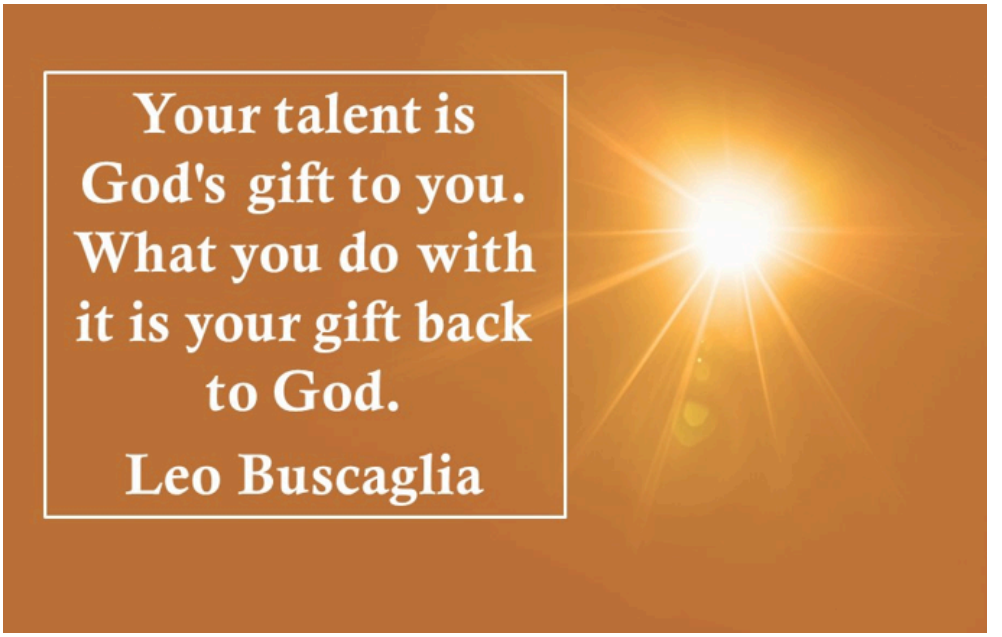
The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist: Rite II
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
November 15, 2026 10:00 AM



Welcome! We are glad you are here. No matter where you are on your faith journey, there's a place for you here. If you are interested in learning about the Episcopal Church and St. Andrew's, brochures are available on the shelf in the Narthex (foyer).

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. You will be given a piece of bread, and you may either consume it and drink from the chalice or dip your bread into the chalice of wine (intinction). You can always choose to receive communion in one kind only by receiving the bread and then crossing your arms over your chest when offered the wine. Gluten-free communion wafers are available – simply notify the priest. Please notify an usher if you wish to have Holy Communion brought to you at your seat. **Note: Communion will be at the rail; you may stand or kneel.** If you desire individual prayer during communion, someone is available to pray with you at the back of the sanctuary in the Chapel area.

Children are welcome in Worship! Coloring pages & clipboards with crayons are available in a basket by the table in the back of the Sanctuary. **A Nursery is also available for ages 2 months to 5 years, from 9:45 AM to 11:30 AM.** *(Nursery is located across from the doors to the Sanctuary).*

Introduction
Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the LORD will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

Prelude Kremser (We Praise You, O God) *Arr. Anne Krentz Organ*

Pastoral Welcome

Please stand and turn to face the cross as it processes.
You may bow as the cross passes you, honoring the mystery of our salvation.

