melody enhances and highlights these poignant words to perfection.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN (Please stand)

#### OLD HUNDREDTH



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

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.

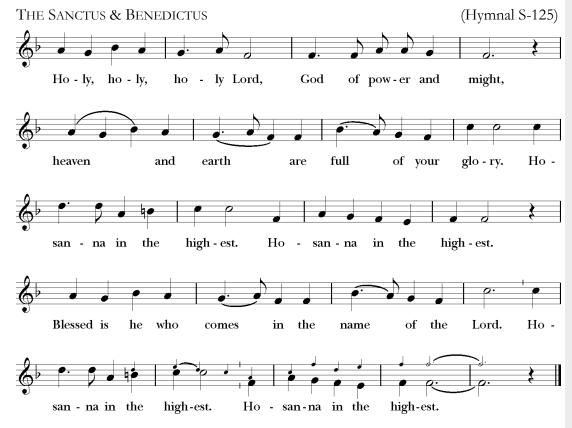
People: We lift them to the Lord.

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. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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:



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.

Then the Celebrant continues

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

This **AMEN** is often called the "Great Amen" because it is the apex of our liturgy, the powerful ending to the Eucharist Prayer. We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Andrew and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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 hath taught us, we are bold to say,



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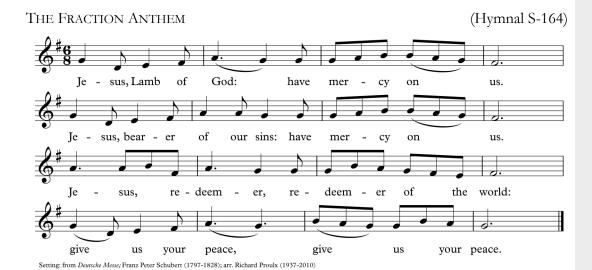
this prayer to His disciples as an example of how to pray, has been a part of Eucharistic liturgies since the fourth century. The link between "our daily bread" and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is very ancient. In the Lord's Prayer, we ask for daily bread, meaning the things we need 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. This setting was composed by the late Dr. Ricky Duckett, former music director at Old St. Andrew's.

The Lord's Prayer, so called because Jesus gave

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.



# 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.

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

The Christian life is deeply personal yet is essentially corporate by nature, not private. Every act of worship is intended not only to glorify God for His own sake, but to lift up and build up one another in Christ for His sake as well. The word "liturgy" literally means "the work of the people." A central function of liturgy is to send the message that in a worship community there are no bystanders. It is corporate through and through and from one end to the other. Singing is also a form of prayer that can help carry the heart to God not only in the words being sung but beyond the reach of words.

#### THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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

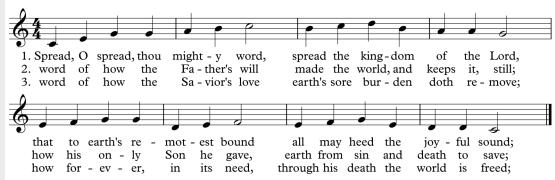
We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious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

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.

#### THE HYMN

Gott Sei Dank (Hymnal 530)



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

#### The Communion Anthem

## Be Still My Soul

Music: Jean Sibelius (1865-1957)

Words: Katharina von Schlegel (1697-1768)

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide; in every change God faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord,

When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.

Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, Aal safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

The Finlandia hymn (Finnish: Finlandia-hymni) refers to a serene hymn-like section of the patriotic symphonic poem Finlandia, written in 1899 and 1900 by the Finnish composer Jean Sibelius. It was later re-worked by the composer into a stand-alone piece.

"Be Still, My Soul" was written in German ("Stille meine Wille, dein Jesus hilft siegen") in 1752 by Katharina Amalia Dorothea von Schlegel (1697–1768) and translated into English in 1855 by Jane Laurie Borthwick (1813–1897) and was added to the tune in the early 1900s.





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.

