

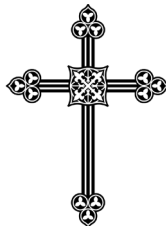
THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

September 20, 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.



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

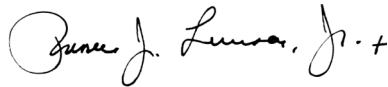
FROM THE RECTOR

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.



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/smechworshipsvp 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.

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-foot, 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 all the in-person services?

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 20–26

ADULTS

SUNDAY, SEP. 20

Basic Bible Study with the Rev. Chad T. Martin

“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>)

**HELPING YOUR CHILDREN
NAVIGATE ONLINE**

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. 23

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.

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@stmartinsepicopal.org.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

SUNDAY, SEP. 20

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.



7-1-7 STUDENTS

SUNDAY, SEP. 20

Family Life Class

"Helping Your Children Navigate Online"

Sundays at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom (<https://zoom.us/j/3096081170>)

**HELPING YOUR CHILDREN
NAVIGATE ONLINE**

This is a special program from *Love People, Not Pixels (LPNP)* on the very relevant topic of how to keep students safe online. 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.

WEDNESDAY, SEP. 23

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.

HOLY EUCHARIST

VOLUNTARY "Psalm 19"

Benedetto Marcello

Mr. Kevin Riehle, Choral Director of Adult Choir

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. 234)*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. *(kneel)*

The Celebrant says the Collect

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 7 (all verses) ... "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

Jan Cornelius LeClair, Brennan Blankenship, Jeff Ragsdale, Ben LeClair,
St. Martin's Parish Choir

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788); Music: *Ratisbon*, melody from *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524;
adapt. att. William Henry Havergal (1793–1870); harm. William Henry Havergal (1793–1870), alt.

THE LESSON Philippians 1:21–30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

HYMN 635 (vs. 1) "If thou but Trust in God"

Unison or harmony

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through
 2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - serv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,
 faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days, Who trusts in God's un -
 thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.
 sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

Words: Georg Neumark (1621–1681); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829–1878), alt. Music: *Wer nur den lieben Gott*, Georg Neumark (1621–1681).

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL Matthew 20:1–16

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

HYMN 635 (vs. 2) "If thou but Trust in God"

Unison or harmony

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through
 2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - serv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,
 faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -
 thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

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Please be seated.

THE SERMON "What to Do in Times like These"
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 recovering from Hurricane Laura and all those impacted by the wildfires in the west. May the fires cease, and may lives, homes and businesses be preserved; we ask for your protection for all those in harm's way and safety for all first responders who have answered the call to help bring these devastating fires to an end. 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.**

T H E P E A C E *(stand)*

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

People: And with thy spirit.

W E L C O M E A N D A N N O U N C E M E N T S

Please be seated.



Episcopal Church Women of St. Martin's invite you to our Fall Program

THE STORY OF

Thistle Farms

HOW LOVE HEALS



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.

GUEST SPEAKER
BECCA STEVENS



GIVE BLOOD.ORG

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



Artemio, blood recipient

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



EAT. DRINK. BRING I.D.

Share your
donation story



@commitforlife | #commitforlife

RETURNING VIA ZOOM NEXT SUNDAY



We are excited to announce that we are virtually resuming the Altar, our contemporary worship service for students and adults of all ages. All are welcome to join us live via Zoom beginning Sunday, Sept. 27, at 11:15 a.m. followed by a virtual coffee hour.

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

ST. MARTIN'S
*Compline
Service*

Monday–Saturday
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.

<http://bit.ly/smeccomplineservice>

For more information, contact
Beth Ollenburger at 713-830-4146
orbollenburger@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



Mark Your Special Occasion!

Consider giving altar flowers to celebrate a special occasion, in thanksgiving for a loved ones birthday or anniversary

A gift of \$150 provides beautiful arrangements for our Sunday service in The Church.

<https://bit.ly/ChurchFlowers>

For more information, visit St. Martin's website, or contact Beth Ollenburger at 713-830-4146 or Barbara Piana at 713-830-4116.

REGISTER NOW FOR FALL *Christian Life Study*

CLS is a group of more than 300 women studying the Bible. We are committed to growing spiritually by seeking God and studying His Word.

Please register now at clsbiblestudy.com for the Day or Evening Bible study groups that begin in September and run through April.

DAY GROUP

Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:20 a.m.

Studies include *1 & 2 Thessalonians* and *James* both by N.T. Wright, and *Worship the King* by Teddy Heard Orr.

EVENING GROUP - NOTE NEW DAY!

Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Studies include *Hebrews*, *James* and *1 & 2 Timothy*.

WAYS TO GIVE



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

ST. MARTIN'S
IS HERE FOR YOU!
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

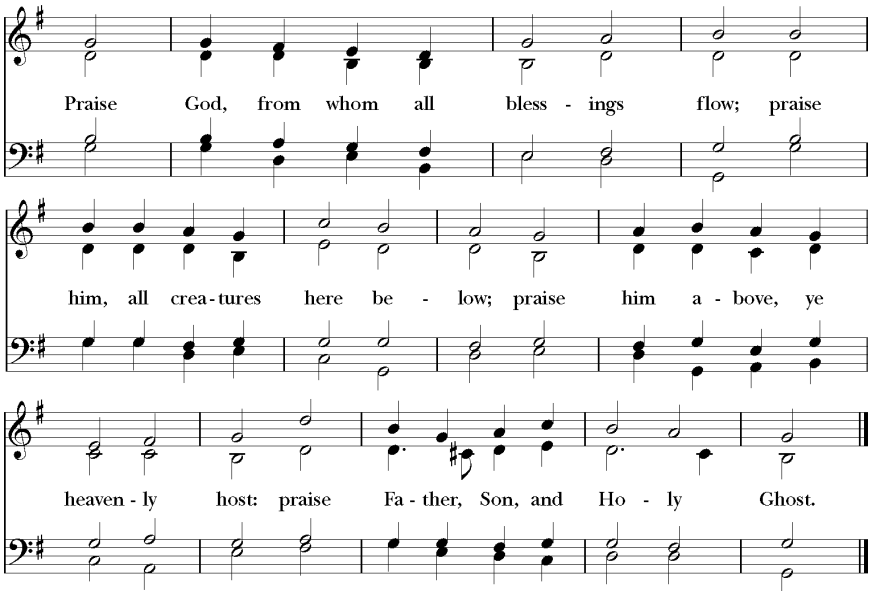
ANTHEM “Almighty and Everlasting God” Orlando Gibbons

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look up our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us: through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Text: Edited by E.H. Fellowes. Revised edition by Peter Le Huray and David Willcocks. Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625). © 1969 Oxford University Press.

AT THE PRESENTATION

DOXOLOGY *Old 100th*



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637–1711); Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseumes 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

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord
God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy
glo - ry: Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the
Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est.

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.

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

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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 gluten-free 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 690 (vs. 1 and 3)..... "Guide Me"

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor-dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,
lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -
strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, shield, thee, feed me now and I will ev - er be thou still my strength and shield. give to thee. ev - er - more.

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THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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