Processional Hymn **O God, Our Help in Ages Past**



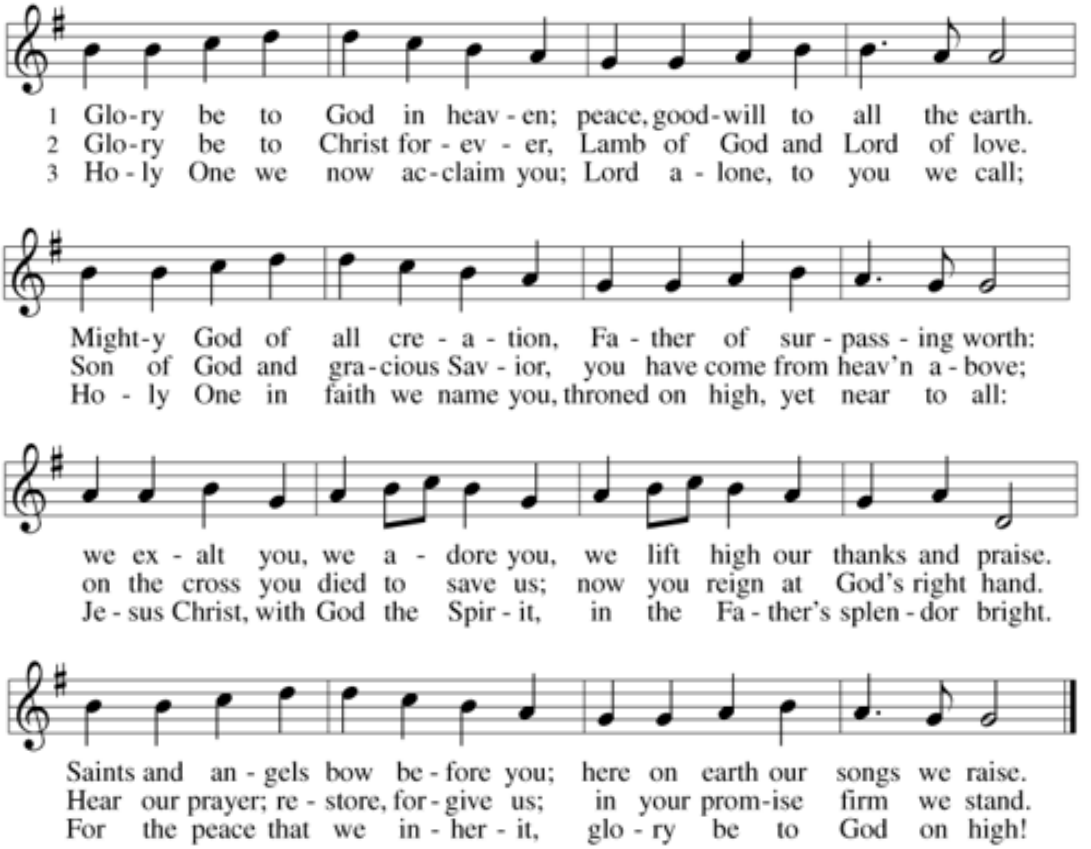
Verse 5
Time, like an every-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

Verse 6
O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy and living God.
People **Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise **Glory Be to God in Heaven**



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

Dismissal to Faith Formation

The Word of God

First Reading Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Reader: A Reading from the prophet Zephaniah.

7 Be silent before the Lord God!
For the day of the Lord is at hand;
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
"The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
13 Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

14 The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.
15 That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

17 I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,

their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
[18]Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90:1-8, 12-17

[1]Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
[2]Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.
[3]You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Go back, O child of earth."
[4]For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night.
[5]You sweep us away like a dream;
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
[6]In the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
[7]For we consume away in your displeasure;
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
[8]Our iniquities you have set before you,
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
[12]So teach us to number our days, *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
[13]Turn, O LORD! How long?
Have compassion on your servants!
[14]Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
[15]Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,
and as many years as we have seen evil.
[16]Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.

[17]Let the favor of the LORD our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands —
O prosper the work of our hands!

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Reader: A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Church in Thessalonika

[1]Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. [2]For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3]When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! [4]But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; [5]for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. [6]So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; [7]for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. [8]But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9]For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10]who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. [11]Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able

Sequence Hymn **Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us** ***Vs 1-2***





Gospel: **Matthew 25: 14-30**

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew,

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

[14]Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven will be as when a man, going on a journey, summoned
his slaves and entrusted his property to them;[15]to one he gave five talents, to another two, to
another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. [16]The one who had
received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents.
[17]In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. [18]But the one
who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's
money. [19]After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.
[20]Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents,
saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.'
[21]His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy
in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'
[22]And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to
me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' [23]His master said to him, 'Well done,
good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in
charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' [24]Then the one who had received
the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man,
reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; [25]so I was
afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' [26]But his
master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not
sow, and gather where I did not scatter? [27]Then you ought to have invested my money with
the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. [28]So
take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. [29]For to all those who
have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have
nothing, even what they have will be taken away. [30]As for this worthless slave, throw him
into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sequence Hymn **Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us** ***Vs 3-4***



Please be seated for the sermon.

The Sermon

Please stand as you are able.

