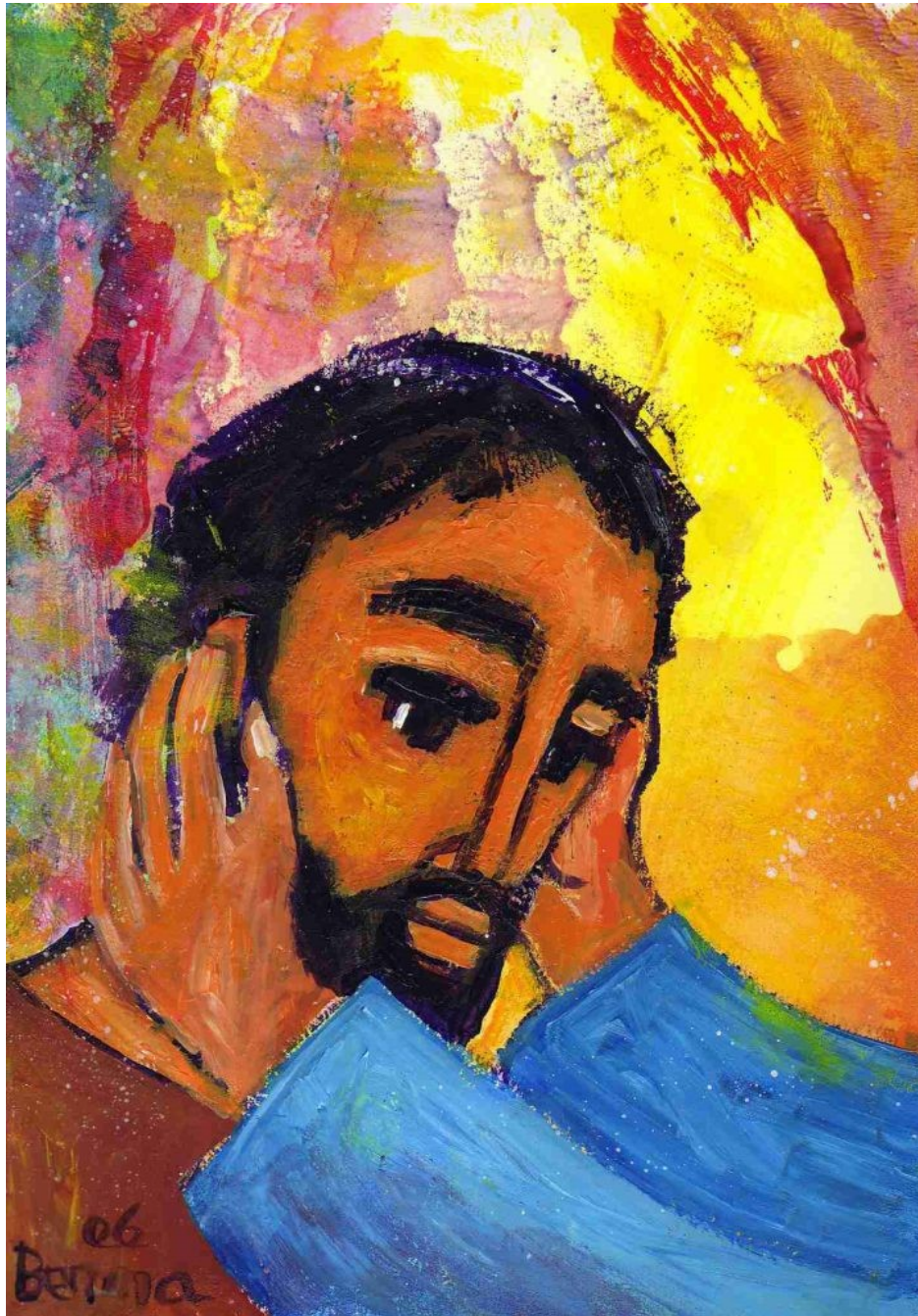


ST. ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH

Established 1706



THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Family Service at 9:00 a.m.

September 5, 2021



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Join The King's Counterpoint
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As we launch our 2021-22 Concert Season with
"HOMECOMING"
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Sunday, 26th September – 2.00pm
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The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 5, 2021

The Family Service at 9:00 a.m.

We Gather in the Lord's Name

The Processional Song, *standing*

Immortal, Invisible



1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3. To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,
in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;
most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see
al - migh - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt.

Musici: ST. DENIO, Welsh hymn, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877)

The Acclamation, *standing*

(BCP page 146)

Leader: Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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

The liturgy begins with the **Acclamation**, which is an eager expression 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.**

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.

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**Agnus Dei*

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, for the Lord God Al - might - y
reigns. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
for the Lord God Al - might - y reigns. Al - le - lu - ia.
Refrain
Ho - ly, ho - ly are You, Lord God Al - might - y; Wor - thy is the
Lamb, wor - thy is the Lamb. You are ho - ly, ho - ly are You, Lord God Al - might -
y; Wor - thy is the Lamb, wor - thy is the Lamb. You are ho - ly.

