

Saint Andrew's

Episcopal Church x School



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 12, 2026 10:00 A.M.

Welcome to those who have joined us this morning. If you are unfamiliar with the ritual customs of The Episcopal Church, simply relax and let the congregation carry you in worship. Please be mindful of others near you who want to pray or sit in silence before the service begins.



Please Pray For

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: For all who engage in mission: Peter Williams Cassey, Deacon, 1917 and Anna Besant Cassey, 1875 missionaries, ministers for racial justice and founding members of Trinity Cathedral; our Missional Grants Committee and the missional work of our grant recipients; For the Preaching Retreat.

Healing: Donna Valentine, Susan Barrera, Glenn Bennett, Louise Dolby Schultz, Matthew Carswell

On-going Prayers for Healing: The Rev. Roger Barney, Dede Bene, Tim Gee, Gray Judge, Michele Bluhm, Nancy Keane, Virginia Slagle, Marge Faucher, Barbara Monks, Kirk Miller, Jenna Baker

For those who have died: Barbara Silverstein

Our Homebound: Ed Jacklitch

Other Prayers: The wars in Ukraine and the Middle East

Ministers of the Liturgy today: **Presider/Preacher:** The Rev. Joel Martinez; **Director of Music/Organist:** Michael Burroughs; **MC:** Mary Ann Gee; **Lectors:** Sharon Boyce-Bender, Anne Karoly; **Eucharistic Ministers:** Julie Averill, Andrew Fitzpatrick; **Prayers of the People:** John Plocher, Lisa Watt; **Order of St. Luke:** Arlene McClelland; **Eucharistic Visitors:** Julie Averill, Gerry Chartrand; **Bread Baker:** Jane Lawson; **Acolyte:** Alex Church; **Vergers:** Tim Gee; **Altar Guild:** Janet McAlpine, Debbie Judge, Kate Maher; **Lead Usher:** Barclay Dorman; **Ushers:** Dottie Barney, Joe Lawson, Steve McAlpine; **Greeters:** Susan Mau, Barbara Gagner, Gerry Chartrand; **Flowers:** Lindsay Catterton; **Fellowship Cafe:** Gerry Chartrand, Diane Lovelace; **Video Team:** Lauren Fitzpatrick, Logan Fitzpatrick, John Plocher.

Vestry: Jeff Harrell-Sr. Warden, Chris Bracher-Jr. Warden, Sharon Boyce-Bender, Alex Church, Kate Van Wickle Maher, Janet McAlpine, Sherrie Nooteboom, Kathleen Shull, Randy Simmons, Andrew Stearns, Hugh Wright, Susan Mau-Vestry Clerk, Sarah Church-Treasurer

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Upcoming Events at Saint Andrew's

Sun., Apr 12	Children & Family Service	The Center	9:00am
	The Holy Eucharist: Second Sunday of Easter	Chapel/Church	8:00am, 10:00am
Tue., Apr 14	Finance and Vestry Meeting	The Center	6:30pm
Sun., Apr 19	The Holy Eucharist: All Ages Service	Memorial Chapel	9:00am
	The Holy Eucharist: Third Sunday of Easter	Church	10:00am
Sun., Apr 26	The Holy Eucharist: All Ages Service	Memorial Chapel	9:00am
	The Holy Eucharist: Fourth Sunday of Easter	Church	10:00am

Upcoming Musical Events

Sun., Apr 19	The Choral Project: Art of Sound	Church	4:00pm
Thu., Apr 23	Vincent Dubois - Cathedral Notre Dame de Paris on the organ	Church	7:30pm
Sun., May 17	Evensong and Choir Concert	Church	4:00pm

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE WELCOME AND CENTERING PRAYER

The "Centering Prayer" is meant to prepare us for the transition from our individual homes to our shared house of worship so that we can be present at this time and ready to experience and share God's transformative love.