The Nicene Creed (*EOW*)

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

The Prayers of the People

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

You build up the church as a community of faithful witnesses throughout the generations. Enliven the worship, outreach, and service work of our congregations and ministries with the hope of your good news.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

As the nights grow longer in the northern hemisphere, make us mindful of the earth's need for rest. Provide for fallow fields and hibernating animals; show us how to curb human impact on vulnerable lands and species.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Rescue all nations and peoples from violence, displacement, or famine (*especially*). Disrupt complacency among national and local leaders. Recommit our communities to transforming the systems that divide and oppress into those that empower and unite.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In your embrace, we find refuge from all trials and troubles. Care for families who are separated or estranged, accompany all undergoing medical procedures or mental health treatment, and reassure any who are ill or despairing *especially those we name before you now*….

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Bless all who serve in congregational leadership: Vestry members; the Finance and Stewardship committees, Volunteer coordinators & helpers for the Cookie Sale; In the Garden and Adopt a Family; Faith Formation & Nursery teams, Eric and the Choir; Altar Guild; and Building and Grounds. Encourage healthy stewardship of time, talents, and resources for the mission of the gospel.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the following parish families: Matthew & Ellie White, Evie, Bella, Valarie and Sofia; the Wisseh Family, Weah, Elston and Ishmael; Stephanie & Curt Young; Bill & Louise Young; and Robbin Zaborniak.
In our Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Church of Our Saviour/La Iglesia de Nuestro Salvador, Cincinnati; St. George's, Dayton and the 152nd Diocesan Convention this coming weekend. We pray also for our delegates, Pastor Sally Cook; Mary Fry; Sienna Hawkins; Erica Hays; and Weah Wisseh.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

The faithful of every age trust in the hope of your saving grace. In thanksgiving for the ways our ancestors have journeyed before us, we remember all who have entered eternal life in you. We pray for the dead and the dying *who we name before you now*….

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The Priest adds a concluding collect

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.
Amen.

Stewardship Moment

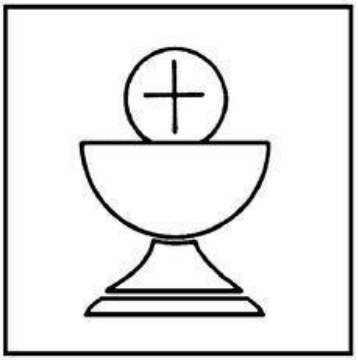
Presentation of Commitment Cards



The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The People may greet one another with a sign of peace.
Please be seated.



The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

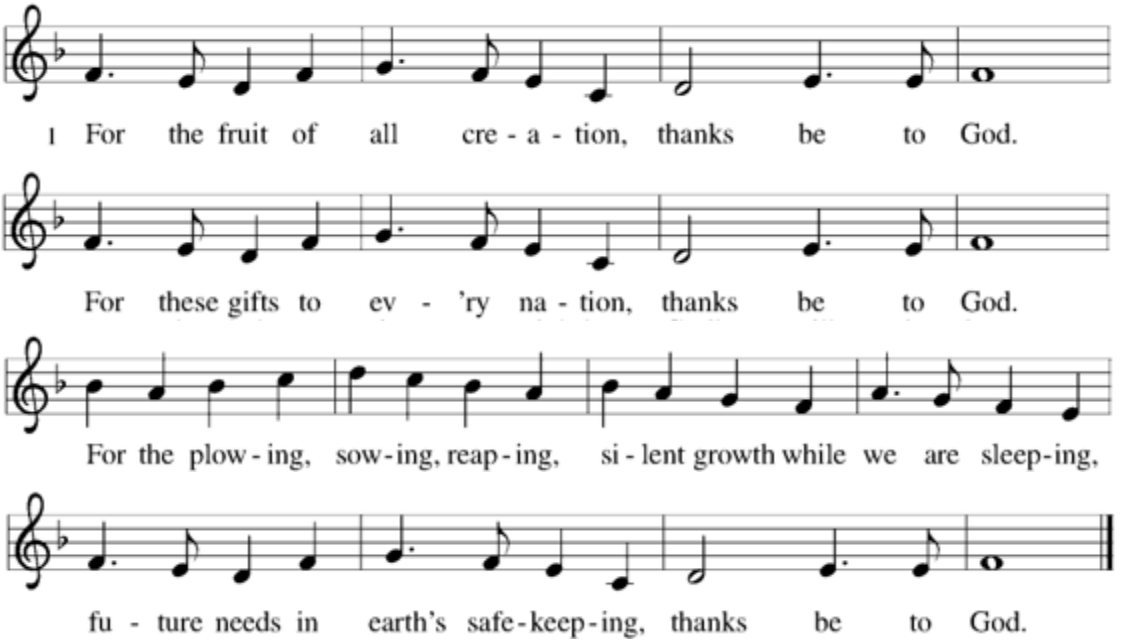
The Celebrant says
Walk in love, as Christ loves us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

The offering is collected to support the mission and ministry of St. Andrew's.

