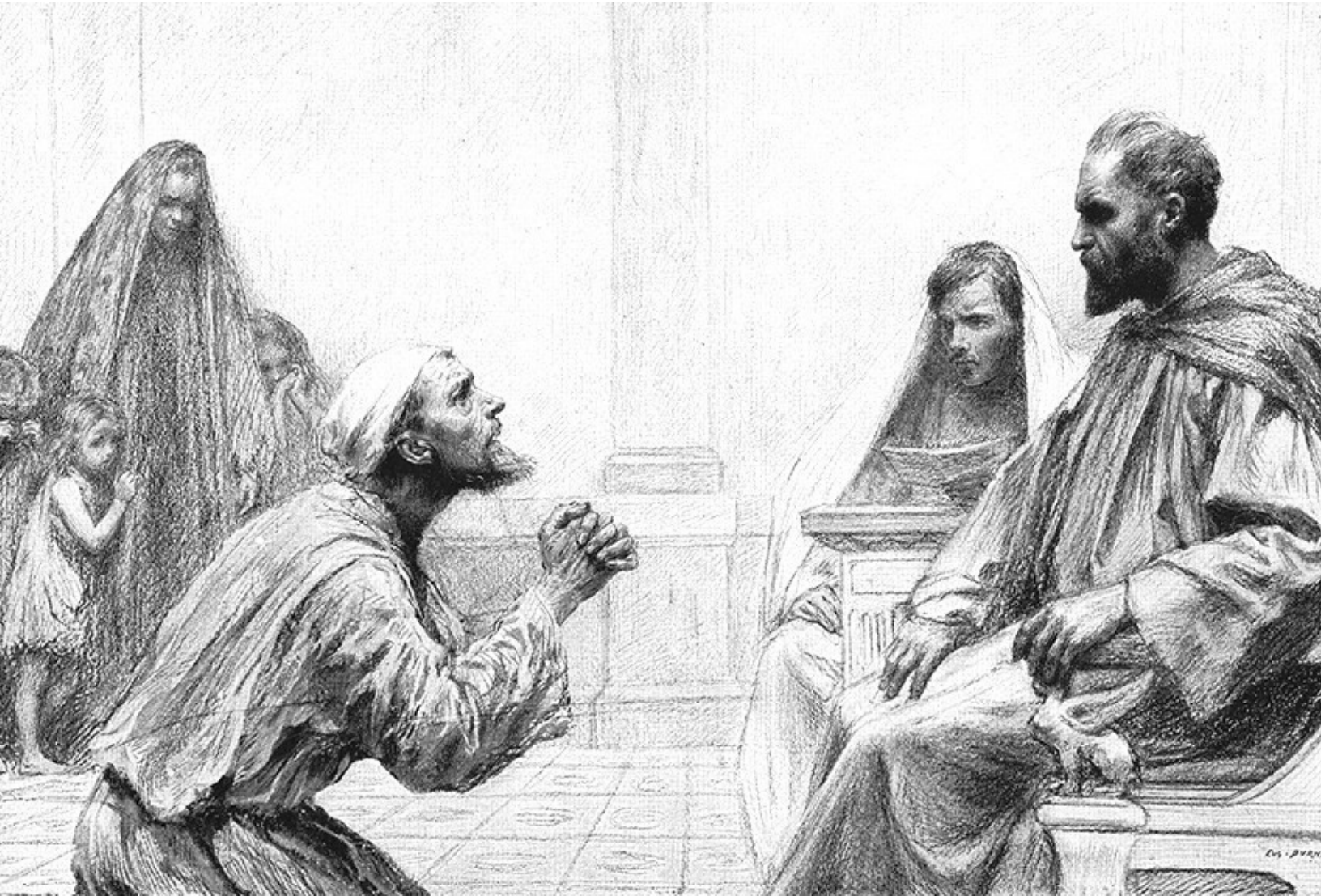


# ST. ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH

established 1706



## THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Holy Eucharist at 11:00 a.m.

13 September 2020



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*The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God  
and in thanksgiving for our Parish Family  
by Ed & Betsey Shafer.*

# The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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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:

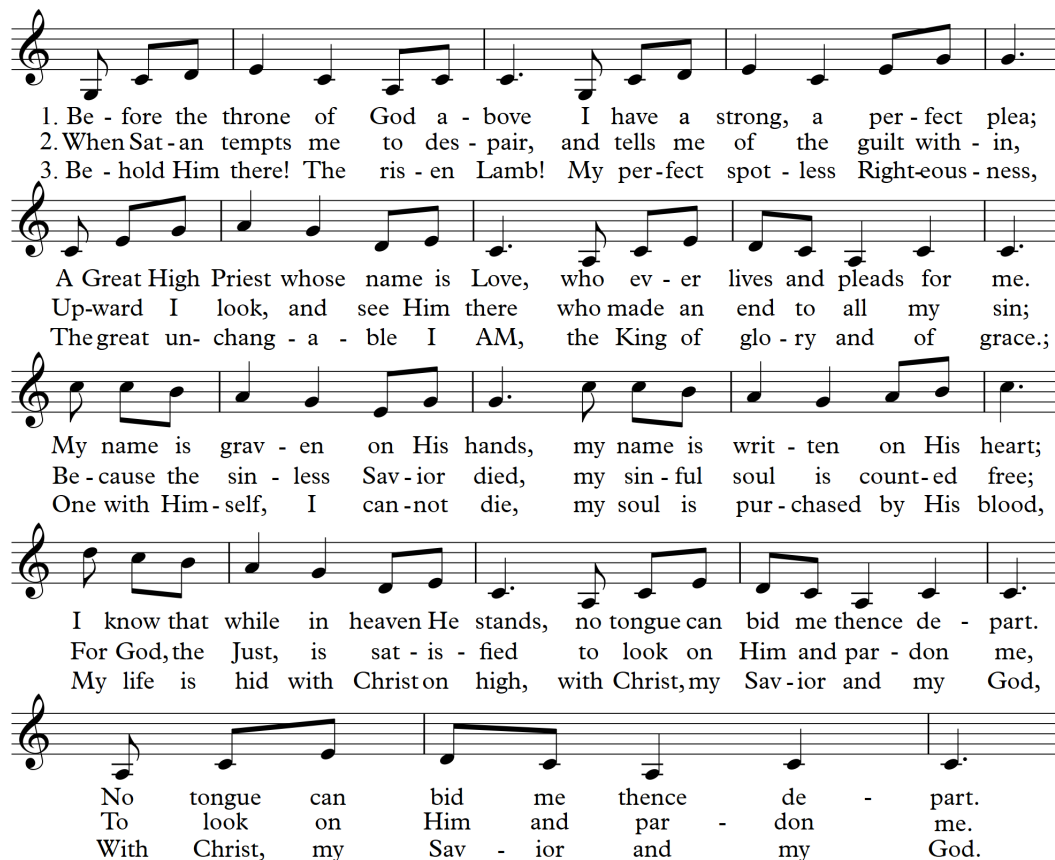
**Visit this place (Hymn for Old St Andrew's)**

Music: Graham Keitch (b. 1956)

Visit this place, O Lord, we pray, and drive far from it the snares of the enemy,  
May your holy angels dwell with us and guard us in peace,  
And may your blessing be always upon us;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN (*Please stand*)

Before the Throne of God Above



1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong, a per - fect plea;  
2. When Sat - an tempts me to des - pair, and tells me of the guilt with - in,  
3. Be - hold Him there! The ris - en Lamb! My per - fect spot - less Right - eous - ness,  
A Great High Priest whose name is Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me.  
Up - ward I look, and see Him there who made an end to all my sin;  
The great un - chang - a - ble I AM, the King of glo - ry and of grace.;  
My name is grav - en on His hands, my name is writ - ten on His heart;  
Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed free;  
One with Him - self, I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased by His blood,  
I know that while in heaven He stands, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
For God, the Just, is sat - is - fied to look on Him and par - don me,  
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God,  
No tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
To look on Him and par - don me.  
With Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

THE ACCLAMATIONS - (BCP 2019 page 145)

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

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP 2019 page 124)

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.

THE FRONTISPIECE

The Unmerciful Servant

Eugène Burnand

(1850-1921)

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 GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (BCP 2019 page 124)



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For  
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP 2019 page 125)

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.  
*People:* **And with your spirit.**  
*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**  
*(Please be seated)*

The **Collects** are prayers that touch on the theme of the Scripture readings and transitions us from speaking and singing God's praise to listening to his Holy Scriptures.

## The Liturgy of the Word

#### THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 50 verses 15-21

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you."' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

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.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.  
*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*Benedic, anima mea* (Bless my soul)

1. Praise the Lord, O my soul : and all that is within me praise his holy Name.
2. Praise the Lord, O my soul : and forget not all his benefits;
3. Who forgiveth all thy sin : and healeth all thine infirmities;
4. Who saveth thy life from destruction : and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;
5. Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things : making thee young and lusty as an eagle.
6. The Lord executeth righteousness and judgement : for all them that are oppressed with wrong.
7. He shewed his ways unto Moses : his works unto the children of Israel.
8. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy : long-suffering, and of great goodness.
9. He will not alway be chiding : neither keepeth he his anger for ever.
10. He hath not dealt with us after our sins : nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.
11. For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth : so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.
12. Look how wide also the east is from the west : so far hath he set our sins from us.
13. Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children : even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.
14. For he knoweth whereof we are made : he remembereth that we are but dust.

## THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 14: verses 5-12

One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written,


“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
And every tongue shall confess to God.”

So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.


*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## THE SEQUENCE HYMN

Tune: *Galilee*


1. Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our life's wild, rest - less sea,  
 2. As of old St. An - drew heard it by the Gal - i - le - an lake,  
 3. Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the vain world's gold - en store,



day by day his clear voice sound ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."  
 turned from home and toil and kin - dred, leav - ing all for his dear sake.  
 from each i - dol that would keep us, say - ing, "Christ - ian, love me more."

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

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18: verses 21-35

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


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

Then Peter came up and said to Jesus, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."


Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE SEQUENCE HYMN

Tune: *Galilee*


4. In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of toil and hours of ease,  
 5. Je - sus calls us! In your mer - cy, Sav - ior, make us hear your call,



still he calls, in cares and plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
 give our hearts to your o - bed - ience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil F. Alexander (1823-1895)  
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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, evangelion, which also literally means "good news." These are the source of the English words "evangelist" and "evangelism"

## THE NICENE CREED (BCP 2019 page 127)

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

*Celebrant and 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-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.**

*(next page)*

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, continued

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.**

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and in particular for All Saints' Church in Florence and their Rector, Fr. Jason Hamshaw, Chelsea and their family; and for San José Church in the Dominican Republic and their Rector, Fr. Sandino Sanchez.

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

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

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

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service, especially our President, Donald Trump, our Governor, Henry McMaster and our Mayor, John Tecklenburg.

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

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, 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.**

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 Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS (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

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.

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 (*Please be seated*)

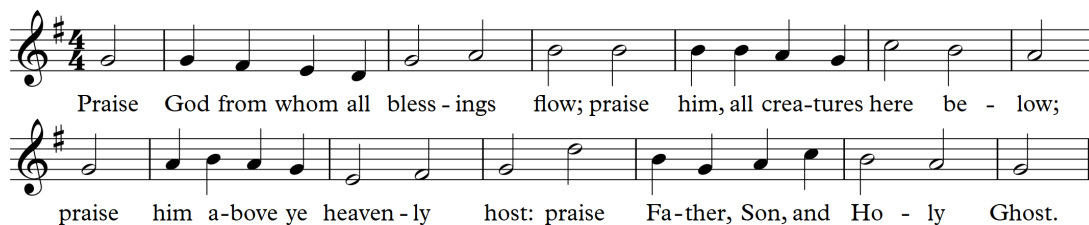
SUNG BY OUR PARISH CHOIR

**O, Saviour of the World**

Music: John Goss (1800-1880)

Words: The Collect for the Visitation of the Sick (BCP)

O Saviour of the World, who by Thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us,  
Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.



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.

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:

Our altar is The Lord's Table and all baptized Christians (baptized in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) are welcome to receive Holy Communion here.

In the Anglican tradition, Communion is received in two kinds: in the Bread and in the Wine.

The **Sanctus** is the song of the seraphim contained in the great vision that the prophet Isaiah experienced while worshipping in the Temple in Jerusalem. This vision is recorded in the 6th chapter of Isaiah. It is inspired by Isaiah's vision of the heavenly court "Holy, holy, holy" acknowledging the transcendence of God.

## 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.

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

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 PRAYER OF CONSECRATION (BCP 2019 page 132)

*Please Kneel*

*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 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.

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.

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.

*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 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

### **God be in my head**

Words: From a Book of Hours (Sarum 1514)

Music: H Walford Davies (1869-1941)

God be in my head, and in my understanding;

God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;

God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;

God be in my heart, and in my thinking;

God be at mine end, and at my departing

These beautiful words need no commentary. They have been traced back to a Book of Hours from 1514. A number of tunes have been written for these words, and anthem settings abound, but this setting by Walford Davies holds the field for its direct simplicity. It was published in a leaflet in 1910 and gained wider currency by being included in the Festival Service Book of the London Church Choir Association in 1912.

Walford Davies was organist of The Temple Church and of St George's Windsor; Professor of Music at Aberystwyth; Master of the King's Music. He composed a great deal in many forms, but little of this is now performed. His greatest influence was as a choirmaster, teacher, adjudicator, musical educator, and above all as a popularizer of good music. His hymn singing broadcasts in the early years of the war are fondly remembered in England. This setting is utterly characteristic of his melodic and harmonic style.

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 POST COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP 2019 page 137)

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**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: *New Britain*



1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
 \* 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me  
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.  
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

*The melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.*

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; st. 5, John Rees (19th cent.) Music: *New Britain*, from *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; adapt. att. Edwin Othello Excell (1851-1921); harm. Austin Cole Lovelace (b. 1919) Copyright ©1974 by Abingdon Press. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

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)

*Priest:* Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!**

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