Let us pray: **Gracious God, we gather now to offer our whole selves to you in worship; we lay before you our prayers and our praise, our sitting and our standing, our listening and our singing, all for your glory. Remind us that this sacred time is also offered on behalf of those who are not here: people who hurt, suffer, are ill, or feel lost and alone. Align our hearts, minds, and will so close to yours that we might be truly present in this moment, so that when we go out into the world, we may be like salt that enhances and preserves, and light that shines for your glory. Amen.**

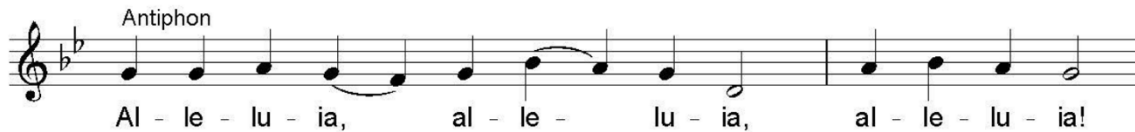
PRELUDE

Alleluia No. 1


A.D. Miller

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Antiphon




Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1. O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing!
2. That night the-a - pos - tles met in fear;
3. When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard,
4. "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see;
5. No long - er Thom - as then de - nied,
6. How blest are they who have not seen,



The King of heaven, the glo - rious King,
a - midst them came their Lord most dear,
how they had seen the ris - en Lord,
my hands, my feet, I show to thee;
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
and yet whose faith has con - stant been,



o'er death and hell rose tri - umph - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
and said, "My peace be on all here." Al - le - lu - ia!
he doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word. Al - le - lu - ia!
not faith - less, but be - liev - ing be." Al - le - lu - ia!
"Thou art my Lord and God," he cried. Al - le - lu - ia!
for they e - ter - nal life shall win. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Alleluia, Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GLORIA

Philip WJ Stopford
(Bronxville, April 2017)

Joyfully $\text{♩} = 60$
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Glo - ry to God, to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on
earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, Al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship
you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
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Lord Je - sus Christ on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on
us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fath - er; re -
f
ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ with the Ho - ly
rit.
Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fath - er, A - men. A - men.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

A “collect” is a short prayer that gathers the congregation and its prayers into one theme or focus for the day, based on the season of the church year and the readings of the day.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray

Presider Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS *All may be seated*

FIRST READING – **Acts 2:14a,22-32**

In this lesson Peter preaches the fundamental message of the resurrection.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 16 *Read responsively*

Contentment, refuge, and joy are found in the presence of the Lord, and God's faithful servant will not be abandoned at death.

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.**
- 3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**
- 5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**
- 7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the Lord always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.**
- 11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

SECOND READING – 1 Peter 1:3-9

This reading tells of the new birth Christians have received through baptism which brings them a living hope through Jesus' resurrection and an imperishable inheritance.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL HYMN



1. We walk by faith, and not by sight; no gra - cious
2. We may not touch his hands and side, nor fol - low
3. Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and may our
4. that, when our life of faith is done, in realms of



words we hear from him who spoke as none e'er
where he trod; but in his prom - ise we re -
faith a - bound, to call on you when you are
clear - er light we may be - hold you as you



spoke; but we be - lieve him near.
joice; and cry, "My Lord and God!"
near, and seek where you are found:
are, with full and end - less sight.

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THE GOSPEL – **John 20:19-31** *All standing, as able*

Our gospels presents two appearances of the risen Lord to his disciples.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this

book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

THE SERMON *All may be seated*

The Rev. Joel Martinez

THE NICENE CREED *All standing, as able*

The "Nicene Creed" is a communal expression of faith that states our basic beliefs about God. Many people have questions and doubts about various parts of the creed. People who take their faith seriously ask genuine questions and express their doubts. It's okay! We should use our intellect to probe our faith, but we should also be ready to join our voices with those of every generation-past, present, and future-by speaking aloud the core beliefs of our faith.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate
from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is
worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Remain standing, as able*

Prayers written in the Book of Biddings will be prayed throughout the week by the Koinon Intercessory Prayer Group.

In the "Prayers of the People," we express our care and concerns for the world to God in response to what we have heard and experienced throughout the service.