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

#### Let us pray.

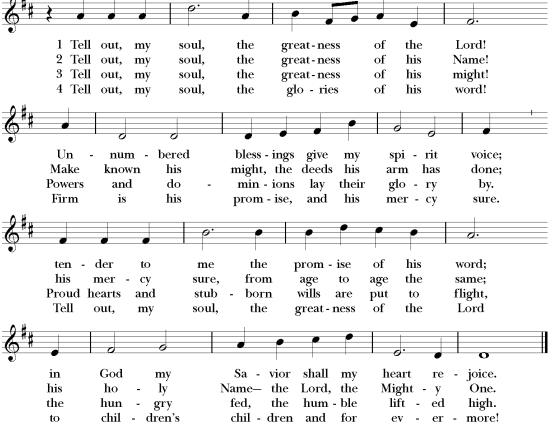
Celebrant and People

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.

As the Eucharistic celebration ends, we are charged to "go forth." The Holy Eucharist is therefore not an exclusive gathering that separates us from the world but a charge to reach out beyond our own walls to the world around us for the sake of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

THE BLESSING

This hymn, dating from at least the 11th century, has been traditionally sung on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday as a way to "retire" the word *Alleluia* for Lent. Note the contrast between captivity in Babylon in the second verse and the coming Easter in the fourth verse.



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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 DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God.

THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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# **NOTES**



The Most Reverend Dr. Foley Beach, Archbishop

#### A Brief History of Saint Andrew's Parish Church

Built in 1706, this simple, elegant church is the oldest surviving structure used for worship south of Virginia. It is South Carolina's only remaining colonial cruciform church.

St. Andrew's Parish Church (commonly known as Old St. Andrew's) was one of ten Anglican churches in South Carolina established in 1706 by the Church Act. It was built to serve the Anglican planters along the Ashley River, a thriving tidal waterway that connected them to the city of Charles Town and to each other.

The ancient building holds a full schedule of worship services every Sunday. Some of its earliest counterparts are still used, but less often. (None is older.) Others have been replaced or augmented by newer buildings, some centuries old themselves, some modern. Still others have vanished, or their ruins stand in eerie silence to ages past. Visitors to this national treasure see a beautifully restored building, but the church hides a past that left it for dead many times.

Rice, indigo, and slaves brought prosperity to the lands along the Ashley, where some of the wealthiest plantations in British North America were located. The church was expanded to the shape of a cross in 1723 to accommodate a growing population. It survived a major fire in the 1760s but was quickly rebuilt inside its existing walls. But the parish declined before the Revolution and into the antebellum era. Ministering to the slaves, at the church and three plantation chapels, became the focus of the clergy. From 1851 to 1891, the Rev. John Grimké Drayton, the renowned horticulturalist at Magnolia-on-the-Ashley just north of St. Andrew's, was rector.

The church was one of the few buildings along the Ashley that Union troops did not burn to the ground during the Civil War. It became a polling place and did not reopen until 1876, eleven years after the war ended. The parish found itself at the epicenter of two of the most important events of late nineteenth century Charleston: the phosphate mining boom along the Ashley and the Great Earthquake of 1886, which caused significant damage to the church. After Rev. Drayton died in 1891, St. Andrew's lay dormant for the next fifty-seven years.

In 1948 Episcopalians moving to the West Ashley suburbs reopened the dilapidated church, even though it was far away from new residential developments. Dogged perseverance brought slow but continual improvements. A parish house was built, and then expanded twice in quick succession. Hurricane Hugo (1989) caused major damage to the graveyard. Into the twenty-first century, the church undertook the most extensive restoration in its history and celebrated its tercentennial. In 2013, after undergoing a deliberate process of discernment, Old St. Andrew's aligned with the Diocese of South Carolina and left The Episcopal Church.

For more than 300 years, St. Andrew's has survived, indeed has thrived, against all odds.

Paul Porwoll, author of Against All Odds: History of Saint Andrew's Parish Church, Charleston, 1706-2013

#### About the Diocese of South Carolina

The Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of South Carolina was formed in 1785 and has nearly 30,000 baptized members spread across the eastern and coastal portion of the state. The Diocese helped form The Episcopal Church (TEC) in 1789 and dissociated from TEC in the Fall of 2012. We continue as faithful Anglicans under the leadership of The Rt. Rev. Mark J. Lawrence, the 14th Bishop of the Diocese, pursuing the vision first cast in his message at the 2009 Diocesan Convention, where he urged us to focus on "Making Biblical Anglicans for a Global Age." Our continuing mission is, "To respond to the Great Commission by so presenting Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit that all may come to know Him as Savior and follow Him as Lord in the fellowship of His Church."

