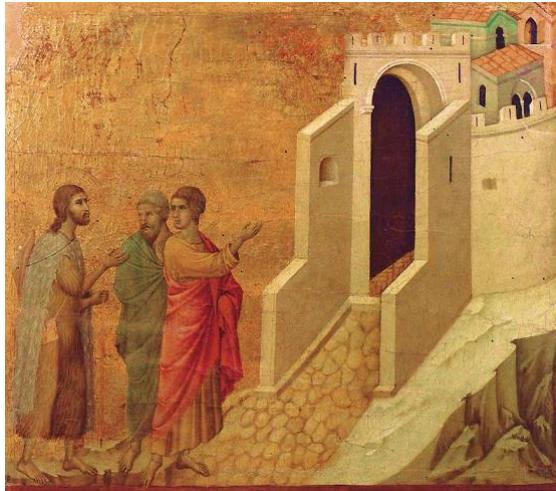


Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church

Sunday 2nd May

(Easter Week 5)

A Celebration of Holy Communion



Welcome to church this morning!

So that everyone is able to worship safely, please respect the various social distancing and other safeguarding measures put in place, and follow any directions given by the ushers.

Scottish Liturgy, 1982

PREPARATION

1 Welcome

Grace and peace to you from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

2 Collect for Purity

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

3 Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
The first commandment is this:
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind
and with all your strength.'

The second is this:
'Love your neighbour as yourself.'
There is no other commandment greater than these.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

4 Confession and Absolution

God is love and we are God's children.
 There is no room for fear in love.
 We love because God loved us first.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence

**God our Father, we confess to you
 and to our fellow members
 in the Body of Christ
 that we have sinned in thought,
 word and deed,
 and in what we have failed to do.
 We are truly sorry.
 Forgive us our sins,
 and deliver us from the power of evil,
 for the sake of your Son who died for us,
 Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

God, who is both power and love,
 forgive *us* and free *us* from *our* sins,
 heal and strengthen *us* by the Holy Spirit,
 and raise *us* to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

5 Kyrie

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
 Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
 Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

6 Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

7 Collect of the day

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

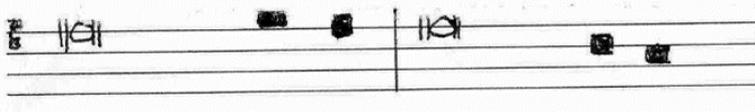
- 8 Readings: Acts 8.26-40
1 John 4.7-21

At end:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

- 9 Psalm 22.25-31



- ²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great **congregation** :
my vows I will pay before those **who** fear him.
- ²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise **the** Lord :
May your hearts live **forever!**
- ²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn **to the** Lord :
and all the families of the nations shall worship **before** him.
- ²⁸ For dominion belongs **to the** Lord :
and he rules over **the** nations.
- ²⁹ To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth **bow** down :
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live **for** him.
- ³⁰ Posterity **will** serve him :
future generations will be told about **the** Lord,
- ³¹ And proclaim his deliverance to a people yet **un**born :
saying that he **has** done it.

Glory be to the Father, and to the **Son**: and to the **Holy** Spirit :
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be : world without end,
Amen.

10 Gospel: John 15.1-8

When it is announced:

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

At end:

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

11 Sermon

or other exposition of the Word

12 Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our
Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried; he
descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
catholic Church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

13 Prayers of the People

14 Peace

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Taking of the Bread and the Wine

15 Offering

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made;
it will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands; it will
become for us the cup of our salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

or **Yours Lord is the greatness, the power, the glory,
the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in
heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from
you, and of your own do we give you.**

The Great Thanksgiving

16 Eucharistic Prayer

We remain standing

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise to the Lord.

Worship and praise belong to you Father,
in every place and at all times.

All power is yours.

You created the heavens and established the earth;
you sustain in being all that is.

In Christ your Son our life and yours
are brought together in a wonderful exchange.
He made his home among us
that we might for ever dwell in you.

Through your Holy Spirit
you call us to new birth
in a creation restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose,
we offer you our praise,
with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven,
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and thanksgiving be to you,
most loving Father,
for the gift of your Son born in human flesh.

He is the Word existing beyond time,
both source and final purpose,
bringing to wholeness all that is made.
Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross.

By your power you raised him from the dead.
He broke the bonds of evil
and set your people free
to be his Body in the world.

On the night when he was given up to death,
knowing that his hour had come,
having loved his own,
he loved them to the end.

At supper with his disciples
he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread and gave it to them, saying:

‘Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.’
After supper he took the cup.
He offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying:
‘Drink this, all of you.’

This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

**We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful Father,
And send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of
Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage
in the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters
living and departed.**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages,
world without end.
Amen.**

The Sharing of the Bread and the Wine

17 Breaking of the Bread

18 Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

19 Communion Song

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

20 Prayer of Humble Approach

**We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs
under your table.**

**But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean
by his body
and our souls washed through his
most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us.
Amen.**

21 Communion

Please approach the nave altar as directed by an usher and return to your seat following the one-way system in operation.

THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

22 Sentence

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious.
And his mercy endures for ever.

23 Prayers

One of the following is said

- (a) Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.
- (b) Father, your steadfast purpose is the completion of all things in your Son. May we who have received the pledges of the kingdom, live by faith, walk in hope and be renewed in love, until the world reflects your glory and you are all in all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

24 Hymn

Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
nor can we guess its grace,
till we become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

25 Blessing

The peace of God which passes 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 Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Or:

The Lord bless you and keep you,
the Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you,
the Lord lift up the light of his countenance
upon you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

26 Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ, Amen!

Musical voluntary

The musical voluntary at the close of a service is the concluding part of our act of worship. Please treat it as such, and allow the music to end in prayerful silence rather than applauding. Please note that in the current circumstance you may be ushered from your pew and asked to exit the building before the voluntary has concluded. Please comply with this, which is a measure taken to prevent any inadvertent breach of social distancing requirements.

Next Sunday's readings: Acts 10.44-48
1 John 5.1-6
John 15.9-17

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