

...where there is more than one way to *be, believe and belong*

The Third Sunday After Pentecost
26 June 2022

*A year of putting
our heads in our hearts*

Worshipping in Person and Online
9:30 in the morning

Welcome to Church of the Apostles

We are glad you are here and welcome you to fully participate in God's mission and ministry at Church of the Apostles. All are welcome, without exception or reservation. We are an inclusive Christian community that makes a difference in peoples' lives.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude

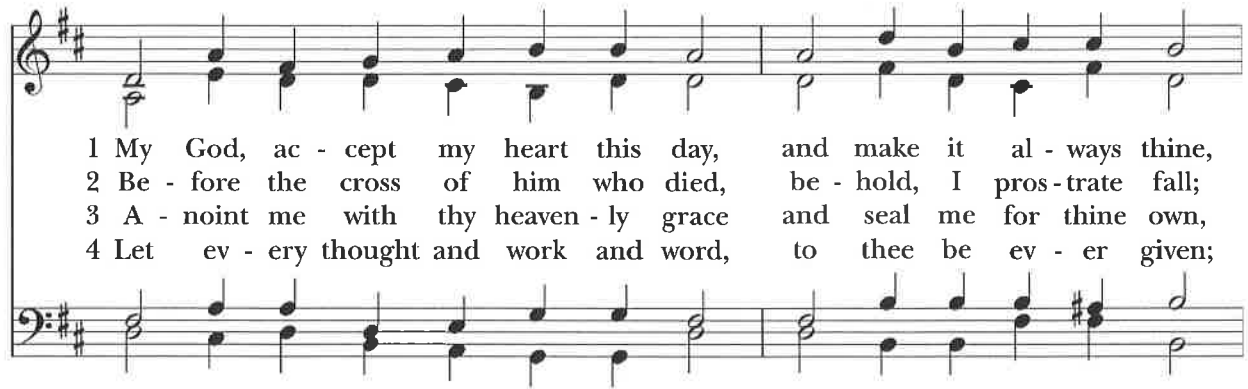
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César Franck

Processional

My God accept my heart this day...

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1 My God, ac - cept my heart this day, and make it al - ways thine,
2 Be - fore the cross of him who died, be - hold, I pros - trate fall;
3 A - noint me with thy heaven - ly grace and seal me for thine own,
4 Let ev - ery thought and work and word, to thee be ev - er given;



that I from thee no more may stray, no more from thee de - cline.
let ev - ery sin be cru - ci - fied, and Christ be all in all.
that I may see thy glo - rious face, and wor - ship near thy throne.
then life shall be thy ser - vice, Lord, and death the gate of heaven.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the One, Holy and Living God.

People **Now and forever. Amen.**

The Gloria

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



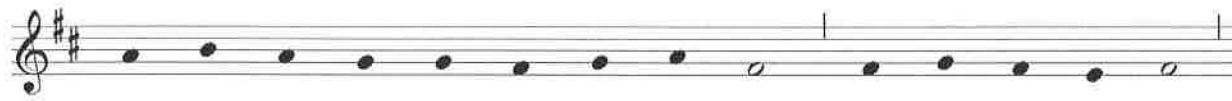
2. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you,



we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;



5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord is with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Holy God, Womb of Life and Promise Keeper, secure our faith in the One who listens and breathes life even into stones that we may bless and consecrate every speck and splinter of Your creation. With the affection of the One, Holy and Living God we pray. **Amen.**

The Hebrew Testament

1 Samuel 12.18-21 WL 231

Now Samuel was ministering in the presence of the HOLY ONE OF OLD, a boy dressed in a linen ephod. A little robe would his mother make for him and bring up to him year by year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. And Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the HOLY ONE repay you (Elkanah) with seed from this woman in place of the bequest she made to the FOUNT OF LIFE"; and then they would return to their home.

And the FAITHFUL ONE attended Hannah and she conceived and gave birth to two daughters and three sons. And the boy Samuel grew up there in the presence of the LIVING GOD.

Now the boy Samuel went on and grew in goodness with the MOST HIGH and with humanity.

