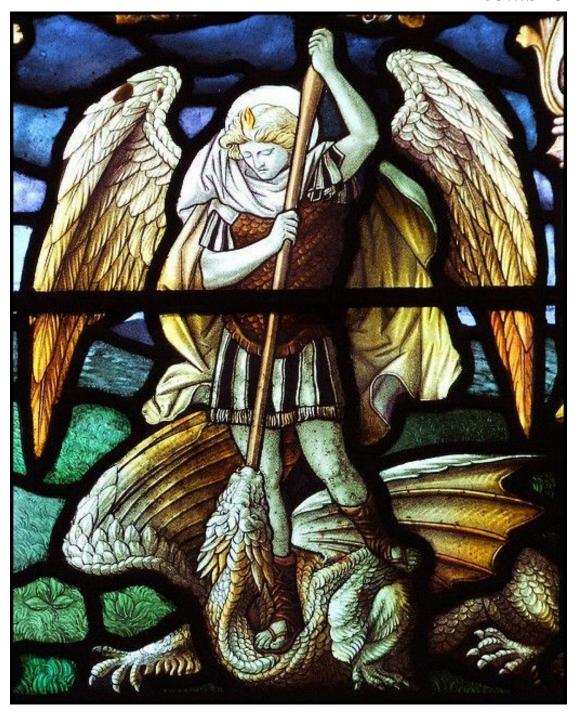
# St. Andrew's Parish Church

established 1706



THE FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS (MICHAELMAS)
The Holy Eucharist at 11:15 a.m.
29 September 2024



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# The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels **Michaelmas**

29 September 2024 The Holy Eucharist at 11:15 a.m.

THE INTROIT:

### I sat down under his shadow

Words: Song of Solomen 2, vv3-4 Music: Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

> I sat down under his shadow with great delight, And his fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banqueting house, And his banner over me was love. I sat down under his shadow!

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN Tune: Lasst uns erfreuen Ye watch-ers and ye ho - ly bright ser-aphs, cher - u - bim, and  $\mathbf{O}$ high - er than the cher - u bim, more glo-rious than the ser - a -Re spond, ye souls in end-less pa - tri - archs and pro-phets rest, ve O friends, in glad-ness let sing, su per - nal an-thems ech - o -Cry Al-le-luthrones, raise the glad strain, ia! out, do - min-ions, prince-doms, lead their prais - es, Al-le - lu Thou of the e - ter - nal phim, bear-er blest, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu ia! Ye ho - ly twelve, ye mar -Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! To God the Fa - ther, God ing, the gels' powers, vir arch - an - gels, choirs, tues, Word, most Lord, gra cious, mag - ni strong, all saints tri um - phant, raise the song, the Spi - rit, Son, and God One, ia, ia, ia,

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, melody from Auserlesne Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang, 1626; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

THE ACCLAMATION - (BCP 2019 page 123)

Celebrant: Worthy is the Lord our God

People: To receive glory and honor and power.

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.

## 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 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 liturgy begins with the Acclamation, which is an eager expression of praise.

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.

> Front page: St Michael Stained Glass Window in the church of All Saints, Stamford, Lincolnshire, UK

These words of Christ bring to our attention the perfect standard of God's righteousness and what He requires of us. Both **The Summary of the Law** and The Decalogue (Ten Commandments) are valid options for this movement of the liturgy. The Summary was first used in place of The Decalogue in 1718.

The words **Kyrie** Eleison. Christe Eleison. mean Lord, Have mercy. Christ, Have Mercy. Within the liturgy, it lifts our voices in a prayer for the compassion of Christ after the declaration of the Summary of the Law, which holds up the standard of God's righteousness. Kyrie Eleison first appeared in the Holy Communion Service as the response of a litany in the Antioch-Jerusalem liturgy after the middle of the century. Around 4th 595AD, Christe Eleison was added by St. Gregory the Great of Rome.

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 KYRIE (BCP 2019 page 124)

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

### THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP 2019 page 125)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

(Please be seated)

### The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson Genesis 28 verses 10-17

<sup>10</sup> Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. <sup>11</sup> And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. <sup>12</sup> And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! <sup>13</sup> And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. <sup>14</sup> Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. <sup>15</sup> Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." <sup>16</sup> Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." <sup>17</sup> And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

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

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 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 Benedic, anima mea (Bless my soul) Psalm 103 verses 1-14 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.

