THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 25, 2020



OUR MISSION

To bring by the power of the Holy Spirit as many people as possible to know, love, and serve God as revealed through Jesus Christ; and to be transformed into spiritually renewed disciples of Jesus who know, love and serve one another and the world.



FROM THE RECTOR

IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST, WELCOME.

Jesus' first words to His earliest disciples were very simple, "Come, follow Me..." (Matthew 4:19) It was a gentle invitation to take seriously the wonderful journey of faith found in Christ. For more than 2,000 years, people of all ages have responded to that invitation through a personal decision to follow Jesus Christ in a community of prayer, study and service. St. Martin's is just such a place.

St. Martin's is a member Church in the Diocese of Texas, The Episcopal Church in the United States of America and the greater worldwide Anglican Communion consisting of more than 77 million people. Our Parish Church considers it a tremendous honor to be a place where men, women, youth and children can grow in their personal relationship with our Lord, come to know and use their own spiritual gifts, and discover a personal ministry to be expressed both in the Church, the greater Houston area and beyond.

I want to personally invite you to participate in our worship services and as many of our activities and ministries as your own commitments and time will allow.

Gener J. Luna, Jr. +

The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr., Rector

Prayers Before Worship

O Lord, we thank You that You have called us as members of Your family into this beautiful house of God. Grant that here we may feel Your presence and the beauty of Your peace, and that, as we return to our homes and work, we may sense Your guiding hand and loving care and be used in the service of our neighbors, our nation and the world, and all You send our way, through Him Who came not to condemn the world but to save it, Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your provision for our church family, especially the resources we need to expand and develop our church campus in order to further the work of Your Gospel in this place. Give us strength and grace as the construction takes place, that it would go as You will, for Your purposes and Your kingdom. Bless and keep safe all those who labor on our behalf. All this we ask through the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*



Frequently Asked Questions

How do I register for the next in-person service?

Register online at bit.ly/smecworshiprsvp or call 713-621-3040 to save a seat by phone. Registration opens at 9 a.m. on Monday for all in-person services during the same week and closes at noon on Friday for the following Sunday's services.

I registered, but my plans changed and I cannot attend. What should I do?

If your plans change, you can cancel your reservation by clicking the cancel button on your confirmation email. This will open a seat for another Parishioner. If the number of people in your party changes, please call Beth Ollenburger at 713-830-4146.

Will I have reserved seats?

Yes! In order to maximize the number of people that can attend each service and to abide by the Diocesan and CDC six-feet, social-distancing requirements, we will assign seats and pews will be labeled accordingly. To sit with family or friends, please make one reservation for the group, rather than separate reservations for individuals. Separate reservations will be socially-distanced.

Will valet parking be available?

While we will not have valet parking at this time, family members may drop others off under the porte cochères.

Are services available online?

Yes, we will continue to live stream our service on YouTube and Facebook.

Will I be able to use the Bibles and/or Books of Common Prayer that are in the pew racks?

No. We have removed all materials including hymnals and Books of Common Prayer for your safety. All of the service information will be in the bulletin. You are also welcome to bring a personal copy from home.

What time should I arrive for the service?

Doors to The Church will open 30 minutes before the service starts. You must be in your seats five minutes before the service start time. We recommend you come when the doors open because with our new procedure of having helpers seat you, it may take longer than usual to get everyone situated.

What if I am late to the service?

Doors to The Church will close five minutes before the service starts. We will continue to live stream our service and that requires that we keep to an exact schedule. We appreciate your understanding and assistance in keeping things on schedule.

Now that we have reopened for worship, has St. Martin's campus also reopened?

Essential staff continue to work on campus as needed, but campus in general remains closed. St. Martin's Gift Shoppe, however, is open for limited hours until Sunday, Nov. 22: 10 a.m.—4 p.m. Monday—Thursday and 9 a.m.—noon Sunday.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT **ST. MARTIN'S**

OCTOBER 25-31

ADULTS

SUNDAY, OCT. 25

Basic Bible Study with Jack Wisdom

"The Ten Commandments as Jesus Taught Them"
Distributed Sundays via email with links to Facebook and YouTube



What do Christians do? Have you ever realized that the Ten Commandments are important for us as people of the New Testament? But how do they impact discipleship? Jesus spent a lot of time instructing his disciples and a lot of this was based on these famous commands God gave Moses. This series will look at how

the Ten Commandments as fulfilled and expanded through Jesus teaching and so give us a clear vision for how Jesus calls us to live our lives.

