

Saint Andrew's

Episcopal Church x School



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 12, 2026 10:00 A.M. PROPER 10A

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.



Did you know?

The Season After Pentecost is the longest season of the church year, spanning almost half the calendar year. The weeks after Pentecost are called Ordinary Time coming from the word “ordinal” which means counted time. This time is not ordinary as in common or regular, but it is the time of counted weeks between Pentecost and Advent. The liturgical color of the season is green. It is often thought of as a season of growth both in our personal faith and in the life of the church. Common themes to focus on throughout the season are:

- Our relationship with God.
- Our relationship with Jesus Christ and with one another through our prayers, the sacraments and life in the body of Christ.
- The presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.
- The Church and its work for God's mission.

We have entered into Ordinary Time and will remain here until the Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King Sunday. This is the Sunday before the season of Advent begins.

Please Pray For

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: For those who promote the dignity of women: Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Amelia Bloomer, Sojourner Truth, and Harriet Ross Tubman; ECW, Daughters of the King.

Healing: Susan Mau, Donna Valentine, Louise Dolby Schultz, Matthew Carswell, Rudy Carillo, Douglas Gilbert, Robert Dunning Stewart

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

Our Homebound: Ed Jacklitch

Other Prayers: The wars in Ukraine and the Middle East

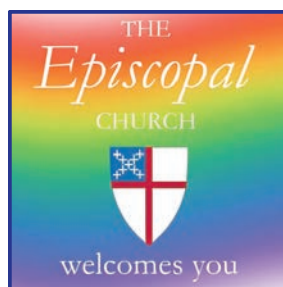
Ministers of the Liturgy today: **Presider:** The Rev. Joel Martinez; **Preacher:** The Rev. Maly Carswell Hughes; **Director of Music/Organist:** Michael Burroughs; **MC:** Diane Lovelace; **Lectors:** Steve McAlpine, Anne Karoly; **Eucharistic Ministers:** Susi Van Wickle, Harry Van Wickle; **Order of St. Luke:** Diane Lovelace; **Bread Baker:** Angelee Kumar; **Prayers of the People:** Barbara Merrill, Mary Ann Gee; **Vergers:** Tim Gee; **Acolyte:** Andrew Fitzpatrick; **Altar Guild:** Anne Cameron, Nancy McGuffin; **Lead Usher:** Barclay Dorman; **Ushers:** Jeff Harrell, Marcus Khoo, Matt Cameron; **Greeters:** Lindsay Catterton, Leslie Butlar, Barbara Anderson; **Flowers:** Lindsay Catterton; **Fellowship Cafe:** Julie and David Averill; **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 Nootboom, 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., Jul 12	Children & Family Service	The Center	9:00am
	The Holy Eucharist: Sunday after Independence Day	Church	8:00am, 10:00am
Tue., Ju 14	Finance and Vestry Meeting	The Center	6:30pm
Wed., Jul 15	Summer BBQ	Plaza	5:30pm