Leader Lord God, we are your people, and we confess our need for you in our lives, hear now our prayers as we say Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader We pray for your church and all those who follow you and serve the world in your name. May they be strengthened, energized, and comforted by the knowledge of your constant love. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for those who serve and govern in this nation. May they act wisely with compassion, mercy, and selfless concern for all people. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for the world, for the sustenance and viability of the earth and its creatures and resources, for the eradication of disease, for the health and livelihood of all people, for those who suffer persecution, homelessness, starvation, imprisonment, and oppression; so that all may be made new. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for our neighbors, that we might live in peace and safety, that all might have everything they need to live a full and abundant life. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for the suffering and those in trouble, for those who are anxious and frightened, for those who must face danger as a part of their work in the world. We pray for those who are in hospitals, especially Donna Valentine and Glenn Bennett, for those who tend them in their illness. We pray for those on our on-going prayer list, and those who we name now either silently or aloud (*pause*) _____. We pray for the Diocese of Iran and its four parishes; the people of Iran; all the military involved in the conflict and for their families. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for the dead, especially Barbara Silverstein, and for those who are dying that the love of God might be a strong comfort as they depart this world and for that same comfort to sustain those who mourn. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Presider You are our strength Lord God, and we gladly lean on you in times of trouble. Take these burdens now and offer us your grace and remind us of your promise that you are always with us. In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

At "the peace" we practice offering God's peace to one another. "Peace be with you" are the words that Christ offers to the disciples after his resurrection. This is a special kind of peace that fosters community and reconciliation. It acknowledges that Christ is present in all of us. You might say, 'peace, God's peace, or peace be with you,' and offer a handshake or a hug. There is no "right" way to exchange the peace.

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

You may greet those around you in the name of Christ.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY PRAYER

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as *he/she/they* begins another year. Grant that *he/she/they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his/her/their* trust in your goodness all the days of *his/her/their* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

"The Offertory" is the offering of the congregation's gifts, including monetary donations for the church and charity, and the offering of ourselves and our lives to God. Everyone is invited to make an offering as an expression of gratitude for God's generosity. The ushers will pass the plate. You may also give using the QR code.



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MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

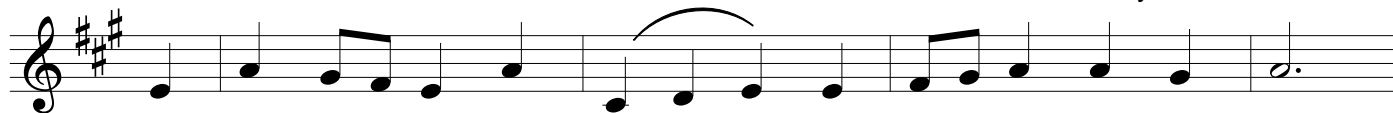
Alleluia

Hagenberg

PRESENTATION HYMN *All standing as the gifts are presented*



1. When Tho - mas heard from Je - sus, "Now come and fol - low me,"
 2. When Je - sus spoke of hea - ven, bold Tho - mas dared to say,
 3. When crowds be - gan to mur - mur and lead - ers raise their cry,
 4. What joy on Eas - ter morn - ing when man - y saw the Lord!
 5. That man of faith saw Je - sus at break - fast by the sea;



he sure - ly went with glad - ness, for there was much to see,
 "We don't know where you're go - ing! How can we know the way?"
 Brave Tho - mas spoke out firm - ly, "Let's go with him and die."
 Yet Tho - mas was not with them and would not trust their word.
 At Pen - te - cost he wit - nessed so o - thers would be - lieve.



He wit - nessed Je - sus' teach - ing and saw his heal - ing touch;
 He want - ed un - der - stand - ing of what he could not see;
 He ate at Je - sus' ta - ble par - tak - ing wine and bread;
 When Christ ap - peared be - fore him, his doubts were quick - ly gone;
 O Lord, may we, like Tho - mas, keep grow - ing day by day;



He found a faith to guide him, a friend he loved so much.
 Then Je - sus re - as - sured him, "The way is here, through me."
 Yet la - ter with the o - thers, he saw the cross and fled.
 He glad - ly knew that eve - ning the joy of Eas - ter dawn.
 In - crease our faith and guide us, for Lord, you are the Way.