Family Life Class with the Rev. Alex D. Graham III

"Alpha for Families"

Distributed Sundays via email with links to Facebook and YouTube



How do we get talking about big questions of faith within our families? Have you ever thought about why we are here? Why do we pray? What about the Spirit? And how do we discuss these things with our middle schoolers or teens? This fall we're going to be doing the Alpha Course which looks at some of these big faith

questions. Each week, we'll have a different topic covered by a different cleric with questions you can discuss within your families. This series will ground in the basics of the Christian faith and open up conversation within your home.

Seekers

Seekers will be joining Basic Bible Study this fall.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 28

Wednesday Bible Study Series with the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.

"Growing in Grace"

Distributed Wednesdays via email with links to Facebook and YouTube



We speak a great deal about the life of grace, and God's mercy, forgiveness and salvation "by grace." Yet what does it mean to "grow in grace" as the good Apostle Peter counseled the early Christians? (II Peter 3:18) For 10 weeks, we will explore some key Christian beliefs, as well as various Christian disciplines, as one

avenue of growing into a mature faith in Christ.

St. Martin's 20s & 30s

"Where is God in a Coronavirus World" Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom



We are living through a unique, era-defining period. Many of our old certainties have gone, whatever our view of the world and whatever our belief. The Coronavirus pandemic and its effects are perplexing and unsettling for all of us. How do we begin to think it through and cope with it? Join us this fall as we explore these topics using

a short book Where is God in a Coronavirus World by Oxford Professor John Lennox.

For more information about Adult Christian Education, email Katwana Coleman at kcoleman@stmartinsespicopal.org.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAY, OCT. 25

Children's Sunday School



Children's Ministry has brand-new lessons, curriculum and content for both preschool and elementary school. We'll be sending out weekly emails with links to virtual Sunday school videos and parent leader guides.



For more information about Children's Ministry, email Holli Kight at hkight@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

7-1-7 STUDENTS

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 28

Life Groups

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom Middle School ID: #949 5175 4882 High School ID: #962 9273 1076



In an effort to encourage students to take an active role in our church life and participate more fully in our Sunday worship, Life Groups have been moved to Wednesday evenings 6:30–8 p.m. We will break out by groups for a time of study and discussion on biblical

perspectives that guide our lives today.

For more information about 7-1-7 Students, email Student Ministries at students@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

HOLY EUCHARIST

Felix Mendelssohn

Dr. David Henning, Director of Music and Parish Organist

All stand following the greeting.

Begin on page 323 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Celebrant says

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 235)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray. (kneel)

The Celebrant says the Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

HYMN 544 (vs. 1 and 5)......"Jesus Shall Reign" Annamarie Zmolek, Christine Mahaffey, Patrick Perez, Joel Willliams, Jan Cornelius LeClair, and Ben LeClair St. Martin's Parish Choir



Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; Music: Duke Street, John Hatton (d. 1793).

THE LESSON Leviticus 19:1–18

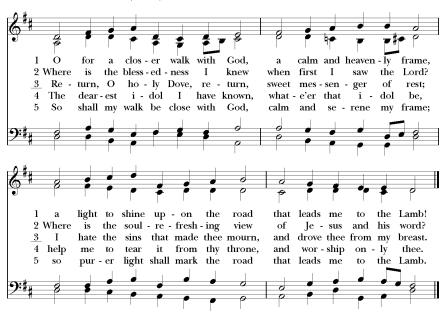
The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. You shall each revere your mother and father, and you shall keep my sabbaths: I am the Lord your God. Do not turn to idols or make cast images for yourselves: I am the Lord your God. When you offer a sacrifice of well-

being to the Lord, offer it in such a way that it is acceptable in your behalf. It shall be eaten on the same day you offer it, or on the next day; and anything left over until the third day shall be consumed in fire. If it is eaten at all on the third day, it is an abomination; it will not be acceptable. All who eat it shall be subject to punishment, because they have profaned what is holy to the Lord; and any such person shall be cut off from the people. When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Lord your God. You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the Lord. You shall not defraud your neighbour; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a labourer until morning. You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumblingblock before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the Lord. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

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

All stand.

