St. Andrew's Episcopal Church An Evening Service of Holy Eucharist Proper 27

Recorded Service for weekend of November 7-8, 2020



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PRELUDE

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, by J.S. Bach

OUR WELCOME TO YOU

WE GATHER

We gather in the heart of the Risen Christ.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

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

OPENING COLLECT

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 #57 Lo! He comes, with clouds descending



OUR 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

Wisdom 6:12–16

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.

She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.

To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

PSALM 70 (chanted)

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; * O LORD, make haste to help me.

Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed; * let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, * because they are ashamed.

Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; * let those who love your salvation say for ever, "Great is the LORD!"

But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O LORD, do not tarry.

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.

1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

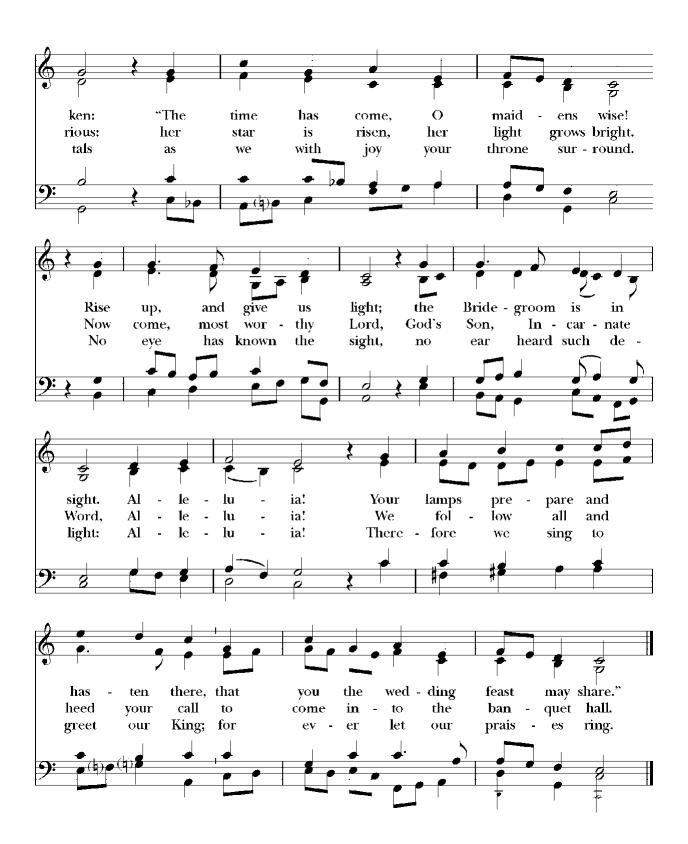
We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

MUSICAL OFFERING

1982 Hymnal 62

"Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us





MATTHEW 25:1-13

The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

BISHOP SCANLAN'S REFLECTIONS

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.

A QUIET MUSICAL OFFERING

Taize #41 Veni Sanctus Spiritus

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.**

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.

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

Taize #25 When the night becomes dark

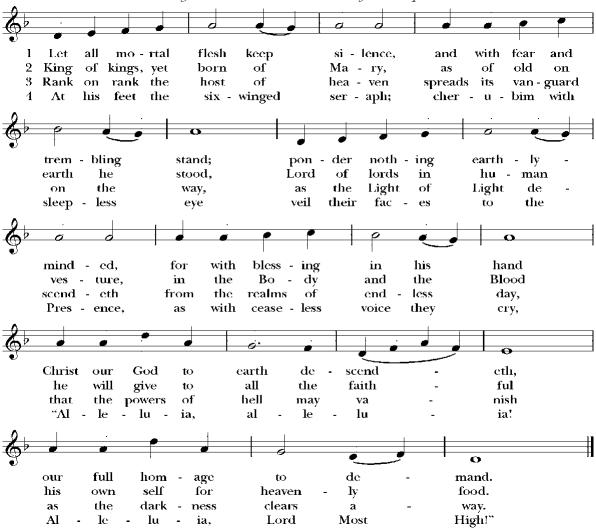
When the night becomes dark, your love O Lord, is a fire; your love, O Lord, is a fire.

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

1982 Hymnal #324 Let all mortal flesh keep silence



WORSHIP MINISTERS

Susan Sanders

Mother Barbara	Celebrant
Kevin Gorman	Church Musician (Pianist, Vocalist)
Lisa Turchi	Cantor (Psalm)
Michelle DiBona Trefren	Guest Musician (Organist, Cellist,
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Elizabeth Asmus	Guest Musician (Harpist, Vocalist)
Kathy Varner	Liturgical Artist & Lector (Wisdom)
Frank Mazzacua	Lector (1 Thessalonians)
Deacon Wanda Kloza	Gospeller

Intercessor

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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