



GRACE
ANGLICAN
CHURCH

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Welcome to the weekly worship that has been celebrated in Anglican churches for centuries. This leaflet includes everything you need to participate in today's service.
Congregational responses are in italics.

Hymn – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art
Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive
Suddenly return and never, never more thy temples leave
Thee we would be alway blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above
Pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love

Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be
Let us see thy great salvation, perfectly restored in thee
Changed from glory into glory till in heaven we take our place
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise

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The Greeting

The Lord will pour out his Spirit upon all flesh,
And your sons and daughters shall prophesy.

Your old men shall dream dreams,
And your young men shall see visions.

You shall know that the Lord is in the midst of his people,
That he is the Lord and there is none else.

And it shall come to pass
That everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

O merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading – 1 Peter 1:1-9

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: may grace and peace be multiplied to you. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn – I Sought the Lord

I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew, he moved my soul to seek him, seeking me
It was not I that found, O savior true, it was not I, no, I was found of thee

Chorus

Not I, but Christ, not I, but Christ
Thou art the seeker, and I the found (x2)

Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine enfold, I walked and sank not on the stormy sea
Twas not so much that I on thee took hold, as thou, dear Lord, had taken hold of me

What but such grace can woo my heart to love, to worship thee and seek my neighbor's best
When in the end I reach the heavens above, all was of grace that lifted me to rest

After final chorus

Glory to God, and to the Son, and to the Spirit
For I am found. To God the glory, for I am found.

The Gospel – John 15:1-12

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Message – The Rt. Rev. Steve Breedlove

The Presentation, Exhortation and Examination

[Presenters]

Right Reverend Father in God, we present these persons to receive the laying on of hands.

[Bishop]

Have they been adequately prepared?

[Presenters]

They have.

[Bishop]

Dearly beloved, it is essential that those who wish to be Confirmed in this Church must publicly confess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior; become his disciple; know and affirm the Nicene Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, and the Ten Commandments; and have received instruction in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and the Catechism of the Church. God’s grace is imparted in baptism where we are made God’s children by adoption and given the Holy Spirit. Through the power of the Spirit, manifested in gifts and fruit, we are enabled to be God’s people for the sake of the world.

Now, these candidates here desire publicly to confess their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and their commitment to follow him as Lord. They also desire the strengthening of grace through the laying on of hands that the Holy Spirit may fill them more and more for their ministry in the Church and in the world.

[Bishop]

Do you, here in the presence of God and the Church, renew the solemn promises and vows made at your Baptism and commit to keep them?

[Candidates]

I do.

[Bishop]

Do you renounce the Devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

[Candidates]

I renounce them.

[Bishop]

Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

[Candidates]

I renounce them.

[Bishop]

Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

[Candidates]

I renounce them.

[Bishop]

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

[Candidates]

I do.

[Bishop]

Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

[Candidates]

I do.

[Bishop]

Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

[Candidates]

I will, the Lord being my helper.

[The congregation stands; Bishop addresses congregation]

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

[Congregation]

We will.

Let us join with these Candidates and proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles' Creed.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I do. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I do. 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.

Prayer and the Laying on of Hands

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we ask you to strengthen these your servants for witness and ministry, through the power of your Holy Spirit. Daily increase in them the gift of your grace and the fruit of your Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Confirmation

[Confirmand kneels in front of the Bishop]

Defend, O Lord, this your servant *N.* with your heavenly grace, that he may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more until he comes into the fullness of your everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

For Reception

N., we recognize you as a member of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church; and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and empower you. *Amen.*

[The people stand]

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand be upon these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Holy Word, that they may faithfully serve you in this life, and joyfully dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with your spirit.

The Offertory Anthem – Not in Me

No list of sins I have not done, no list of virtues I pursue,
No list of those I am not like, can earn myself a place with you.
O God, be merciful to me, I am a sinner through and through!
My only hope of righteousness, is not in me, but only You.

No humble dress, no fervent prayer, no lifted hands, no tearful song,
No recitation of the truth, can justify a single wrong.
My righteousness is Jesus' life, my debt was paid by Jesus' death,
My weary load was borne by him, and he alone can give me rest.

No separation from the world, no work I do, no gift I give
Can cleanse my conscience, cleanse my hands; I cannot cause my soul to live.
But Jesus died and rose again, the power of death is overthrown!
My God is merciful to me, and merciful in Christ alone.

ERIC SCHUMACHER AND DAVID L. WARD (2012); ARR. W.E. SCHLOPY

The Presentation

[The congregation stands]

Your perfect Law exposes me, I feel my sin and desperate need
My best good works are powerless, to satisfy Your righteousness
But there is one who lived for me, his life, my only victory
His death forever sealed in time, that I am his and he is mine
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,
And of your own have we given you.

The Communion Service

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because in Jesus Christ our Lord, you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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.

The Prayer of Consecration

All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

So now, O merciful Father, in your great goodness, we ask you to bless and sanctify, with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

For on the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for

you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.”

Therefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of your dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we your humble servants celebrate and make here before your divine Majesty, with these holy gifts, the memorial your Son commanded us to make; remembering his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and his promise to come again.

And we earnestly desire your fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; asking you to grant that, by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his Blood, we and your whole Church may obtain forgiveness of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. We humbly pray that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, because of our many sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we ask you to accept this duty and service we owe, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, once for all upon the cross.
Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant 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 character 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.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

Have mercy on us.

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

Grant us your peace.

The Ministration of Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

[All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. If you are not baptized, you are encouraged to come forward and receive a blessing. If you are interested in baptism, please see a member of the clergy.]

The Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us: that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Announcements

The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; fight the good fight of faith; that you may finish your course with joy; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Hymn – O Church Arise

O church, arise, and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ our captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong, in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies.
An army bold, whose battle cry is love, reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on every side, we know the outcome is secure.
And Christ will have the prize for which he died: an inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross, where love and mercy meet, as the son of God is stricken;
Then see his foes lie crushed beneath his feet, for the conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away, and Christ emerges from the grave,
This victory march continues till the day, every eye and heart shall see him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in every stride; give grace for every hurdle.
That we may run with faith to win the prize, of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old, still line the way, retelling triumphs of his grace,
We hear their calls, and hunger for the day, when with Christ we stand in glory.

KEITH GETTY AND STUART TOWNEND (2006)

The Dismissal

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A Prayer for a Place

Father, we thank you for your faithful love for us that never ends and your mercy which never ceases. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. Lord, you are God. You created the heavens and earth and put everything in place. We ask you now to provide, in your good time, a place for this congregation. You were with your wandering nation in the wilderness, leading them to the land you had prepared. Lead us to a home from which we can be a city on a hill and a light to the nations, proclaiming Christ's finished work to a worn-out world.

As we search, guide us. Give us wisdom and discernment. Open doors widely, and close doors clearly. Remind us that no matter where we lay our heads, Jesus is our home. Keep us mindful of your promise that your Word will not fail to accomplish its purposes. Assure us that you will be with us always, even to the end of the age, and that wherever two or three are gathered in your name, you will be with us.

You, O Lord, will provide. Make us grateful for what we have, even as you make us open to what you will give us. Make our every desire consonant with your will, and in service of your Gospel. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

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