HYMN 684 (vs. 1)"O for a Closer Walk"



Words: William Cowper (1731–1800), alt.; Music: Caithness, from The Psalmes of David in Prose and Meeter, 1635; harm. The English Hymnal, 1906.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Matthew.

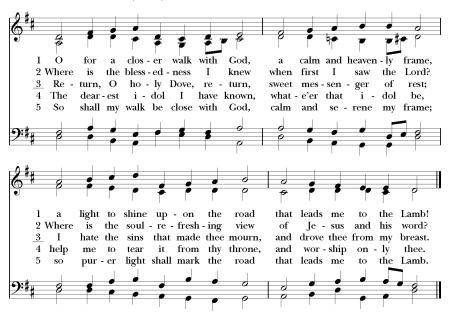
People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to

him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord. **People:** Praise be to thee, O Christ.

HYMN 684 (vs. 5)"O for a Closer Walk"



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Please be seated.

THE SERMON "Grand Gestures or God-bearers" The Rev. Dr. Suse E. McBay

THE NICENE CREED (BCP p. 327) (stand)

Celebrant and People

I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of his Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God,

begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father;

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation

came down from heaven,

and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the

Virgin Mary,

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered and was buried;

and the third day he rose again according to

the Scriptures,

and ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of the Father,

and he shall come again, with glory,

to judge both the quick and the dead;

whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,

who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;

who with the Father and the Son together

is worshiped

and glorified;

who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church;

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;

and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP p. 387, Form III) (kneel)

*Minister and People pray responsively*Father, we pray for thy holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve thee;

That thy Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for our Anglican Communion; for the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin; for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; for our Bishops, Andy, Jeff, Kai and Hector; for all bishops, priests and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake; That our works may find favor in thy sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise thee for thy saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

For Donald, our President, Greg, our Governor, Sylvester, our Mayor and the Congress and the Courts; for all who serve in our armed forces and their families; we pray for peace throughout the world, and especially in the Middle East; and we pray for the victims of terror attacks; and we remember before you, and pray for the protection of our Christian brothers and sisters who face danger or persecution for their faith; and we pray for victims of all natural disasters, especially those impacted by Hurricanes Laura and Delta and all those affected by the wildfires in the west. We pray for the safety of all law enforcement agents, firefighters, paramedics and all first responders who provide security and protection to the citizens they serve. We continue to pray for the many people who have contracted the coronavirus; for those in isolation, those who have lost their job or their business, and for all those in our communities involved in ministering to the sick, especially for all health care workers; and we pray for those in the hospitals; and those for whom our prayers have been requested_; and for those on our Continuing Prayer List; and for all the blessings of this life, especially those remembered today with Altar flowers; and we remember before you the departed especially ; we give thanks for their lives and pray for their loved ones left behind.

I invite your own prayers and intercessions.

A period of silence, during which people may add their own petitions quietly or in the privacy of their hearts.

Celebrant adds a concluding Collect (BCP p. 394)

Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Minister says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Minister and People (BCP p. 331)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Priest stands and says (BCP p. 332)

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE (stand)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

GIVE BLOQ.

St Martin's Episcopal Church Blood Drive

Monday, October 26 Tuesday, October 27 Wednesday, October 28

> 9 a.m.–3 p.m. 717 Sage Road Bagby Parish Hall



Appointments are required to donate during this time. Please go online to schedule at www.giveblood.org or contact Michael Murry at Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center: 346-831-4215 or mmurry@giveblood.org



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Remember a loved one with poinsettias decorating The Church at Christmas. All requests received by 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, will be included in the Christmas Flowers listing available in the worship booklets at all Christmas services. Any requests received after the deadline will be published in worship booklets in the weeks following Christmas. Make your flower dedication online at bit.ly/ChristmasAltarFlowers.

For more information, contact Beth Ollenburger at 713-830-4146 or bollenburger@stmartinsespicopal.org.



TOPICS

20^s 30^s

Wednesdays | 7:30 p.m. | via Zoom

Meeting ID: 99529163038

What does Jesus have to say to us about today's relevant "hot" topics? How should followers of Jesus think and respond to a world so thoroughly divided over issues of politics, economics, sex and race? Join the 20s & 30s as we examine how Jesus handled relevant issues in his own day.

