THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 13, 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 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.

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.

May I attend the in-person services every Sunday?

For now, we ask you to be generous by giving others the chance to worship in person once you have enjoyed that same opportunity. Please wait a few weeks before registering again.

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?

Not at this time. Essential staff continue to work on campus as needed, but campus remains closed.



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

SEPTEMBER 13–19

ADULTS

SUNDAY, SEP. 13

Basic Bible Study with the Rev. Dr. Suse E. McBay

"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

"Helping Your Children Navigate Online"
Sundays at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom (https://zoom.us/j/3096081170)



Starting today, for three weeks, Student Ministries is hosting a *Love People Not Pixels* presentation aimed at helping you parent your child through the online world and the dangers of inappropriate adult content.

Seekers

Seekers will be joining Basic Bible Study this fall.

WEDNESDAY, SEP. 16

Wednesday Bible Study Series with the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson "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. Please see page 17 of this worship guide for more information and registration information about this series.

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, email Katwana Coleman at kcoleman@stmartinsespicopal.org.

To subscribe to the Adult Christian email distribution list, please email communications@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAY, SEP. 13

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.



To subscribe to the Children's Ministry email distribution list, please email Holli Kight at hkight@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

7-1-7 STUDENTS

SUNDAY, SEP. 13

BIG Sunday

"Helping Your Children Navigate Online"
Sundays at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom (https://zoom.us/j/3096081170)



We'll start things off with some fun and games! At 5:30 p.m., we'll invite parents to join with their students on Zoom for a special program from *Love People, Not Pixels (LPNP)* on the very relevant topic of how to keep students safe online.

Because of the importance of this subject, we will follow-up this introductory conversation on the next two Sundays (Sep. 20 and 27) on this same zoom link at 5:30 p.m., where LPNP will share valuable and helpful information on how to have an honest conversation with our kids and how to defend our homes with a tech strategy. We hope you'll join us for all three of these evening discussions.

To subscribe to the Student Ministries email distribution list, please email Florence Ritchie at fritchie@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

HOLY EUCHARIST

VOLUNTARY......""sonata"

Johann Sebastian Bach

Dr. David Henning, Director of Music and Parish Organist

All stand.

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. 233)

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

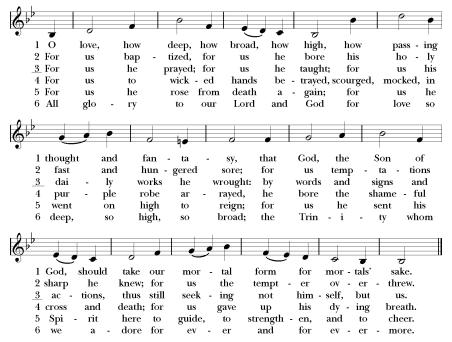
Celebrant: Let us pray. (kneel)

The Celebrant says the Collect

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

HYMN 448 (vs. 1, 2 and 6)....."O Love, How Deep" Annamarie Zmolek, Christine Mahaffey, Patrick Perez and Joel Willliams, St. Martin's Parish Choir



Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819–1885), alt.; Music: Deus tuorum militum, from Antiphoner, 1753; adapt. The English Hymnal, 1906, alt.; harm. after Basil Harwood (1859–1949).

If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

All stand.



6 Just as I am, of thy great love the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove, here for a season, then above: O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Words: Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871); Music: Woodworth, William Batchelder Bradbury (1816-1868).

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Matthew.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL...... Matthew 18:21–35

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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



6 Just as I am, of thy great love the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove, here for a season, then above: O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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Please be seated.

THE SERMON

"Why We Call the Gospel Good News!" The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.

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 affected by the wildfires in California and all those impacted by Hurricane Laura; for the many people who have contracted the coronavirus; for comfort for those grieving loved ones who have died and peace for those who are fearful as the virus spreads, 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; 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; 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.



A 10-Week Study by the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.

Wednesdays at 7 p.m. via YouTube and Facebook

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! I look forward to "joining" you!

September 16 Grace and Beyond

September 23 Sin, Repentance and Conversion: Part I September 30 Sin, Repentance and Conversion: Part II

October 7 Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord

October 14 The Holy Spirit
October 21 Sanctification

October 28 Discipline of Heart and Soul November 4 Evangelism and Mission November 11 The Journey of Prayer

November 18 Closing Reflections and Thoughts on

Death and Life

To register for this Bible study visit: https://bit.ly/growingingrace2020

New Book by The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson Jr.