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

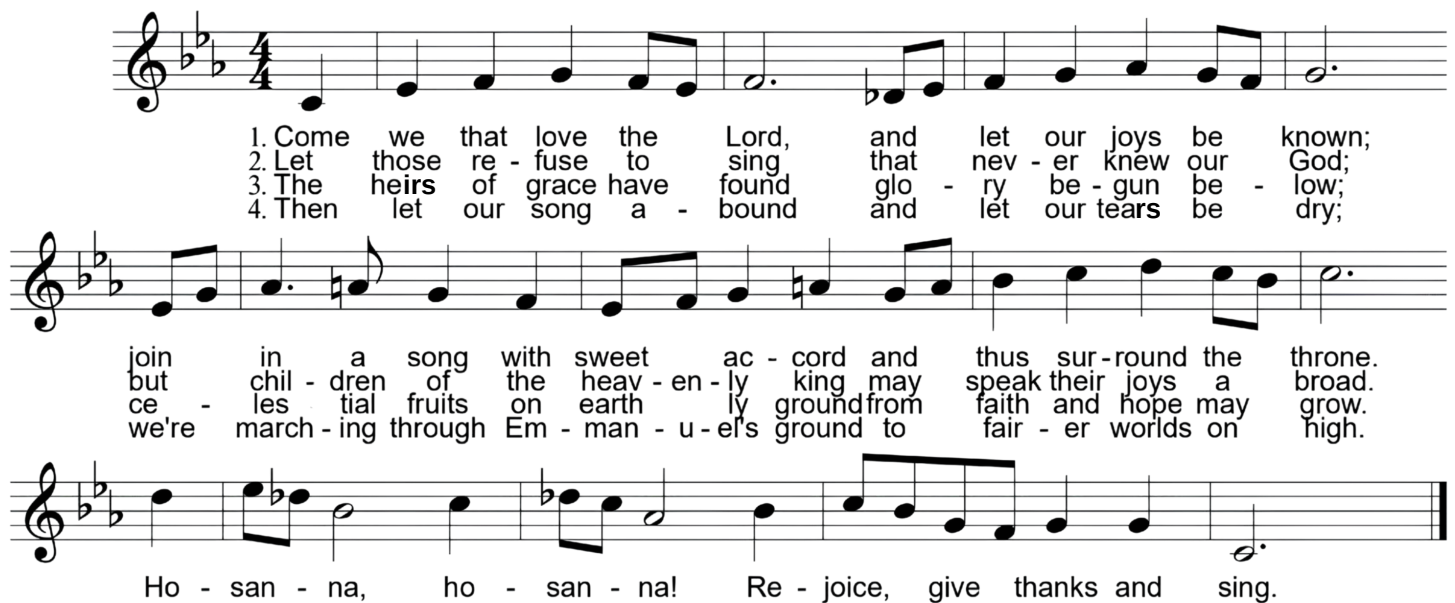
THE WELCOME AND CENTERING PRAYER

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



1. Come we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
2. Let those re - fuse to sing that nev - er knew our God;
3. The heirs of grace have found glo - ry be - gun be - low;
4. Then let our song a - bound and let our tears be dry;

join in a song with sweet ac - cord and thus sur-round the throne.
but chil - dren of the heav - en - ly king may speak their joys a broad.
ce - les - tial fruits on earth - ly ground from faith and hope may grow.
we're march - ing through Em - man - u - el's ground to fair - er worlds on high.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na! Re - joice, give thanks and sing.

Text: Issac Watts (1674-1748)

Music: *Vineyard Haven*, Richard Wayne Dirksen (b. 1921)

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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 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 O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS *All may be seated*

FIRST READING – **Genesis 25:19-34**

Esau and Jacob are born to Isaac and Rebekah, but it is the second and younger twin who makes himself first.

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger." When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 119:105-112

Even in times of hardship, the psalmist is committed to following the statutes and precepts of the Lord.



105 Your word is a lantern [to] my feet *
and a light up-[on] my path.

106 I have sworn and [am] determined *
to keep your [right]-eous judgments.

107 I am [deep]-ly troubled; *
preserve my life O LORD, ... according [to] your word.

108 Accept O LORD the willing tribute [of] my lips, *
and [teach me] your judgments.



109 My life is always [in] my hand, *
yet I do not for-[get] your law.

110 O the wicked have [set] a trap for me, *
but I have not strayed from [your] commandments.

111 Your decrees are my in-[heritance] for ever; *
truly they are the [joy of] my heart.

112 I have applied my heart to ful-[fill] your statutes *
for ever and [to] the end.



SECOND READING – Romans 8:1-11

Paul draws a sharp contrast between the mind set on the flesh, and the mind set on the Spirit.

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

THE GOSPEL HYMN

1. Christ taught us of a far - mer who went out sow - ing
 2. You sowed your word of love - here so man - y years a -
 3. We thank you of joy each mem - ber who lives in lov - ing
 4. In times of joy we praise you, in strug - gling times we

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Music: Nyland Finnish folk melody. Harm. David Evan Williams. © Oxford University Press.

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THE GOSPEL – Matthew 13:1-9,18-23 *All standing, as able*

In our gospel lection Jesus tells of reward for disciples who find themselves welcomed in his name.

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!" "Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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 Heavenly Sower, we offer you grateful hearts for the seeds of faith, mercy; compassion and justice that have been planted in us each season. Give us lives that nurture the good news so that we can share the harvest of your love with others and hear us as we pray Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader Give to the church universal the ability to thrive in times of change, help those who are seeking a deeper knowledge of you find a church community that will inspire, support and delight them. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Leader Bless this nation and all who govern. Bless all nations and all people with health, peace and safety. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Leader Give us the will to bring peace, justice, and security to all people. Guide us forward that we might end the systems of discrimination and racism so that all your beloved are provided equitable opportunities and safety. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Leader Comfort those who suffer from abuse, discrimination, disease, anxiety, loneliness, unemployment, homelessness, or hopelessness with your sustaining presence. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Leader Grant healing to those who are ill from any illness, especially Jenna Baker, Susan Mau and Virginia Slagle. Protect all those who tirelessly work to heal and care for the sick and suffering. 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, the people of Ukraine and the Middle East; all the military involved in the conflict and for their families. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Leader Deliver the departed into the joy of your kingdom and blanket the grieving with your comfort and peace. Keep us ever mindful that whether we live or whether we die, we are yours and we are loved. We pray for those named in our hearts or spoken on our lips *(pause)* _____. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Presider We ask all these things through Jesus Christ, our only strength and advocate. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **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.