November 4 Politics November 25 No Meeting (Thanksgiving)

November 11 Economics December 2 Race
November 18 Sex

For more information, contact Katwana Coleman at 713-830-4110 or kcoleman@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

TT family table

Join us at 8 a.m. on Sundays for the live Family Table Worship Service on YouTube and Facebook, or access the recorded version of the service later at your convenience.

For links to the service, visit St. Martin's website and look for the Family Table slider at the top of the page. You'll enjoy hearing short sermons from various St. Martin's clergy, seeing Miss Holli and finding out about exciting programs, singing with Tom and Haley and hearing our acolytes read the Gospel and the Lord's Prayer.

Hope to see you there!

JOIN US VIA ZOOM EVERY SUNDAY



The Altar, our contemporary worship service for students and adults of all ages, is online every Sunday at 11:15 a.m. followed by a virtual coffee hour. Join us via Zoom!

bit.ly/thealtarservice

Meeting ID: 972 3813 2533 | Passcode: 110154

For more information, please contact Beth Ollenburger at bollenburger@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



ST. MARTIN'S Compline Service

Monday–Thursday 8 p.m. | via Zoom



Compline Service, also known as Night Prayer or End of Day Prayer, is the final church service of the day. The service finds its roots in the 300s and is still found in the *Book of Common Prayer*, page 127.

bit.ly/smeccomplineservice Meeting ID: 993 5602 0443 | Passcode: 275101

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ESTATE PLANNING

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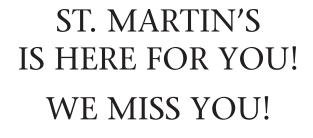


TRANSFER OF ASSETS

Pledging and setting up a recurring gift online helps you and the church budget. Go online today: stmartinsepiscopal.org/giving

Please contact Accounting Supervisor, Debbie Hutchison with questions or for assistance: dhutchison@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 713-985-3803





GOD LOVES YOU!

We may not be able to meet in person right now, but we want to know if you are sick, hospitalized or need to speak with a member of the Clergy.

Don't hesitate to call the church

General Questions

Contact the Reception Desk at 713-621-3040.

Prayer Requests

Contact the Prayer Request Line at 713-830-4124 or Cyndy Ensign at 713-985-3808 or censign@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

After Hours Emergencies

Call 713-621-3040 and press 2 to reach the Priest on Call.

Death Notifications and Funerals

Contact Cyndy Ensign at 713-985-3808 or censign@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

THE OFFERTORY

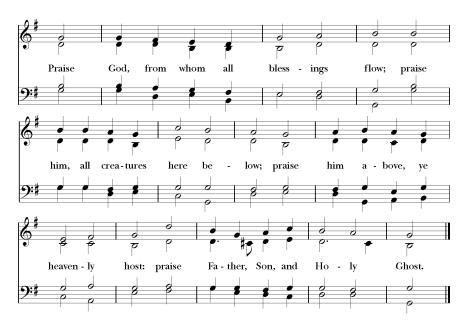
ANTHEM" "See What Love" Felix Mendelssohn

See what love hath the Father bestowed, yea, on us in His goodness, that we should be called God's own children.

Text: I John 3:1.

AT THE PRESENTATION

DOXOLOGYOld 100th



Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637–1711); Music: Old 100th, melody from Pseaumes octante trois de David, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?–1561?).

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (BCP p. 340) (stand)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

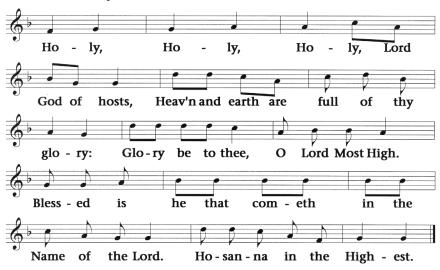
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Who by water and the Holy Spirit has made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Celebrant and People



John Merbecke, 1549. Copyright © 1940, 1943, 1961. The Church Pension Fund.

The Celebrant continues (BCP p. 341) (kneel)

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN**. And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 336)

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.



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PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (BCP p. 337)

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Celebrant says the Invitation. (BCP p. 338)

Please tell the priest administering Communion if you wish to receive a glutenfree wafer. After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray. (BCP p. 339)

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING (BCP p. 339)

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the son and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Please be seated.



Words: Joachim Neander (1650–1680); tr. Hymnal 1940, alt.; Music: Lobe den Herren, melody from Erneuerten Gesangbuch, 1665; harm. The Chorale Book for England, 1863.

THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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