St. Andrew's Episcopal Church An Evening Service of Healing and Holy Eucharist September 12, 2020



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OUR WELCOME TO YOU

WE GATHER

We gather in the heart of the Risen Christ.

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.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

Hymn #665 All my hope on God is founded.

(Words spoken or prayed in your hearts as music touches our soul.)

All my hope on God is founded; he doth still my trust renew, me through change and chance he guideth, only good and only true. God unknown, he alone calls my heart to be his own.

Mortal pride and earthly glory, sword and crown betray our trust; though with care and toil we build them, tower and temple fall to dust. But God's power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness e'er endureth, deep his wisdom passing thought: splendor, light, and life attend him, beauty springeth out of nought. Evermore from his store newborn worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth the almighty Giver bounteous gifts on us bestow; his desire our soul delighteth, pleasure leads us where we go. Love doth stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his command.

Still from earth to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done, high above all praises praising for the gift of Christ, his Son. Christ doth call one and all: ye who follow shall not fall.

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 OPEN OURSELVES TO THE HOLY SCRIPTURE

MUSICAL OFFERING

Go down, Moses!

EXODUS 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

PSALM 114

1 Come, all you who have wandered far from the path, who have separated yourselves from Love;

2 A banquet is prepared for you in the heart's Secret Room.

- 3 There you will find the way Home; a welcome ever awaits you!
- 4 Even as you acknowledge the times you have erred, the forgiveness of the Beloved will envelop you.
- 5 Call upon the Beloved when fear arises,When you feel overwhelmed;

6 The Eternal listener will heed your cry; you will find strength to face the shadows.

7 Befriend all that is within you,discover the Sacred Altar within your heart.

8 Then will abundant blessings enter your home; and, you will welcome the Divine Guest who is ever with you. You are never alone.

ROMANS 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. 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, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? 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 give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Taize #7 Alleluia

MATTHEW 18:21-22

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times."

Silent Reflection

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

WLP #773 Heal me hands of Jesus

(Words spoken or prayed in your hearts as music touches our soul.)

Heal me, hands of Jesus, and search out all my pain: restore my hope, remove my fear and bring me peace again.

Cleanse me, blood of Jesus, take bitterness away; let me forgive as one forgiven and bring me peace today.

Know me, mind of Jesus, and show me all my sin; dispel the memories of guilt, and bring me peace within.

Fill me, joy of Jesus: anxiety shall cease and heaven's serenity be mine, or Jesus brings me peace!

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.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

Veni Sanctus Spiritus

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.**

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.

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

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

THE DISTRIBUTION AND RECEIVING OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

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.

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.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

Taize #49 Ubi Caritas

(Words spoken or prayed in your hearts as music touches our soul.)

Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est Live in charity and steadfast love, live in charity, God will dwell with you.

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.

You are welcome to stay in the beauty of the holiness as long as you wish. When you are ready to leave, please do so quietly and exit through the front doors.

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We are a Christ-centered community dedicated to living authentically, thinking inclusively, and opening our hearts to the movement of the Holy Spirit among us.

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