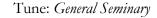
The Second Lesson

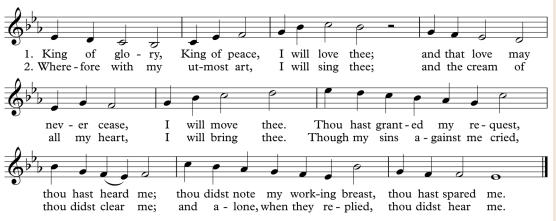
Revelation 12 verse:7-12

<sup>7</sup> Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, <sup>8</sup> but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. <sup>9</sup> And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. <sup>10</sup> And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. <sup>11</sup> And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. <sup>12</sup> Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!"

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







Text: George Herbert (1593-1633) Music: GENERAL SEMINARY, David Charles Walker (b. 1938)

The Holy Gospel

St. John 1 verses 47-51

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>47</sup> Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup> Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." <sup>49</sup> Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup> Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup> And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

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

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 Reverend Joseph Vella

#### THE SERMON

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.

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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.

The Nicene Creed is a

statement of what the Chris-

tian 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 (BCP 2019 page 128)

Led by a member of the Order of the Daughters of the King. If you would like our Daughters of the King to pray for a specific need, please fill out a confidential prayer card found at the prayer box near the main entrance to the church.

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 Steve Wood, our Archbishop, Chip Edgar, our Bishop, and for Bill Skilton our Bishop in residence; for all bishops, priests and deacons; especially for our Rector, Fr. Marshall; our Assistant to the Rector, Fr. Joe; and our Assisting Priest Fr David, our Deacon Emeritus, Lee Hershon 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.

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For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others, in particular for San José Church in the Dominican Republic and their Rector, Fr. Isaac Pringle Mejía; 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, Joe Biden, our Governor, Henry McMaster and our Mayor, William Cogswell.

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 those we name at this time, silently or aloud. (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, named at this time silently or aloud *(pause)* in thanksgiving let us pray.

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

### Celebrant:

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of right-eousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

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 OF SINS (Please kneel) (BCP 2019 page 130)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

### 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.**  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.

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.

At this time the Rector will welcome all to the Lord's Table and share the announcements of the day.

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

### O, for a closer walk with God

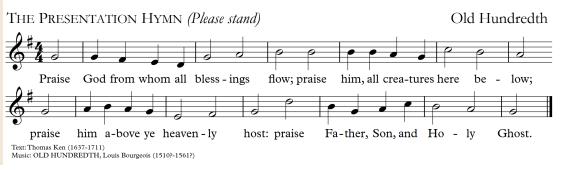
Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924) Words: William Cowper (1731-1800)

> O for a closer walk with God, A calm and heavenly frame; A light to shine upon the road That leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O Holy Dove, return,
Sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God, Calm and serene my frame; So purer light shall mark the road That leads me to the Lamb.

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.



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.

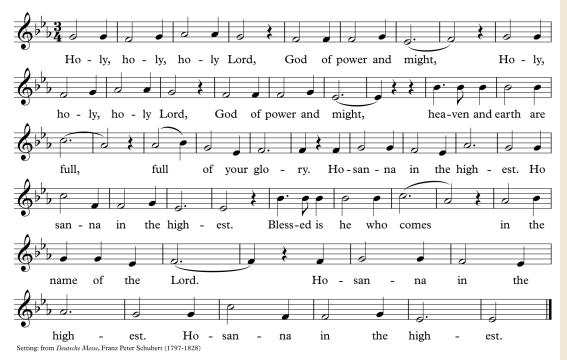
### The *Celebrant* continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Who, with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Substance. For that which we believe of your glory, O Father, we believe the same of your Son, and of the Holy Spirit, without any difference or inequality.

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



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

In the Anglican tradition, Communion is received in two kinds: in the Bread and in the Wine. The Bread is offered first and is typically placed in one's open palm. After hearing the words "The Body of Christ, the bread of Heaven," the bread is ready to be consumed. A chalice bearer will then offer the Wine.

We offer two chalices for Holy Communion. The first, smaller chalice is for intinction (dipping the wafer into the chalice.) The second, larger chalice is for consumption. If you would prefer to drink from the cup, please hold the wafer in front of you until the larger chalice is offered.

\* If you or your children are not baptized, you may receive a blessing at the altar rail from the Priest. Simply cross your hands over your chest as you kneel at the rail.

Ladies, please "blot" your lipstick prior to receiving communion, as this will help preserve our beautiful altar linens.

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

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

### 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 is risen.

Christ will come again.

#### Celebrant:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

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

### THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP 2019 page 134)

Celebrant:

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing



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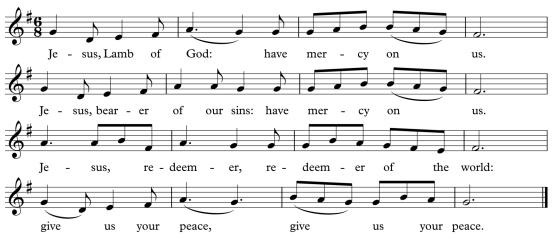
THE FRACTION (BCP 2019 page 135)

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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 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 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.

