

# ST. ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

THE HOLY EUCHARIST AT 11:00 A.M.

20 December 2020



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The Holy Eucharist at 11:00 a.m.

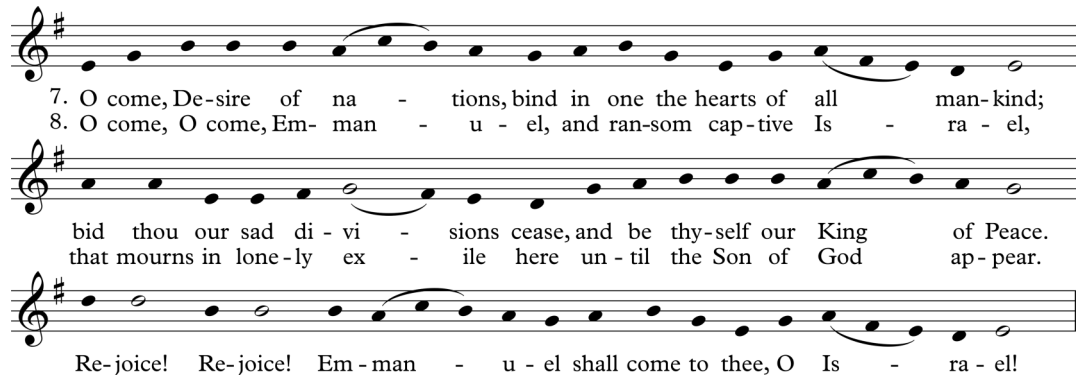
## Welcome!

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

### THE INTROIT

Tune: *Veni, veni Emmanuel*

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



7. O come, De-sire of na - tions, bind in one the hearts of all man-kind;  
8. O come, O come, Em- man - u - el, and ran-som cap-tive Is - ra - el,  
bid thou our sad di - vi - sions cease, and be thy-self our King of Peace.  
that mourns in lone-ly ex - ile here un - til the Son of God ap-pear.  
Re-joice! Re-joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Text: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. *Hymnal* 1940, alt.

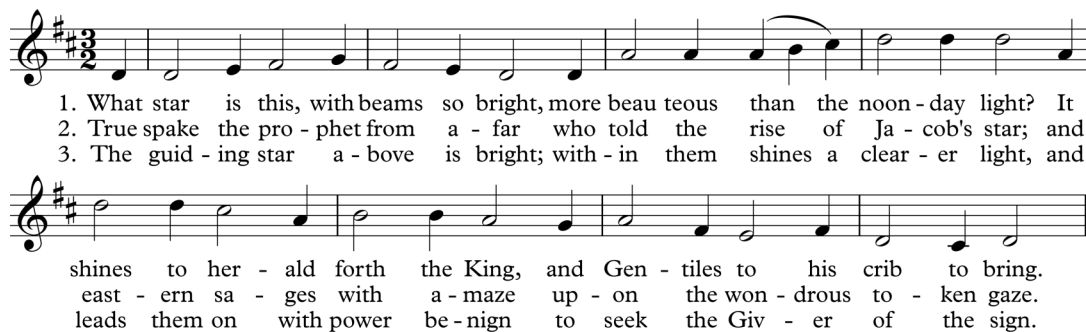
Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, plainsong, Mode 1, *Processionale*, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890)

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.

### THE LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

### THE PROCESSIONAL

Tune: *Puer Nobis*



1. What star is this, with beams so bright, more beau teous than the noon - day light? It  
2. True spake the pro - phet from a - far who told the rise of Ja - cob's star; and  
3. The guid - ing star a - bove is bright; with - in them shines a clear - er light, and  
shines to her - ald forth the King, and Gen - tiles to his crib to bring.  
east - ern sa - ges with a - maze up - on the won - drous to - ken gaze.  
leads them on with power be - nign to seek the Giv - er of the sign.