Offertory Anthem Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God *G. F. Handel*

As the offering is brought forward, all stand and sing:

Offertory Hymn **For the Fruit of All Creation** ***Vs. 1***



Offering Prayer
Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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

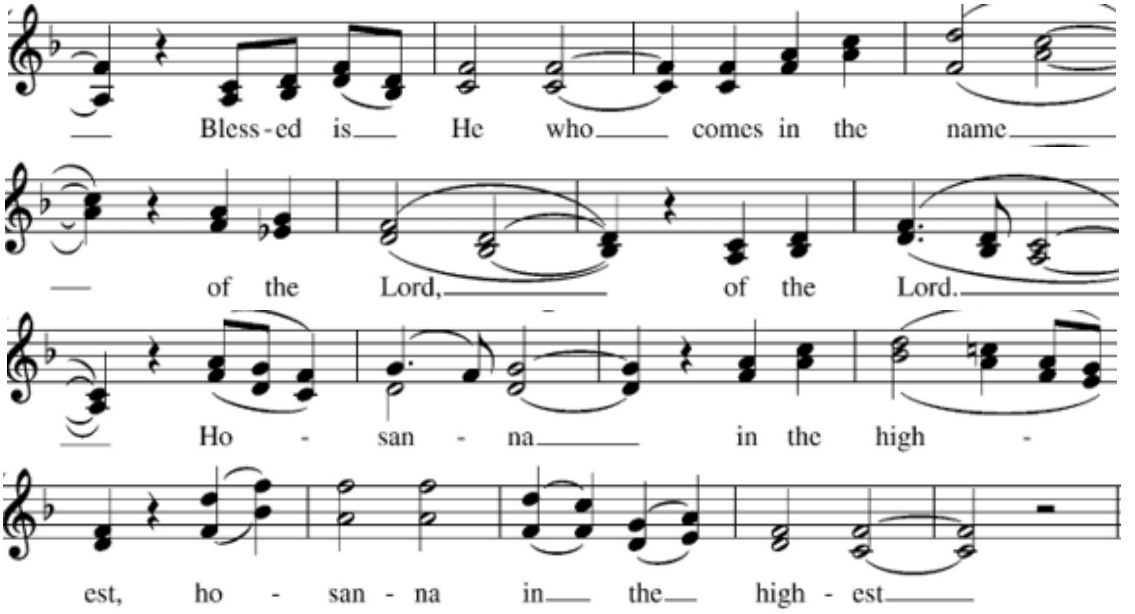
Celebrant
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy





The people stand or kneel as able.

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 Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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,

Celebrant and People

We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 St. Andrew and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

People and Celebrant

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,
forever and ever. Amen.



The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
People **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Invitation to Communion

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the people of God.

Please be seated.

Distribution

(If you desire individual prayer during communion, someone is available to pray with you at the back of the sanctuary in the Chapel area.)

Communion Hymn **We Praise You, O God**





Communion Hymn **Praise and Thanksgiving**



Please stand as you are able.