(If you need Holy Communion brought to you in your pew, please ask the Usher.)

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 COMMUNION ANTHEM

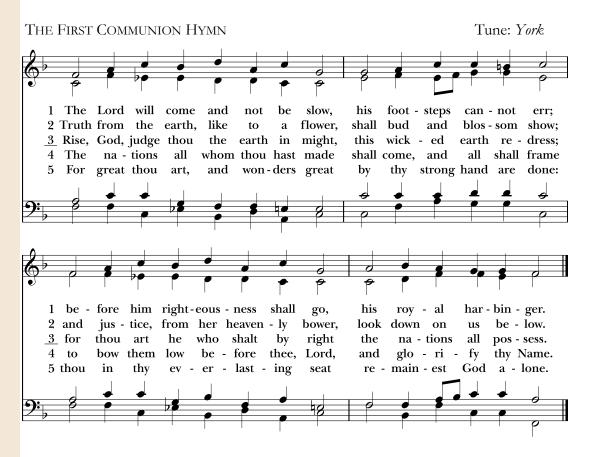
### DROP, DROP SLOW TEARS

Music: Joanna Forbes L'Estrange Words: Phineas Fletcher (1582-1650)

- 1. Drop, drop slow tears, and bathe those beauteous feet, Which brought from heaven the news and Prince of peace.
  - 2. Cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat; To cry for vengeance sin doth never cease.
  - 3. In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears; Nor let His eye see sin, but through my tears.

Towards the end of March last year, the world-renowned English countertenor James Bowman died, at the age of 81. James was a close friend of David's and sung with his choirs in England on numerous occasions. Judith sang with him in 2013 and again in 2015. He was a superb Baroque soloist, and he was revered and recognized as being the premier countertenor in Europe for over 45 years

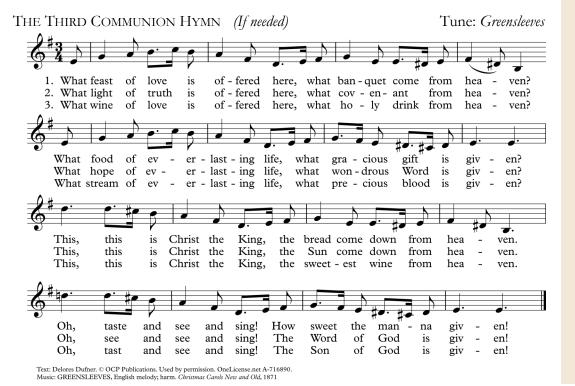
David & Judith decided to commission a work by Joanna Forbes L'Estrange, the English composer, and they chose this text, as it was a favorite of James'.



Words: John Milton (1608-1674), alt. Music: York, melody from The CL Psalmes of David, 1615; adapt. The Whole Booke of Psalmes, 1621; harm, John Milton, Sr. (1563?-1647).



Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885). Music: *Picardy*, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860; harm. after *The English Hymnal*, 1906.



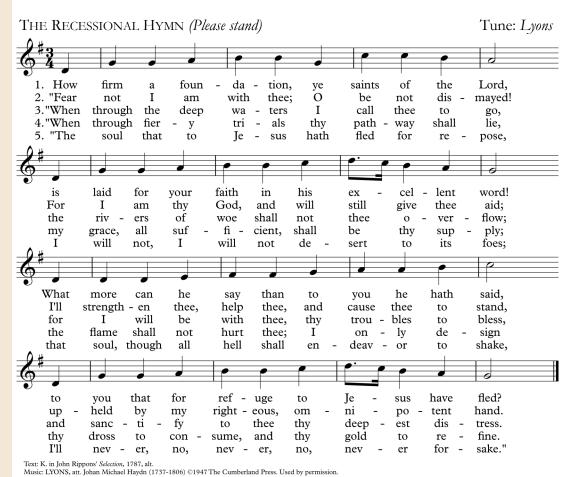
At Old St. Andrew's, we encourage you to continue to pray by singing both before and after you come to the Communion Rail. In this way, all of us are helping each other to lift our hearts continuously in the midst of receiving the greatest gift ever given: the life of Jesus Christ.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP 2019 page 137) After Communion, the *Celebrant* says: 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)

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.



### We Go Out to Serve God

The Dismissal and Commissioning

(BCP page 138)

Priest or Deacon: Our worship has concluded; our service begins.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Postlude: Fugue in E Major, BuxWV 141 - Dietrich Buxtehude (1637–1707)