

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
An Evening Service of Holy Eucharist
Recorded Service for weekend of September 12-13



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OUR WELCOME TO YOU

WE GATHER

We gather in the heart of the Risen Christ.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Hymn #658 As longs the deer

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

LEVAS # 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 (*chanted*)

1 Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

MATTHEW 18:21-22

The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Christ

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The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Silent Reflection

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

WLP #773 Heal me hands of Jesus

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.**

A QUIET MUSICAL OFFERING

Taize #41 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.**

MUSICAL OFFERING:

Taize #31 Dona Nobis Pacem

(Give to us your peace, O Jesus Christ)

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.

MUSICAL OFFERING

WLP #764 Taste and see

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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

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

LEVAS 188: All is Well with my soul

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 #31 Dona Nobis Pacem