

The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 6, Year B  
June 17, 2018 10:30 AM Worship  
The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

*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!

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## Prelude

Basso Ostinato on  
“Father, We Thank Thee Who Has Planted”  
– James Biery

The Congregation may stand.

## Hymn 525

The Church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the word:  
from heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,

her charter of salvation,  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy Name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder  
men see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distressed;  
yet saints their watch are keeping,  
their cry goes up, "How long?"  
and soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war  
she waits the consummation  
of peace for evermore;  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blessed,  
and the great Church victorious  
shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union  
with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.

O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.

**+** 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, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

“Glory to God in the Highest”

– Lance Massey

Priest  
People

Glory to God in the highest,  
**and peace to his people on earth.**  
**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the**

**Most High, Jesus Christ, with the  
Holy Spirit, † in the glory of God the**

## The Collect of the Day

BCP 357

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

The Congregation may kneel.

**O** God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Congregation may be seated.

## 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.

## Hymn 302

Stanza 1 before the Gospel; stanza 2 afterwards.

MARK 4: 26-34

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

✝ 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 to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

Once the Minister has entered the pulpit and invoked the Holy Trinity, the Congregation may be seated.

## The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Let us reaffirm our faith.

The Congregation may stand.

**W**e 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** BCP 387

**Intercessor** The Prayers of the People are taken from Form 3, which is found on page 387 of the Book of Common Prayer.

Let us pray.

**The Congregation may kneel.**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church  
may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all  
people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your  
Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern  
and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the  
earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we  
undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief  
or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their  
distress.**

Give to the ✝ departed eternal rest.  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into  
joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly  
kingdom.**

Let us 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 Mint 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.

**A**lmighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Confession of Sin & Absolution BCP 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**M**ost 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 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.**

**A**lmighty God have mercy on you, ✚ forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Congregation may stand.

# The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

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

## Greetings & Announcements

### The Offertory

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

### Organ Voluntary

Prelude on “The Church’s One Foundation”  
– Michael Burkhardt

The Congregation may stand.

## The Presentation of our Alms

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

# The Great Thanksgiving

BCP 361

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Proper Preface for The Lord's Day

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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”

– Lance Massey

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of you glory;  
Hosanna in the highest.  
✚ Blessed is he who comes in  
the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Congregation may kneel.

**H**oly and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. 🙏

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” 🙏🙏🙏

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me.” 🙏🙏🙏

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us ✝ also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

**A**ll this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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

BCP 364

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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 & “Lamb of God” – Lance Massey

**Priest** Alleluia. Christ our Passover  
is sacrificed for us;

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

**Priest** Lamb of God,  
**People** **you take away the sins of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world;  
Grant us peace.**

## 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.

## Hymn 620

Jerusalem, my happy home,  
when shall I come to thee?  
When shall my sorrows have an end?  
Thy joys when shall I see?

Thy saints are crowned with glory great;  
they see God face to face;  
they triumph still, they still rejoice  
in that most happy place.

There David stands with harp in hand  
as master of the choir:  
ten thousand times would one be blest  
who might this music hear.

Our Lady sings Magnificat  
with tune surpassing sweet,

and blessed martyrs' harmony  
doth ring in every street.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem,  
God grant that I may see  
thine endless joy, and of the same  
partaker ever be!

## Sending our 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.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

BCP 365

Let us pray.

The Congregation may kneel.

**E**ternal God, heavenly Father, you have  
graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you  
have fed us with spiritual food in the  
Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us  
now into the world in peace, and grant us  
strength and courage to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Congregation may stand.

# The Blessing

The peace of God which passes 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 Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Hymn 623

O what their joy and their glory must be,  
those endless Sabbaths the blessed ones see;  
crown for the valiant, to weary ones rest:  
God shall be all, and in all ever blest.

Truly “Jerusalem” name we that shore,  
city of peace that brings joy evermore;  
wish and fulfillment are not severed there,  
nor do things prayed for come short of the prayer.

There, where no troubles distraction can bring,  
we the sweet anthems of Zion shall sing;  
while for thy grace, Lord, their voices of praise  
thy blessed people eternally raise.

Now, in the meanwhile,  
with hearts raised on high,  
we for that country must yearn and must sigh,  
seeking Jerusalem, dear native land,  
through our long exile on Babylon’s strand.

Low before him with our praises we fall,  
of whom, and in whom, and through whom are all;  
of whom, the Father; and in whom, the Son;  
through whom, the Spirit, with them ever One.

# The Dismissal

**G**rant, O Lord God, that what we have heard with our ears, and said and sung with our lips, we may believe in our hearts, and practice in our lives; for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

Trumpet Tune on “The Church’s One Foundation”  
– Michael Helman

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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.