The Psalm

144.3-4, 12-15

Let us say the Psalm responsively by half verse.

WOMB OF LIFE, what is humanity that you even know them,
or the woman-born that you think of them?

Humanity is like a breath;
whose days are like a passing shadow.

Our sons in their youth
are like plants full grown,
our daughters are like cornerstones,
cut for the building of a palace.

Our barns are full,
 From produce of every kind;
 our sheep have increased by thousands,
 many thousands in our surroundings.

Our cattle are heavy,
 there is no breach in the walls, no exile,
 and no cry of distress in our surroundings.

Happy are the people to whom such blessings fall;
 happy are the people whose God is the WOMB OF LIFE.

Reader Here what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
 People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn
 Please stand.

Breathe on me breath of God

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1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
 un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.
 till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus the Christ according to Mark.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

“Now Moses said, ‘Honor your mother and your father’ and ‘Whoever speaks evil of mother or father must surely die.’ But you all say that if anyone tells father or mother, ‘A Korban-gift-offering [to God]-is whatever support you might have had from me.’ Then, you all release them from any obligation for mother or father. Thus you all make void the word of God through your tradition that you all have handed on. And you all do many things like this.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

The Rev. Ben Garren

A period of silent meditation follows the sermon.

Words for the Wordless

Please stand as we say Words for the Wordless together.

We believe Divine Presence, that we call One God,
is the essence and substance of all that is.

It transcends every image of human understanding.

We believe Jesus is an unprecedented revelation
of living in accord with Divine Presence,
He is an exemplar of the life giving and affirming potential
of being in full enunciation.

We believe the Spirit of life that is present with all persons
is of the essence and substance of God.

It is the spark that transforms creaturely brutality
into inspired humanity.

We believe the Church exists to foster world transforming love;
by exercising ‘power with’ rather than ‘power over,’
by cultivating community rather than conformity,

and by propagating unity rather than uniformity.
We believe questions are more valuable than answers
and humbly submit all that we believe
to prayerful examination.

***This statement of faith is a contemporary reflection on the mysteries of the Christian faith and an invitation to each of us to continue pondering the inexplicable presence and action of God in our lives and the world.*

Prayers of the People

Gracious and eternal God, we bow before You on this beautiful morning with wonder and awe. We are amazed that somehow in the vastness of human history, somehow in the vastness of the universe, somehow in the vastness of the human genetic pool, somehow You have seen fit to call each one of us in our unique being. You call us by name, You love us with an everlasting love, and You place us within this beloved community. We are reminded powerfully of the Psalmist's confession that we are fearfully and powerfully made.

And so we bow in wonder and awe before Your creative love.

We need Your help on our Christian journey. We do not wish to be people who show up on Sunday and forget you on Monday. Give us the will and show us the way to find You in all things and be revelations of Your love every day. Strengthen us to our lives in You, our solid rock and firm foundation.

And so we bow in wonder and awe before Your creative love.

Show us the way to receive Your love and respond by loving You with all our hearts, minds, souls and strength. Teach us sensitivity to others needs and suffering, especially

Pause to add names in silence or aloud.

Teach us to care for others with kindness and humility and be makers of peace.

And so we bow in wonder before Your creative love.

Make us instruments of Your will; extending compassion, hospitality and extravagant love by respecting, dignifying and caring for all people and creation. In the name of Jesus, the Christ, we pray. **Amen**

The Confession and Absolution

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus the Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord is always with you.
People And also with you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Offertory Anthem *Lord, make us servants of your peace*
Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr.

Unison or harmony

3 With grat - i - tude and hum - ble trust we bring our best to
 thee to serve thy cause and share thy love with
 all hu - man - i - ty. O thou who gav - est
 us thys - elf in Je - sus Christ thy Son, help
 us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

The Holy Communion

Adapted from Grace Cathedral Liturgy

Presider God is with you.
 People And also with you.
 Presider Lift up your hearts.
 People We lift them to our God.
 Presider Let us give thanks to our radiant God.
 People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus the Christ your eternal Word, the delight and illumination of your love. Holy one of blessing, you formed humanity according to your divine image and likeness, and made all creatures as glittering mirrors of your divine presence. Your lavish love shines through all things in such a way that it surpasses every insight of human understanding. None of us can grasp your abounding generosity. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
power and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy God, your eternal Word put on human flesh to redeem our lost humanity in the revelation of your love. All of creation is awakened, called and made holy by the indwelling summons of your eternal Word.