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

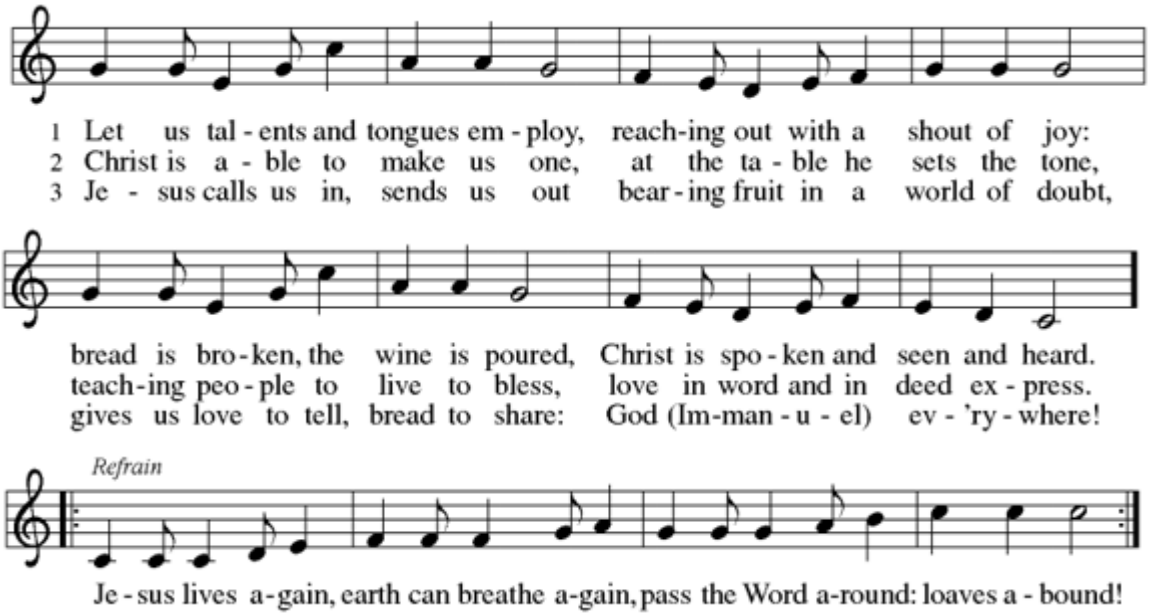
Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of Christ,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God
strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,
in the name of the Holy Trinity ☩. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn **Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ**



Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

	Serving Today	Serving Next Week
Celebrant:	Pastor Sally Cook	Pastor Sally Cook
Assisting Priest:	The Rev. Marie Mulford	The Rev. Susan Smith
Music Minister:	Eric Saupe	Eric Saupe
Choir Accompanist:	Steve Chichester	Steve Chichester
Crucifer:	Emmanuella Owolabi	George Hawkins
Acolytes:	Tunney King/Steve Knorr	Erica Hays/Steve Knorr
Chalicists:	Tunney King/Steve Knorr	Erica Hays/Steve Knorr
Book Bearer:	Elia Harmon	Ella Heid
Lectors:	Andy Taylor/Erica Hays	Maureen Patterson/Jim Thesing
Prayer Chapel:	Denise Ortiz	Weah Wisseh
Audio Technician:	Richard Hernandez/Scott Schoenlein	Sianee Hawkins/Carey Schneider
Greeters:	Mark Bonnes/Maureen Patterson	John Reelhorn/Dom Sakowski
Altar Guild:	Erica Hays/Elaine Vaughan	Mary Fry/Colleen Thesing
Bread Baker:	Sheila Schneider	Marie Mulford
Coffee Hour:	Vaughan/Cotterman Famlies	Reelhorn/Stickney Families
Closer:	Jana Mielcarek	Richard Hernandez
Counters:	Doug Albaugh/Jeannie Griggs	Amanda James/Sheri Kreinbihl
Choral Music	St. Andrew's Choir	St. Andrew's Choir

Welcome to St. Andrew's

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, separated, straight, gay, transgender, mighty rich, mighty poor, or mightily trying. We welcome those who are crying newborns, skinny as a rail, or aiming to lose a few.

We extend a special welcome if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli or can only sing into a bucket.

You're welcome if you're "just browsing" just woke up, or just got out of jail.

We don't care if you're "cradle Episcopalian" or a "cafeteria Christian" or if you're not sure what to be or believe.

We don't care if you have only seen the inside of a church through YouTube, think Hozier invented "Take me to church", or haven't been in church since your BFF from high school got married.

We extend a special welcome to those over 60 who haven't grown up yet, and to teenagers who think they're already grown up.

We welcome soccer dads/moms, NASCAR moms/dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte sippers, card carrying NRA members and card-burning Socialists.

We welcome vegetarians and junk-food aficionados.

We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted.

We welcome refugees and immigrants from all nations.

We welcome you if you're having problems, or you're down in the dumps or if you don't like "organized religion", hey, many of us have been there too.
We extend a special welcome if you blew all your offering money at the casino, still think the earth is flat, work too hard, can't sepll, or because grandma is in town and wanted to go to church.
We extend a special welcome to those who are inked, pierced, both or undecided.
You are welcome if you need a special prayer right now, don't trust "religion" yet feel a spiritual tug,
or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake.
We welcome seekers, finders, tourists, wanderers, doubters, bleeding hearts…and you.
This is your home.
What unites us is Jesus Christ, his Life, Death, and Resurrection.
The rest is details.

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