Text: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Chandler (1807-1876), alt.  
Music: PUER NOBIS, melody from Trier MS., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

### THE ACCLAMATION - (BCP 2019 page 123)

Celebrant: Surely the Lord is coming soon.

People: **Amen. Come Lord Jesus!** 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.**

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  
Joseph's Dream  
Anton Raphael Mengs  
(1728-1779)

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)

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

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.

THE COLLECTS OF THE DAY (BCP 2019 page 125)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and as we are sorely hindered by our sins from running the race that is set before us, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

# The Liturgy of the Word

## THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 7 verses 10-17

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz: “Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father's house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria!”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Scriptures teach that much of our spiritual renewal is by the washing of the Word of God, which cleanses our minds and purifies our hearts. This portion of the service is known as the **Liturgy of the Word**, and it consists of the readings, the sermon, the creed, and the prayers of the people.

## THE PSALM

*Domini est terra* (The Earth is the Lord's)

Psalm 24

1. The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is : the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.
2. For he hath founded it upon the seas : and prepared it upon the floods.
3. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord : or who shall rise up in his holy place?
4. Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart : and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.
5. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord : and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
6. This is the generation of them that seek him : even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.
7. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors : and the King of glory shall come in.
8. Who is the King of glory : it is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.
9. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors : and the King of glory shall come in.
10. Who is the King of glory : even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.



Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

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 SEQUENCE HYMN (*Please stand*)Tune: *St Stephen*

1. The King shall come when morn ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks;  
 2. Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to bear, and fight, and die,  
 3. The King shall come when morn ing dawns and earth's dark night is past;

when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.  
 but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.  
 O haste the ris - ing of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;

Text: Greek, tr. John Bwornlie (1859-1925), alt.  
 Music: ST. STEPHEN, William Jones (1726-1800), alt.

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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 SEQUENCE HYMN (*Please stand*)

Tune: *St. Stephen*



4. and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by wear - y saints fore - told,  
5. The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings:  
when right shall tri-umph o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

Text: Greek, tr. John Bwornlie (1859-1925), alt.  
Music: ST. STEPHEN; William Jones (1726-1800), alt.

### THE SERMON

The Reverend Joseph Vella

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 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 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.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP 2019 page 128)

*Led by a member of the Order of the Daughters of the King*

*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 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.**



THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, continued

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 and their Rector, Fr. Jason Hamshaw, Chelsea and their family; and 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.

*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, particularly those on our parish prayer list, and for those we name at this time. *(pause)*

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

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

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

*Celebrant:* 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 AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN *(Please kneel as able)* (BCP 2019 page 130)  
Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*Silence*

*Celebrant and 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 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.**

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 all sinful people. Here, in the **Confession**, we admit our wrongdoings and lay our sins at the feet of Jesus on the cross.

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

THE 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.*

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY: If you would like to make an online offering at this time to Old St. Andrew's Parish Church, please follow the link:

<https://www.oldstandrews.org/giving-1>

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM OLD ST ANDREW'S PARISH CHOIR (*Please be seated*)  
**Riu, Riu Chiu - Mateo Flecha el Viejo (1481-1553)**

Refrain: Riu, riu, chiu (A Kingfisher's warning cry)