For on the night before he suffered death, Jesus, the eternal Word, gathered his friends around the table. And as he took bread, he offered thanks to you; breaking it and giving it to all of them saying, "Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After all of them had eaten, Jesus took the cup, offered thanks to you and gave it for all to drink saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All We remember Christ crucified and risen,
 Who was and is and is to come.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Breathe your Holy Spirit upon us here gathered, and upon these gifts of bread and wine. As these gifts are the body and blood of Christ for us, so may we, who are redeemed, beloved and inspired in the flame of your love, be the Body of Christ for all of your creation. Through your son Jesus the Christ, with your Holy Spirit, in your blessed Church, all honor and glory is yours, Precious God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior the Christ has taught us, we now pray.
Pray either version of the Lord's prayer in your preferred language.

**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.**

**Our Father in heaven, holy is your
name. Your kingdom come, your will
be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sin as we forgive those
who sin against us. Save us from the
time of trial and deliver us from evil for
yours is the kingdom and power and
glory forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider Behold what you are. Become what you eat.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE AND HEALING PRAYER

All who seek Christ are welcome to receive the bread and wine made Holy. If you prefer to receive a blessing please come forward and cross your hands over your chest when the host is offered to you. Gluten free wafers are available. We affirm that all who worship with us online fully receive the spiritual presence.

Communion Music

Tranquility

Gordon Jacob

The Post Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

**Eternal God, you have drawn us to your heart
and united us in the sacrament of Christ's body
and blood. Now grant that with all our heart,
mind and strength, we may evermore seek your
face. And finally, by your infinite love, keep us
in your holy presence,
through Jesus the Christ our Redeemer.
Eternal Light, shine in our hearts;
Eternal Power, be our strength;
Eternal Wisdom, guide us as we serve you.
Amen.**

The Blessing



1 O Je - sus, I have prom-ised to serve thee to the end:
 2 O let me hear thee speak-ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 3 O Je - sus, thou hast prom-ised to all who fol - low thee,



be thou for ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
 a - bove the storms of pas-sion, the mur-murs of self - will;
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be;



I shall not fear the bat - tle, if thou art by my side,
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 and, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way, if thou wilt be my guide.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard-ian of my soul.
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

Announcements

The Dismissal

Deacon Worship is over.

People Our service begins.

The Postlude

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Weekly Prayer List

We pray, O God, for Connie, Mary Kay, Dana, Evan, Ron, Dale, Leo, Fran, Barbara, Jane, Jim and all those suffering the effects of violence, hatred and fear especially the people of Ukraine, Russia and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Alabama.

We continue to pray for, Dawn & her family, Ava, Geri & John, John, Karter, Earl, Fran, Franco and Laurie.

For the President Joe and Governor Doug.

For our Presiding Bishop Michael, Bishop Jennifer, and our clergy, Rev. Debra and Rev. Sherry.

*Almighty God, you proclaim your truth in every age by many voices: Direct in our time, we pray, those who speak where many listen and write what many read; that they may do their part in making the heart of this people wise, its mind sound, and its will righteous; to the honor of Jesus the Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

For those who are serving in the Armed Forces at home or abroad, particularly Campbell Kerr, Robert Graham, Zack Rodriguez, Tom Marshall, Tim Jeffers and Thomas Aragon.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer Sun City St. Christopher's

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

Prayer request forms are available at the Greeters' Table. You may complete and place them in the offering basket. People will remain on the prayer list for three weeks. Please contact the office to extend if needed. If you would like private prayer, please contact The Rev. Debra Asis. You may also request prayers through our Prayer Connections. Notify Terry Rosato at ter.rosato@gmail.com

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