A portion of proceeds goes to support Outreach Ministries at St. Martin's



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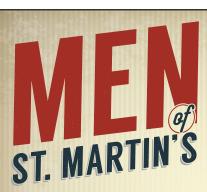
MEMBERSHIP

Monday, Sept. 14

6 p.m. | via Zoom

Learn about the mission and core values of St. Martin's and broaden your understanding of our ministries and your role in the Church during this membership class that will include a virtual instructed Eucharist, a presentation by St. Martin's Rector, the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr., and a question-and-answer session by Kathy Johnson, Lay Minister of Membership at St. Martin's.

Reservations are required. To make a reservation, contact Kathy Johnson, Lay Minister of Membership Ministries, at 713-985-3834 or kjohnson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



THURSDAY MORNING

BIBLE STUDY AND SPEAKER SERIES



SEPTEMBER 17 • 7 A.M. • VIA ZOOM

https://bit.ly/mosm20_21

GUEST SPEAKER

Rev. Dr. Jim Jackson, Jr.

Reservations are not required. For more information, contact Jennifer DiMichele at 713-985-3845 or jdimichele@stmartinsepiscopal.org.





TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

11 a.m.-noon

We will live broadcast this special virtual program from Nashville, TN.

Registration is open here: https://bit.ly/ecwfallprogram

Registration required for access to the live program and replay option. In lieu of a registration fee, please consider making a donation to support St. Martin's Community Outreach Grants.

Event Chairs: Rebecca Doggett, Megan Holstien and Amanda Savoie

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





PLEASE SHARE YOUR BLESSINGS AND HELP

Feed families

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THETR CHILDREN

SUNDAY, SEPT. 20 • 8-11 A.M.

At St. Martin's

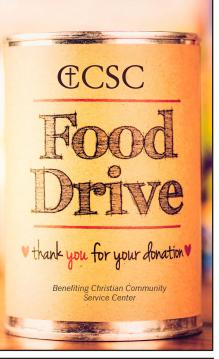
Volunteers will socially distance and safely unload your bags as you drive through the carport nearest Sage and load into the CCSC truck

SATURDAY, SEPT. 26 • 9-11 A.M.

At Christian Community Service Center
Volunteers will socially distance and
safely unload your bags as you drive
through at 3230 Mercer.

Food donations most needed: Canned fruit, boxed dry cereal, dry beans (1–2 lb. bags) and hearty soups

For more information, contact Outreach Ministries outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org.









Our Joy of Giving Market is just around the corner. Mark your calendars for Oct. 13–15 and watch for details.

WAYS TO GIVE



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ESTATE PLANNING

Contact: Director of Parish Stewardship, Ashley Pratka: apratka@stmartinsepiscopal.org or 346-335-8658



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





WE MISS YOU!

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.

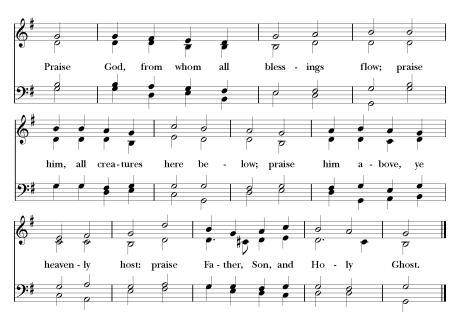


THE OFFERTORY

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AT THE PRESENTATION

DOXOLOGYOld 100th



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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.

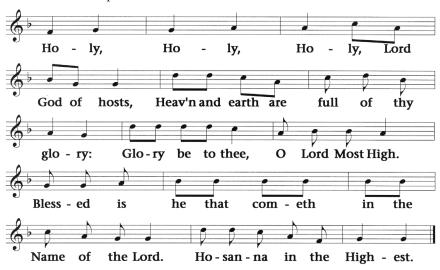
People: It is meet and right so to do.

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.

HYMN 400 (vs. 1 and 7) "All Creatures of our God and King"



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THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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Χώρα του Αχωρήτου – chora tou achoretou – Container of the Uncontainable Mosaic over the entrance of Chora Church in Istanbul

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