



ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

5pm Informal Service of Holy Communion September 24, 2017

Greeting and Introduction to the Service

Celebrant This is the day that the Lord has made.

People **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Together **Lord, direct our thoughts, teach us to pray, lift up our hearts to worship you in Spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Opening Songs

Your grace is enough

Matt Maher (b. 1974)

*Great is your love and justice, God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of heaven's victory
And all your people sing along*

*For Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me*

*So remember your people
Remember your children
Remember your promise, O God*

Refrain

*I will choose Christ,
I will choose love,
I choose to serve.
I give my heart,
I give my life,
I give my all to you.*

*How many times must he call my name,
And show to me that he is God?
And as a servant he calls to me:
"You must serve too."*

Refrain

*Christ my teacher and healer,
Teach my heart and heal my soul.
And as I walk this road with you:
Teach me to love. I will choose Christ,
Refrain*

*As I look upon your cross,
So must I die with you.
And with the death of my own desires,
I shall rise with you.*

Refrain

Collect of the Day

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.

Gospel Reading

Gospel Lesson: 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."

Reflection

Please join in a reflective conversation about the Gospel reading of the day.

Gradual Song

I am yours

Steve Angrisano

Refrain

I am yours, everything I am.

I am yours, everything I hope to be.

You are all my heart will ever need.

My life is incomplete

Without your love;

I am yours.

The life that you poured out

Sets my spirit free.

The mystery of your love

Breathes new life in me.

*So I will proclaim with all that I am,
My God, my King!*

Refrain

I come before you now,

Thirsty for your love.

Hungry for the feast

That heals my weary soul.

So all of my heart can sing

Of the joy you give to me.

Refrain

Prayers of the People

*After each bidding, please respond, **Hear our prayer.***

Passing of the Peace

Celebrant Let love be genuine. Never pay back evil for evil. As far as it lies with you, live at peace with everyone. May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory Song

Come to the water

*O let all who thirst,
Let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing,
Let them come to the Lord:
Without money, without price,
Why should you spend your life
Except for the Lord?*

*And let all who seek,
Let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing,
Let them come to the Lord:
Without money, without strife,
Why should you spend your life
Except for the Lord?*

Matt Maher and John Foley, SJ

*And let all who toil,
Let them come to the water.
And let all who are weary,
Let them come to the Lord:
All who labor without rest,
How can your soul find rest
Except for the Lord?*

*And let all the poor,
Let them come to the water.
Bring the ones who are laden,
Bring them all to the Lord:
Bring the children without might,
Easy the load and light:
Come to the Lord.*

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Closing Song

Amazing grace (my chains are gone)

*Amazing grace,
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now I'm found;
Was blind, but now I see.
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.
**My chains are gone; I've been set free.
My God, my Savior,
Has ransomed me.***

New Britain arr. Chris Tomlin (b. 1972)

***And like a flood, his mercy reigns:
Unending love, amazing grace.**
The Lord has promised good to me;
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.
The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine;
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine,
Will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.*

Blessing and Dismissal