

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
An Evening Service of Holy Eucharist
July 5, 2020



“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

EVENING PRAYER

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.

WE GATHER

We gather in the heart of the Risen Christ.

Musical Offering:

Hymn #178 Alleluia. Alleluia. Give thanks to the Risen Lord.

A Moment of Holy Silence

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO THE HOLY SCRIPTURE

Musical Offering:

Hymn #711 Seek ye first the Kingdom of God.

GENESIS 24: 58-67

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus, the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Psalm 45: 11-18 (chanted)

- 11 "Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; *
forget your people and your father's house.
- 12 **The king will have pleasure in your beauty; *
he is your master; therefore do him honor.**
- 13 The people of Tyre are here with a gift; *
the rich among the people seek your favor."
- 14 **All glorious is the princess as she enters; *
her gown is cloth-of-gold.**

15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; *
after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.

**16 With joy and gladness they are brought, *
and enter into the palace of the king.**

17 "In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; *
you shall make them princes over all the earth.

**18 I will make your name to be remembered
from one generation to another; *
therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."**

ROMANS 7:15-25A

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So, I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?
Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Musical Offering: Alleluia

Matthew 11: 25-30

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Silent Reflection

WE ENGAGE IN PRAYER,
OFFERING OUR NEED FOR GOD’ S HEALING GRACE

Musical Offering: Taize #20 Oh Lord, hear my prayer.

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.**

Musical Offering: Beach Spring by John S. Dixon

WE ENGAGE IN COMMUNION WITH CHRIST.

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.

Musical Offering: Breathe on me Breath of God

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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

These are the gifts of God, for you, the people of God.

Musical Offering: Let us break bread together

Moments of Holy Silence

WE INVITE CHRIST' S PRESENCE TO GROW OUR HEARTS.

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.

Musical Offering: Taize#31 Dona Nobis Pacem

(Give us your peace, O Lord)

WE WELCOME GOD' S BLESSING INTO OUR LIVES.

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.**

WE CLOSE OUR EYES AND TURN OUR HEART IN 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.

Musical Offering: Taize #9 Bless the Lord, my soul.