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Music: Ellcombe. Melody from *Gesangbuch...der Herzogl.* Württembergischen katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784.

Arr. Michael Burroughs

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *All standing, as able*

"The Eucharist, or Great Thanksgiving," is where we give thanks to God and make an offering to God from the gifts that God has given us. In the Eucharist God blesses us with the presence of Christ, both in the elements (bread and wine) and in the gathered community.

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

"The Sanctus" is based on the song of the Seraphim (angels) as recorded in Isaiah's vision of God. It is a short hymn of adoration and praise.

With Grandeur $\text{♩} = 82$ *mp* **The Bronxville Eucharist - Sanctus and Benedictus** Philip WJ Stopford
(Bronxville, 2017)

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It begins with a tempo marking of quarter note = 82 and a dynamic of mezzo-piano (mp). The first line of music is marked with a '4' above the staff, indicating a four-measure rest. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he - who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The score includes dynamic markings of mezzo-forte (mf) and piano (p), and a ritardando (rit.) marking. There are also fermatas and accents over certain notes.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is
he - who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The congregation stands, as able, or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

This part of the prayer contains the epiclesis (invocation of the Holy Spirit over the bread, wine, and people). When the priest says, "sanctify us also," you are invited to cross yourself, as this is a blessing.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Andrew and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

AGNUS DEI

Latin for "Lamb of God." This is a short anthem based on John 1:29 that is sung in response to the priest breaking the bread (fraction). There are many different fraction anthems that can be said or sung.

Stately ♩ = 78 **Philip WJ Stopford**
(Bronxville, 2017)

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of

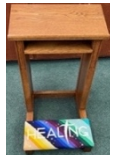
God, you take a - way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

When receiving communion you may drink from the common cup (no intincting is offered). If you desire to only receive the bread you are receiving the full communion. Prayer cards may be placed in the bowl when you receive communion.

Healing Prayers are offered during communion and until the end of the service. Members of the Order of St. Luke will be in the Ladd Chapel (on the right side of the chancel) to pray with you for yourself and others.



COMMUNION HYMN



1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
 2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
 3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand
 4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to

that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;
 ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled
 dif - f'rent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
 be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,

some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -
 with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -
 they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -
 who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and

vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they
 ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his
 vit - ed north and south and east and west to con - verge a -
 breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!— and then pass - es

all are wel - come. There is room for ev - 'ry - one.
 fruit - less ef - ferts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
 round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.
 wine that wa - kens in your heart the taste of love.

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BLESSING OF PRAYER CARDS

Presider Gracious God, you know what is in our hearts better than we do. We bring here before you some of our private prayers of intention, need, sorrow, and thanksgiving. Bless these prayers and fulfill them according to your compassionate will. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION *All standing, as able*

Let us pray

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING OUT OF THE EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Priest In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these holy gifts to _____, that he/she/they may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood. **We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you this day, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN *(Next page)*

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ!
People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Vruechten/Easter Carol

Alan Bullard

Please join us after the service for refreshments in the Fellowship Café located in the Strasburger Center.

FINAL HYMN

1. Sing, ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness,
 2. Sing how he came forth from hea - ven,
 3. So, he tast - ed death for mor - tals,
 4. Now on high, yet ev - er with us,

wake your no - blest, sweet - est strain,
 bowed him - self to Beth - lehem's cave,
 he, of hu - man - kind the head,
 from his Fa - ther's throne the Son

with the prais - es of your Sa - vior
 stooped to wear the ser - vant's ves - ture,
 sin - less one, a - mong the sin - ful,
 rules and guides the world he ran - somed,

let his house re - sound a - gain;
 bore the pain, the cross, the grave,
 Prince of life, a - mong the dead;
 till the-ap - point - ed work be done,

him let all your mu - sic hon - or,
 passed with - in the gates of dark - ness,
 thus he wrought the full re - demp - tion,
 till he see, re - newed and per - fect,

and your songs ex - alt his reign.
 thence his ban - ished ones to save.
 and the cap - tor cap - tive led.
 all things gath - ered in - to one.

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