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The Collect of the Day, *standing*

(BCP page 125)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Almighty God, through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, you revealed the way of eternal life to every race and nation: Pour out this gift anew, that by the preaching of the Gospel your salvation may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the Lessons.

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.

We Hear God's Word

The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Lesson (*will not be read*)

James 1:17-37

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures. Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The SPARK Bible Lesson, *seated*

Jesus Heals
SPARK Bible, pg.256

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 Gospel Song, *standing*

Open Our Eyes Lord, We want to see Jesus

1. O - pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see Je - sus, to reach out and
 2. O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to lis - ten, o - pen our

1.
 touch eyes, him, and say that we love him.

2. *repeat song from beginning*
 Lord, we want to see Je - sus.

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The Holy Gospel

Mark 7:24-37

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

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

And from there Jesus arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophoenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

Then Jesus returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily, *seated*

Father David Alwine

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.

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 **Nicene Creed** is a statement of what the Christian community believes to be true about God. It was born of rigorous intellectual debate in the fourth century, culminating in councils of the whole church at Nicaea in 325 and at Constantinople in 381. The word "creed" comes from the Latin word "credo" which means "I believe."

The Prayers of the People, *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 Joe, Father David, Deacon Lee, 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.

About the "posture" of prayer:
It has been commonly said that Anglicans kneel for prayer, but that is not the rule for posture in any edition of the Prayer Book. Various editions have assumed that standing is the normal posture for public prayer and have directed the people to kneel only for confessions, for reciting the Commandments, etc. However, in this parish it is the traditional discipline to kneel for the prayers. It is a posture of humility, which is something always worth cultivating in ourselves.

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.**

In the **Confession of Sin and Absolution**, our sins, both individual and corporate, have been confessed, and we have been powerfully reassured of God's complete forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

The Peace is a particularly good time to welcome visitors and newcomers. Please take a moment to extend God's peace to those around you. That peace, which the world cannot give, comes only through the forgiving of Jesus Christ. This peace is not rooted in our circumstances but in the presence, promise and power of God and Christ's redeeming work.

The Peace

(BCP page 131)

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

People: **And with your spirit.**

We Give in Thanksgiving for God's Blessings

The Offertory Song, *seated*

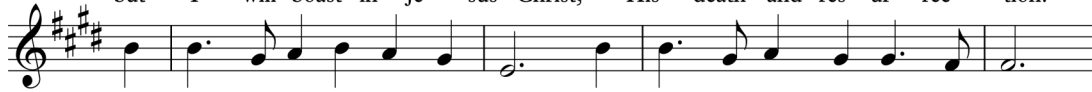
How Deep The Father's Love for Us



1. How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all mea - sure,
2. Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders;
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing, no gifts, no power, no wis - dom;



that He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His trea - sure.
a - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scoff - ers.
but I will boast in Je - sus Christ, His death and res - ur - rec - tion.



How great the pain of sear - ing loss; the Fa - ther turns His face a - way,
It was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished;
Why should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer,

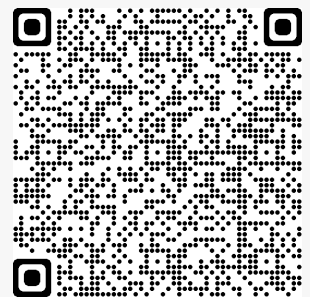


as wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
His dy - ing breath has brought me life: I know that it is fin - ished.
but this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

Words and music by Stuart Townend

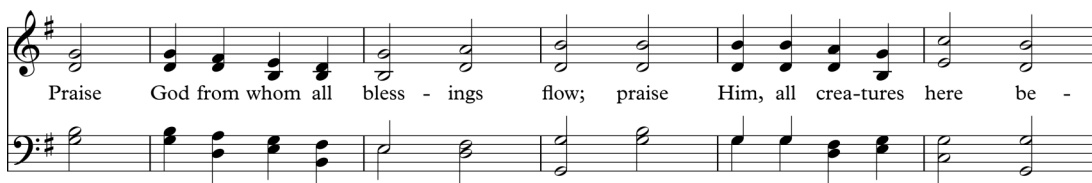
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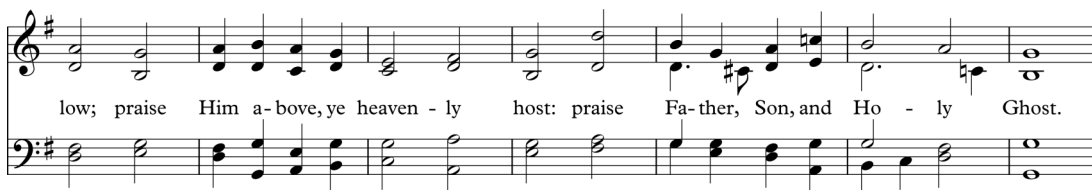


The Presentation Song, *standing*

Doxology



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Him, all crea-tures here be -



low; praise Him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

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

Celebrant:

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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

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 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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus and Benedictus

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.