The river bank protects it, as God kept the wolf from our lamb

1. The rabid wolf tried to bite her

But God almighty knew how to defend her

He wished to create her impervious to sin

Nor was this maid to embody original sin

Refrain: Riu, riu chiu

2. He who's now begotten is our mighty Monarch Christ,

Our Holy Father, in human flesh embodied

He has brought atonement by being born so humble

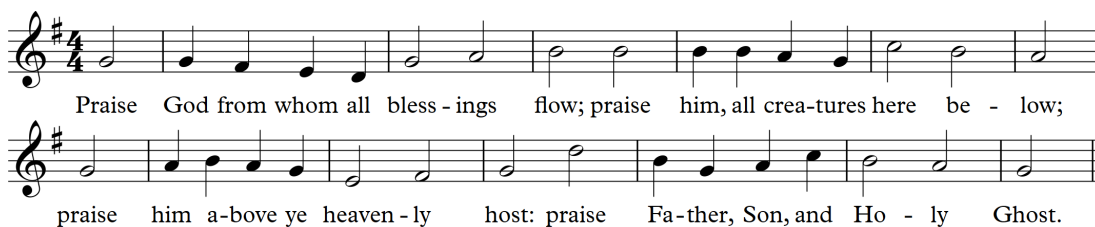
Though He is immortal, as mortal was created

Refrain: Riu, riu chiu

The basic theme of this song is the nativity of Christ and the Immaculate Conception. At its true length it boasts 14 verses, but we have opted for a shorter version this morning, with two verses and three refrains.

Over the past twenty years the song has become enormously popular around the world and it has been recorded by professional choirs and amateur choirs alike—and there is even a rather tedious and monotonous version of the carol on YouTube, featuring The Monkees!

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.



Text: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

*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:

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.

For those who would like to come forward to receive, two clergy will be in the center aisle. The Celebrant will intinct (dip) the wafer into the consecrated wine chalice and then place the intincted wafer onto the palm of the person receiving. The other clergy will be holding the chalice for the Celebrant.

Anyone who does not want wine on the wafer should tell the clergy when they approach them to receive.

Both clergy will have on masks for safety. The ushers will invite people into the center aisle row by row to minimize congregating in the aisles. Those coming forward should keep their masks on until it is time to receive, then should put their mask back on before returning down the center aisle to their seats.

Individual communion elements are available if you do not want to receive from the clergy.

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.

## THE SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- 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.

## THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION (BCP 2019 page 132)

*Please Kneel*

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 Celebrant continues:*

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.**

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 sing:

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 trespass 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.

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

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

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

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.

## THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (BCP 2019 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 2019 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

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on  
us. O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -  
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
on us. O Lamb of God that  
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.

Setting: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968)

## THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

*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 ANTHEM - (*Please be seated*)

**Once, as I remember**

Words: G R Woodward(1848-1934 17th c. carol arr. Charles Wood (1866-1926)

1. Once, as I remember,, at the time of Yule, after mid December, when it  
bloweth cool. I o'erheard a Mother was a-singing, 'Sweet Jesu,  
La-lullay-lu, La-lullay-lu.'
2. Near as man was able, on my knee fell I, in the Bethlem stable where the Babe  
did lie, and the Virgin-mother was a-singing, 'Sweet Jesu,  
La-lullay-lu, La-lullay-lu.'
3. Ox and ass around him, courtier-like, did stand: fair white linen bound him,  
spun by Mary's hand. while the Virgin-mother was a-singing, 'Sweet Jesu,  
La-lullay-lu, La-lullay-lu.'
4. Ever among and o'er us angel-quire gan sing antiphons in chorus to the new-  
born King. then the Virgin-mother fell a-singing, 'Sweet Jesu,  
La-lullay-lu, La-lullay-lu.'

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.

COMMUNION HYMN (*If needed*)

*Tune: St. Flavian*

4. the day to whose clear shin-ing light all wrong shall stand re-vealed,  
5. when know-ledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth a-broad;  
when jus-tice shall be throned in might, and ev-ery hurt be healed;  
the day of per-fect right-eous-ness, the prom-ised day of God.

Text: Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1840-1929)

Music: ST. FLAVIAN, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP 2019 page 137)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

*Celebrant:* Let us pray. (Kneeling)

**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 (BCP 2019 page 137)

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN (*Please stand*)

Tune: *Stuttgart*



1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
2. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:  
3. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,  
4. By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.  
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: STUTTGART, melody from *Psalmody Sacra, oder Andachtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715; adapt. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870)

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 (BCP 2019 page 138)

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

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

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