



CELEBRATING 125 YEARS

**ST. ANDREW'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
WELLESLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

# Informal Service of Holy Communion October 20, 2019

## 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 Song

*Be Thou my Vision*

arr. Audrey Assad

*Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light*

*Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true  
Word*

*I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one*

*Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise  
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart  
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art  
High King of Heaven, my victory won  
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's  
Sun  
Heart of my own heart, whate'er befall  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all*

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Together, let us pray.

*People* **Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Gospel Reading

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

*People* Glory to you, Jesus Christ.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I

will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the un-just judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Jesus Christ.

## Reflection

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

## 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

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

## Communion Song

*The Perfect Wisdom of our Lord*

Keith & Krysten Getty

*The perfect wisdom of our God,  
Revealed in all the universe:  
All things created by His hand,  
And held together at His command.  
He knows the mysteries of the seas,  
The secrets of the stars are His;  
He guides the planets on their way,  
And turns the earth through another day.*

*The matchless wisdom of His ways,  
That mark the path of righteousness;  
His word a lamp unto my feet,  
His Spirit teaching and guiding me.  
And oh, the mystery of the cross,  
That God should suffer for the lost  
So that the fool might shame the wise,  
And all the glory might go to Christ!*

*Oh grant me wisdom from above,  
To pray for peace and cling to love,  
And teach me humbly to receive  
The sun and rain of Your sovereignty.  
Each strand of sorrow has a place  
Within this tapestry of grace;  
So through the trials I choose to say:*

## Post Communion Prayer

*Together*     **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## Closing Song

*Holy Holy Holy*

*Holy, holy, holy! lord God almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to  
thee*

*Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty  
God in three persons, blessed trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee  
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may  
not see*

*Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee  
Perfect in power, love, and purity.*

traditional, arr. Steven Curtis Chapman

*Holy, holy, holy! lord God almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name,  
In earth, and sky, and sea  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty  
God in three persons, blessed trinity!*