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)

The Prayer of Consecration, *kneeling*

(BCP page 132)

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.**

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.

This **AMEN** is often called the “Great Amen” because it is the apex of our liturgy, the powerful ending to the Eucharist Prayer.

The **Lord's Prayer**, so called because Jesus gave this prayer to His disciples as an example of how to pray, has been a part of Eucharistic liturgies since the fourth century. The link between "our daily bread" and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is very ancient. In the Lord's Prayer, we ask for daily bread, meaning the things we need to get through each day. But as a part of that, the sacramental bread is Jesus Christ. When we eat of this bread, we most certainly receive our daily bread.

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 Fraction

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.

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 Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 2/2 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "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." The score consists of five staves of music, each corresponding to a line of lyrics. The first line of music ends with a double bar line, and the second line of music ends with a double bar line. The third line of music ends with a double bar line, and the fourth line of music ends with a double bar line. The fifth line of music ends with a double bar line.

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 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 Communion Song, *seated*

Fairest Lord Jesus

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Ru - ler of all na - ture,
 2. Fair are the mea - dows, fair - er still the wood - lands,
 O thou of God and man the Son;
 robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring:
 thee will I cher - ish, thee will I hon - or,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light,
 and all the twink - ling, star - ry host:
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
 than all the an - gels heaven can boast.

Text: German composite; tr. publ New York, 1850, alt.
 Music: ST. ELIZABETH, melody from *Schlesische Volkslieder*, 1842

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 to make Christ known in the world.

The Post Communion Prayer, *kneeling*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

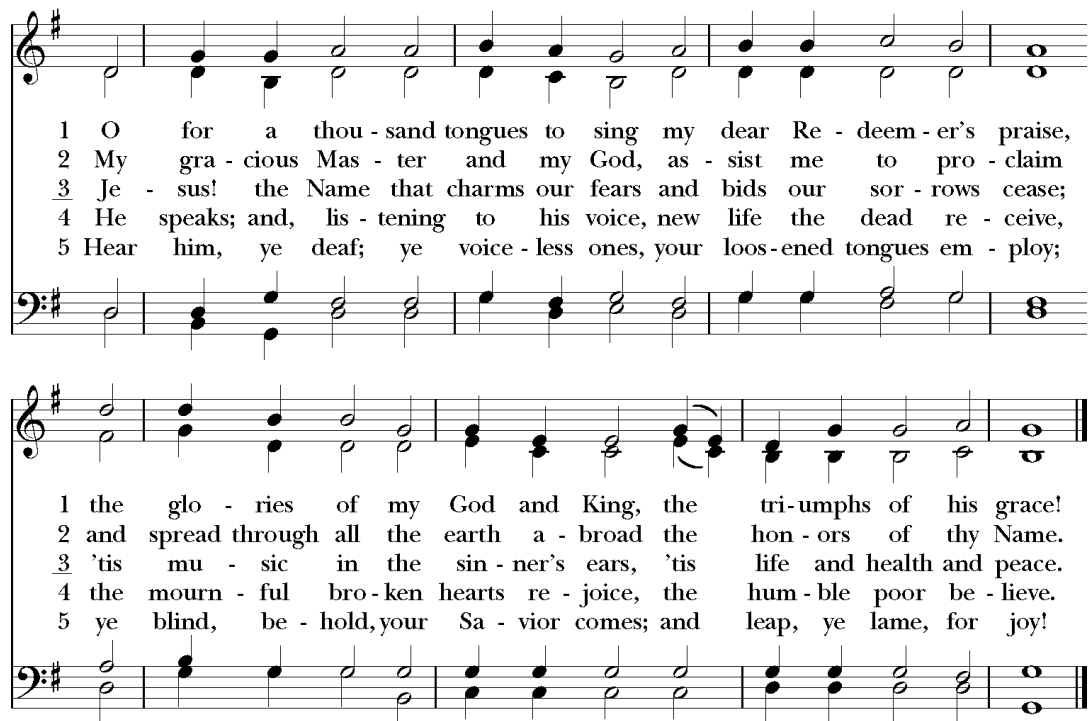
Heavenly Father,

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

The Recessional Song, *standing*

O For a Thousand tongues to Sing
(verses 1-3)



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

We Go Out to Serve God

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.**

As the service ends, we are charged to “go forth,” a challenge to reach out beyond our own church to the world around us.

SERVING TODAY

Father David Alwine
HOMILIST

Michael Jenkins
Kristen Martin
LECTORS

The Jenkins
FAMILY OF THE DAY

VESTRY IN CHARGE - Michael Ulmer, Rich Carns, Tommy Compton

ALTAR GUILD - Dee Norton, Romaine Smith, Eric Smith, Betty Rucker, Lacey Ahlers

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

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.

Our historic church holds a full schedule of worship services every Sunday. Some other early colonial churches in South Carolina 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 silence to ages past. Visitors to our national treasure see a beautifully restored building, but the church hides a past that left it for dead many times.

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.

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, the Parish left The Episcopal Church and aligned with the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina and later with the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA).

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