

ST. ANDREW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Informal Service of Holy Communion



March 19, 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 Hymns

Here I Am, Lord

Dan Schutte (b. 1947)

*I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.*

*I who made the stars of night,
I will make the darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?*

***Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.***

*I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them;*

They turn away.

*I will break their hearts of stone,
Fill their hearts with love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?*

Chorus

*I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them;
My hand will save.*

*Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?*

Chorus

Fade With Our Voices

Jason Gray (b. 1972)

*After all the songs are sung
And our prayers for Kingdom come,
Did we bring honor to the words we sing?*

***Does our worship have hands?
Does it have feet?
Does it stand up***

***In the face of injustice?
Does our worship bow down?
Does it run deep?
Is it more than a song
That fades with our voices?
Does it fade with our voices?***

*Lord, it's you we long to please.
Make our lives a melody
That we proclaim
When we live in Jesus' name.*

Chorus

*So if we raise our hands high,
Let us also reach them out;
And if we lift our voices up,
Let it be the sound of love.*

*Let our worship have hands;
Let it have feet;
Let it stand up in the face of injustice.*

*Let our worship bow down;
Let it run deep
And be more than a song
That fades with our voices.*

*It's more than a song
That fades with our voices.
It won't fade with our voices.*

Scripture Reading

Hebrew Bible Lesson: Romans 5:1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. In-

deed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Gospel Reading

Gospel Lesson: John 4:5-42

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so

that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Reflection

Please join in a reflective conversation about the Scripture readings of the day.

Gradual Hymn

A Place at the Table

*For everyone born, a place at the table,
For everyone born, clean water and bread,
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
For everyone born, a star overhead.*

***And God will delight
When we are creators
Of justice and joy,
Compassion and peace:
Yes, God will delight
When we are creators
Of justice, justice and joy.***

*For woman and man, a place at the table,
Revising the roles, deciding to share,
With wisdom and grace, dividing the
power,
For woman and man, a system that's fair.
Chorus*

Shirley Erena Murray (b. 1931)

*For young and for old, a place at the table,
A voice to be heard, a part in the song,
The hands of a child
In hands that are wrinkled,
For young and for old, the right to belong.*

Chorus

*For just and unjust, a place at the table.
Abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
In anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
For just and unjust, a new way to live.*

Chorus

*For everyone born, a place at the table,
To live without fear, and simply to be,
To work, to speak out, to witness and wor-
ship
For everyone born, a place at the table,
Chorus*

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 Hymn

10,000 Reasons

Matt Redman (b. 1974)

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul:
Worship God's holy name.
Sing like never before,
O my soul:
I'll worship your holy name.*

*The sun comes up;
It's a new day dawning.
It's time to sing your song again,
Whatever may pass.
And whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing
When the evening comes.*

Chorus

*You're rich in love,
And you're slow to anger;*

*Your name is great,
And your heart is kind.
For all your goodness,
I will keep on singing:
Ten thousand reasons
For my heart to find.*

Chorus

*And on that day
When my strength is failing,
The end draws near
And my time has come,
Still my soul will sing
Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years
And then forevermore.*

Chorus

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Closing Hymn

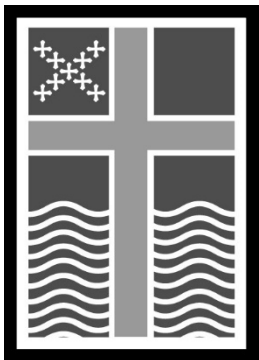
Amazing Grace

*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.***

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



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