

The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 6, Year B  
June 17, 2018 8:00 AM Worship  
The Holy Eucharist, Rite One

*Welcome to*  
**St. Andrew's**  
**Episcopal Church**  
STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA



## About This Worship Service

**W**orship in the Episcopal Church is liturgical in nature; that is, we used a fixed “script” to guide us through a worship experience in which all are participants.

Although you may be new to a liturgical form of worship, much of the liturgy we use is ancient, some parts dating back to the first centuries following the life and ministry of Jesus; other parts, such as the Lord’s Prayer and parts of the Prayer of Consecration are original to Jesus himself.

This worship booklet contains everything you need to participate fully in this worship service, including suggestions for when it would be appropriate to stand, sit, or kneel; when it would be appropriate to “cross” oneself, etc. However, these are only suggestions and we don’t want you to do anything you’re uncomfortable doing or incapable of doing. Additionally, the responses which the congregation makes are shown in **bold text**.

Brief introductions to the Bible readings can be found on the last page.

**If you have any questions** about anything you see going on, please don’t hesitate to ask anyone sitting near you. Or, you can call the church office at (405) 372-3357. You can also call or text Fr. Jim Cook at (405) 780-5316. Or, you can visit our website:

[www.SaintAndrewsChurch.org](http://www.SaintAndrewsChurch.org)

**Childcare** is provided from 9:15 AM through to the end of the 10:30 AM worship. You may ask an usher or greeter for directions to the nursery.

**Bathrooms** are available in both the Parish Hall and the Admin/Ed Building. You may ask an usher or greeter for directions.

Make no mistake, we’re glad you’ve joined us for worship! While you’re waiting for the service to begin, please take a moment to silence your cell phones and other electronic devices. Thanks!

# The Holy Eucharist: Rite One

## The Word of God

### The Entrance of the Ministers

The Congregation may stand.

### The Opening Sentences

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**+** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### The Collect for Purity

**A**lmighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our  
hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love  
thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### The Summary of the Law

**H**ear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy  
God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy  
mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like  
unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two  
commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

“Glory be to God on High”

**G**lory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will  
towards men.

**We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify  
thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God,  
heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, ✚ art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**  
Let us pray.

*The Congregation may kneel.*

**K**eepest, O Lord, we beseech thee, thy household the Church in thy steadfast faith and love, that through thy grace we may proclaim thy truth with boldness, and minister thy justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The Congregation may be seated.*

## The Readings from Holy Scripture

EZEKIEL 17: 22-24

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord God:  
I myself will take a sprig  
    from the lofty top of a cedar;  
    I will set it out.  
I will break off a tender one  
    from the topmost of its young twigs;  
I myself will plant it  
    on a high and lofty mountain.

On the mountain height of Israel  
I will plant it,  
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.  
Under it every kind of bird will live;  
in the shade of its branches will nest  
winged creatures of every kind.  
All the trees of the field shall know  
that I am the Lord.  
I bring low the high tree,  
I make high the low tree;  
I dry up the green tree  
and make the dry tree flourish.  
I the Lord have spoken;  
I will accomplish it.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 92: 1-4, 11-14

That portion of the psalter appointed to be read is from Psalm 92. Let us recite it responsively by the whole-verse.

1. It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, \*  
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;
2. **To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning \*  
and of your faithfulness in the night season;**
3. On the psaltery, and on the lyre, \*  
and to the melody of the harp.
4. **For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord; \*  
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**
11. The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, \*  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
12. **Those who are planted in the house of the Lord \*  
shall flourish in the courts of our God;**

13. They shall still bear fruit in old age; \*  
they shall be green and succulent;
14. **That they may show how upright the Lord is, \*  
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.**

2 CORINTHIANS 5: 6-10, 14-17

A reading from St. Paul's second letter  
to the Christians in Corinth.

**W**e are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The Congregation may stand.*

MARK 4: 26-34

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

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

**+** Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in

the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## The Sermon

The Congregation may be seated.

## The Nicene Creed

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Let us reaffirm our faith.

The Congregation may stand.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection ☩ of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

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Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

The Congregation may kneel.

**A**lmighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers – especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Edward our Bishop – that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land – especially the President of the United States, the Members of Congress, and the Justices of the Supreme Court – that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants ✚ departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Blessed Andrew and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Finally, we pray for our own needs, and those of others:

We pray for those in need of healing, especially [Names] and any others we might name in our hearts or aloud.

