

An Evening Service of Holy Eucharist
Trinity Sunday



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

ORDER OF SERVICE

Contemplative Musical Offering

Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

And blessed be God's Kingdom of love, now and forever. Amen.

God our rock and refuge: keep us safe in your care and strengthen us with your grace, that we may pray to you faithfully and love one another boldly, following the example of Jesus, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives for ever and ever. Amen.

O Gracious Light,

pure brightness of the ever-living Father in heaven.

O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,

And our eyes behold the evening Light, we sing your praises,

O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,

**O Son of God, O Giver of Life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.**

A Moment of Silence

Taize Chant: O Lord, hear my prayer

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

When God was about to create heaven and earth, the earth was chaos, unformed, and on the chaotic waters' face there was darkness. Then God's Spirit glided over the face of the waters, and God said, "Let there be light!" – and there was light. And when God saw how good the light was, God divided the light from the darkness; God then called the light Day, and called the darkness Night, and there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

God then said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it divide water from water! So God made the expanse, separating the waters beneath the expanse from the waters above the expanse – and so it was. God then called the expanse Sky, and there was evening and there was morning, a second day.

God then said, “Let the waters beneath the sky be collected in one place, so that the dry ground may be seen!” – and so it was. And God called the dry ground Earth, and called the collected waters Seas. And when God saw how good it was, God said, “Let the earth grow vegetation, seed-bearing plants, fruit trees on the earth that bear fruit, each true to its type, with its seed in it!” – and so it was. The earth brought forth vegetation, seed-bearing plants, each true to its type, and trees bearing fruit, and each true to its type, with its seed in it. And God saw how good it was, and there was evening and there was morning, a third day.

God then said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky, to separate day from night, to be markers for sacred seasons, for days and years, and to be lights in the expanse of the sky,

spilling light upon the earth! – and so it was. Thus God made the two great lights: the greater light to govern the day, and the lesser light to govern the night and the stars. God set them in the sky's expanse to spill light upon the earth, to govern the day and the night, to separate the light from the darkness; and God saw how good it was. And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.

God then said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let the birds fly over the earth, across the face of the expanse of the sky!” God then formed the great sea monsters, and every living creature that creeps, with which the waters swarm, all true to their types, and every winged bird, each true to its type; and God saw how good it was. God then blessed them, saying “Be fruitful and multiply, fill the waters of the seas, and let the birds multiply in the earth!” And there was evening and there was morning, a fifth day.

God then said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every type: domestic animals and creeping things and wild animals, each true to its type!” – and so it was. Thus God made the wild animals, each true to its type, and every creature that creeps on the ground, each true to its type; and God saw how good it was.

God now said, “Let us make human beings in our image, after our likeness; and let them hold sway over the fish of the sea and the birds of the sky, over the beasts, over all the earth, over all that creeps upon the earth. So God created the human beings in the divine image, creating them in the image of God, creating them male and female. God then blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and tame it; hold sway over the fish of the sea and the birds of the sky, and over every animal that creeps on the earth.”

And God said, “Look, I have given you all the seed-bearing plants on the face of the earth, and every tree that has in it seed-bearing fruit—these are yours to eat. And to every land animal, and to every bird of the sky, and to all that creeps on the earth in which is the breath of life, I give all green vegetation for food.” – and so it was. God then surveyed all that God had made, and look – it was very good! And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Completed now were heaven and earth and all their host. On the seventh day, God had completed the work that had been done, ceasing then on the seventh day from all the work that God had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and made

it holy and ceased from all the creative work that God had chosen to do.

This is the chronicle of heaven and earth when they were created, on the day God made earth and heaven.

Psalm 8

O LORD our Governor, *

how exalted is your Name in all the world!

Out of the mouths of infants and children *

your majesty is praised above the heavens.

You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *

to quell the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *

the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

What is man that you should be mindful of him? *

the son of man that you should seek him out?

You have made him but little lower than the angels; *

you adorn him with glory and honor;

You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *

you put all things under his feet:

All sheep and oxen, *

even the wild beasts of the field,

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *

and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

O LORD our Governor, *

how exalted is your Name in all the world!

Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples made their way to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had summoned them. At the sight of the risen Christ they fell down in homage, though some doubted what they were seeing. Jesus came forward and addressed them with these words: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of Abba God, and of the Only Begotten, and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to carry out everything I have commanded you. And know that I am with you always, even until the end of the world!"

Silent Reflection

Musical Offering: As a Deer Longs for Cooling Streams

Healing Prayers

Let us pray.

O living Christ, make us conscious now of your healing nearness. Touch our eyes that we may see you; open our ears that we may hear your voice; enter our hearts that we may know your love.

Overshadow our souls and bodies with your presence, that we may partake of your strength, your love, and your healing life.

Amen.

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers,

silently

or aloud. (*pause*)

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or
disabled,
that they may be made whole;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely,
anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an
awareness of
your presence;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional
distress to
soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the
suffering,
granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the
Grace

and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

You are the Lord who does wonders:

You have declared your power among the peoples.

With you, O Lord, is the well of life:

And in your light we see light.

Hear us, O Lord of life:

Heal us, and make us whole.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant

Generous God, we give you thanks for your beloved Jesus Christ,

in whom you have shared the beauty and the pain of human life.
Look with compassion upon all for whom we pray, and strengthen
us to be your instruments of healing in the world, by the power of
the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Our Shared Communion

Before Jesus gave up his life for us, he shared himself,
his flesh and blood with his friends.

He took bread, gave thanks for it, and gave it to them saying:
“This is my body given for you. Do this to remember me.”

So too after they had eaten, he took the cup, gave thanks for it,
and gave it to them saying:

“This is my blood poured out in love for you. Do this to remember
me.”

Come now Spirit of God upon us and upon these gifts of bread
and wine, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of our
Savior Jesus Christ.

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Veni sancte Spiritus

As we offer our hearts and spirits
in our love of Christ,
we pray, Holy Spirit,
make us like Jesus:

one body, food for the world,
one blood, poured out for the life of all.

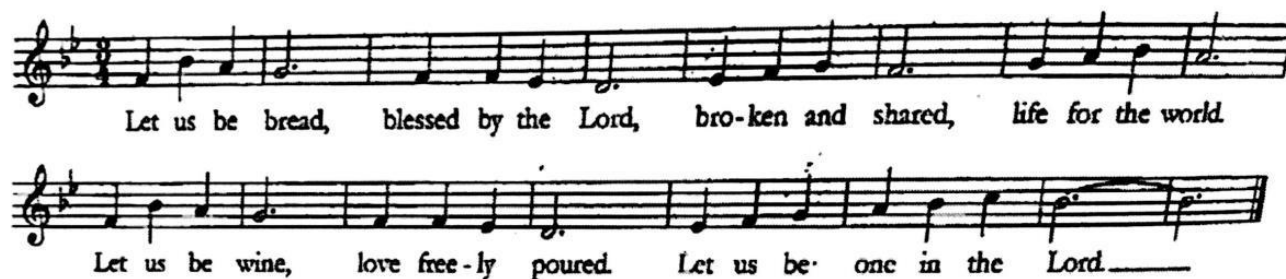
Touch us with your gentle creativity and ignite in us
a longing for the new age of justice and peace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. With him, and through
him, and in him, be to you, O Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory forever. **AMEN.**

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

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom
come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our
daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin
against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and
forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread



The Invitation to Holy Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Moments of Holy Silence

Prayer after Spiritual Communion

Risen Christ, when we have the simple desire to welcome your love, little by little a flame is kindled in the depths of our being. Grant that this flame of love, faint at first, is fueled by the Holy Spirit to grow steadily into a radiant flame that warms and draws others to you. Amen.

Taize Chant: Stay with me

The Blessing

My friends, life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make this earthly pilgrimage with us, so be swift to love, and make haste to do kindness, and the blessing of God, who comes to us as Creative Presence, Saving Grace and Life-giving Spirit be upon you and all whom you love this night, and forever more. **Amen.**

Worship Service Closing Prayer

At the close of day,
As busyness fades and light dims and footsteps soften,
we open again the inner door of our being to enter stillness
to feel our way through the dark
to You
the Silence from whom we are born,
the Name before names were spoken,
the Love of life's beginnings.
at the close of the day,
we come.

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