ANTHEM

Behold the tabernacle of God

Powell

PRESENTATION HYMN *All standing as the gifts are presented*

1. O Je - sus Christ, may grate - ful hymns be ris - ing
2. Grant us new cour - age, sac - ri - fi - cial, hum - ble,
3. Show us your Spi - rit, brood - ing o'er each ci - ty,

in ev - ery ci - ty to for - ven - your love and care;
strong in your strength to a - bove Je - ru - sa - lem;
as you once wept a - bove Je - ru - sa - lem,

in - spire our wor - ship grant the glad sur - pris - ing
to lift the fall - en, guide the the feet that stump - ble,
seek - ing to gath - er all in love and pi - ty,

that seek your blest Spi - rit rous - es ev - ery cy - where.
and heal - ing those lone - ly and God's mer - cy - share.
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Text: Bradford Gray Webster (b. 1898)

Music: *Charterhouse*, David Evans (b 1874) H590

"Holy Communion" or "The Great Thanksgiving," is where we offer our thanks and praise to God for the gifts that God has given us. During Holy Communion, 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. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

Philip WJ Stopford
(Bronxville, 2017)

With Grandeur ♩ = 82 *mp*

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, "sanctified by the Holy Spirit," 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

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

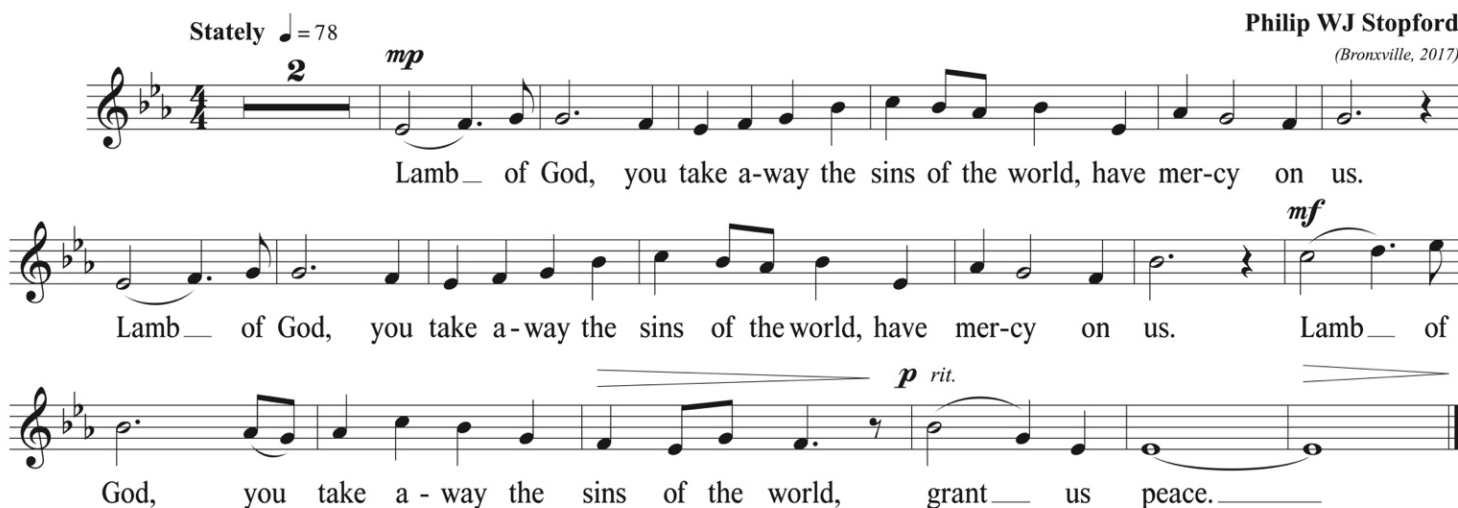
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is 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 **mp** **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 Memorial Chapel (on the left side of the chancel) to pray with you for yourself and others.



MUSIC AT COMMUNION

1. My God thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with
 2. O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished
 3. Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in count - less
 4. Nor let thy spread - ing gos - pel rest til through the

love doth o - ver flow; be all - thy chil - dren
 well with joy - ful guests; and may - each soul - sal
 num bers thy truth them has come run, and till gath - er this from bread shall

thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.
 va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.
 Fa - ther's board the who bread that the be - yond feel the tomb.
 all - ther's be blessed the who see the light or yond feel the sun.

Words: V 1-3, Philip Doddridge (1702-1751), v 4, Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Music: *Rockingham*. from Second Supplement to Psalmody, 1752. Edward Miller.

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

Presider 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 peace of God, that passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: 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 Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

*The altar party will process out during the postlude.
It is customary to wait for the recessional to conclude before leaving your pew.*

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

FINAL HYMN

1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace, Where there is ha-tred,
2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace, Where there's de-spair in

let me bring your love. Where there is in-ju-ry, your par-don,
life, let me bring hope. Where there is dark-ness, on-ly

Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
light, and where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.

3. O, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek so much to be con-
soled, as to con-sole, to be un-der-stood, as to un-der-
stand, to be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

4. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. it is in par-don-
ing that we are par-doned, in giv-ing of our-selves that we re-
ceive, and in dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.

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