We pray for those with other cares and concerns, especially [Names] and any others we might name in our hearts or aloud.

We pray for those who have ✚ died, especially [Names] and any others we might name in our hearts or aloud.

We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces, especially [Names] and any others we might name in our hearts or aloud.

We pray for those who travel, especially [Names] and any others we might name in our hearts or aloud.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: St. Luke's Church, in Ada.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma), The Most Rev'd Stephen Than Myint Oo, Archbishop of Myanmar, and Bishop of Yangon.

And we give thanks for the many blessings of this life:

We join in thanksgiving with [Names], and any others we might name in our hearts or aloud.

And in thanksgiving for [Names], and any others we might name in our hearts or aloud.

We pray for those celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary this week and invite them to come forward for a special prayer.

The birthday tradition at St. Andrew's is that when you come forward for your prayer, if you wish, you may place in the birthday cross an amount of money in coins equal to your age. The funds contributed are added to the clergy discretionary fund.

The Celebrant concludes with the following collect.

**G**rant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

## The Confession of Sin

BCP 331

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

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

**A**lmighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, **+** pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Comfortable Words

**H**ear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

*John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *I Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *I John 2:1-2*

The Congregation may stand.

## The Peace

BCP 332

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.  
Afterwards, the Congregation may be seated.

## Greetings & Announcements

## The Holy Communion

### The Offertory

**A**scribe to the Lord the honor due his name;  
**A**bring offerings and come into his courts.

The Congregation may stand for the Presentation.

### The Presentation of Our Alms

**A**ll things come of thee, O Lord,  
**A**nd of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

# The Great Thanksgiving

BCP 340

Eucharistic Prayer II

The Lord be with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
**It is meet and right so to do.**

**I**t is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

The Proper Preface for The Lord's Day Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. ✙  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Congregation may kneel.*

**A**ll glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, 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, he 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 remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled **+** with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

**B**y whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN!**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

**O**ur 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;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## The Invitation to Communion

**T**he 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.

## The Communion of the People

- ❖ All persons who seek God are invited to receive Holy Communion.
- ❖ To receive the Bread, extend your palms, one crossed over the other, upwards towards the Minister, and a wafer will be placed into your hands. Gluten-free wafers are available; make your request known to the Minister administering the Bread.
- ❖ To receive the Wine, please assist in guiding the cup to your lips. Alternately, you may dip the wafer in the wine and place it in your mouth.
- ❖ If you wish to receive only a Blessing, cross your arms over your chest while kneeling or standing at the altar rail.
- ❖ If mobility-issues prevent you from coming to the Altar, Communion can be brought to you. Please alert the Greeter to your situation.

- ❖ Finally, it would be helpful if you blotted your lips of any lip balm or lipstick, as it leaves an oily and/or waxy residue on the linens that is difficult to remove.

## Sending out the Lay Eucharistic Visitors

**I**n the Name of God, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood; for though we are many, we share one Bread and one Cup. **Amen.**

## The Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Let us pray.

The Congregation may kneel.

**A**lmighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

## The Blessing

**T**he peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, ✚ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

# The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Departure of the Ministers.

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### Introductions to the Bible Readings

#### **Ezekiel 17: 22-24**

In this lesson we hear how from a mere sprig God will bring forth on the mountain height of Israel a noble cedar that will provide protection for all kinds of birds. The analogy describes how God uses the low and insignificant to high and great ends.

#### **Psalms 92: 1-4, 12-15**

A psalm of thanksgiving and praise. Those who choose righteousness are like a great tree planted in the house of the Lord.

#### **2 Corinthians 5: 6-17**

In this lesson Paul speaks of his confident hope and his longing to experience the transformed body of heavenly existence. It will be like having a new house or set of clothes replace or—better—be put on over this tent of a body. In any case, we will not be left just as souls without form, but will have some manner of personal existence. God's Spirit is already our guarantee, born from the conviction that Christ has died and risen. We must live, therefore, no longer for ourselves alone, but for Christ, for we will be judged for our use of this earthly life.

#### **Mark 4: 4-26**

In our gospel Jesus tells the parables of the seed growing secretly and of the mustard seed in order to suggest what the kingdom of God is like. God's activity is often unseen and mysterious, but it will produce its fruit and bring about the time for harvest. To human eyes the beginning of the kingdom seems insignificant, but suddenly it will break forth. The great bush which the mustard seed becomes is a symbol for the kingdom of God's protection. The evangelist closes the passage with his understanding that only faithful disciples can perceive the significance of Jesus' parables.