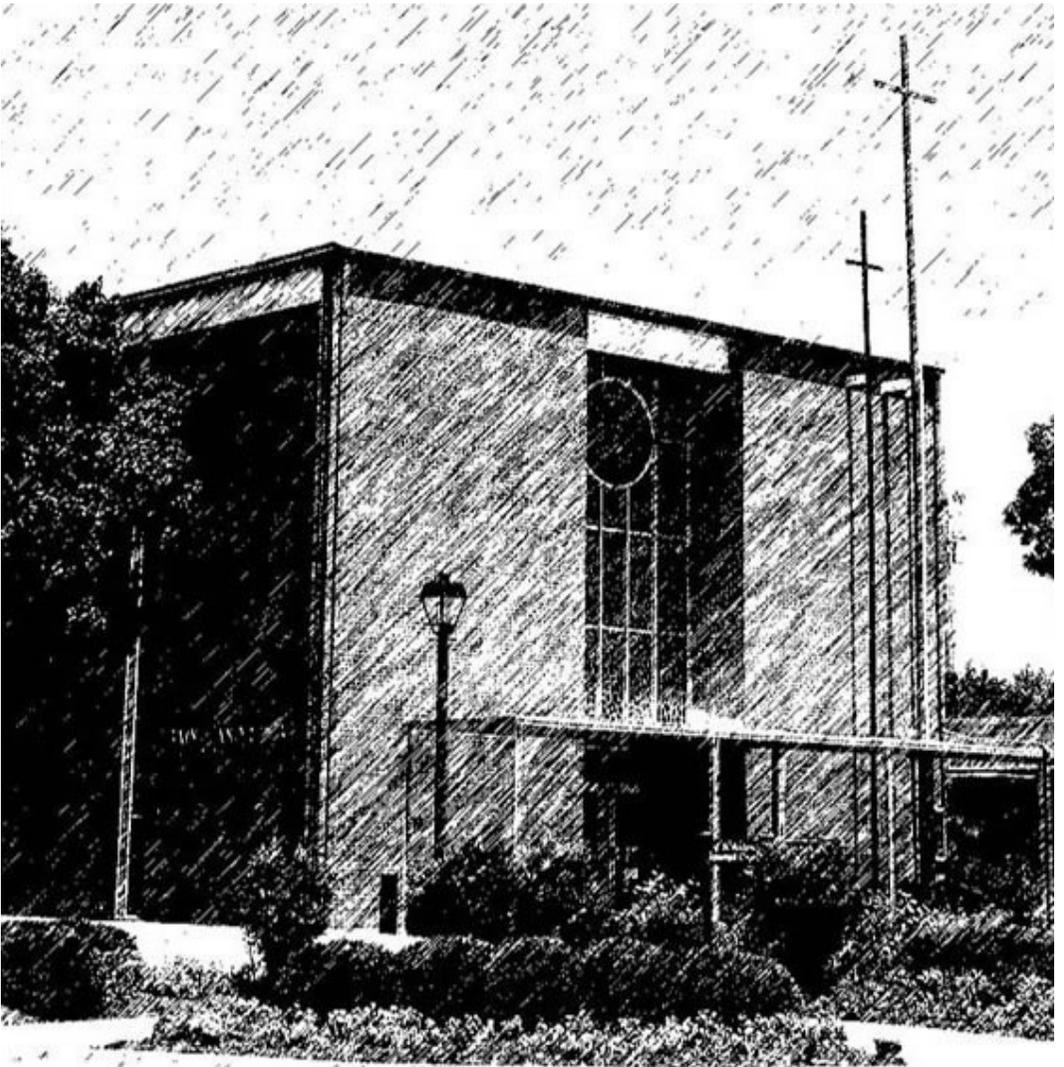


The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 27, Year A
November 12, 2017 10:30 AM Worship
The Holy Eucharist, Rite 2

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



About This Worship Service

Worship 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

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!

Music Notes

Today's Processional Hymn consists of three stanzas based on the parable of the Ten Virgins, today's Gospel lesson. This hymn, considered the "King of Chorales," was written (text and tune) by Philipp Nicolai. From Nicolai's pen we also have the text and tune of "How Bright Appears the Morning Star," Nos. 496-497 in our hymnal, which is called the "Queen of Chorales." Both of these chorales (i.e., German hymns) were published in 1599.

Both of these chorales have been and are loved by many persons. The esteem which composers have felt for them is apparent in the many music compositions based on them. The choir's Communion Anthem today is taken from Bach's Cantata No. 140, a perfectly-balanced work that uses all three stanzas of "Sleepers, Wake!" The middle movement (of seven movements) was written for men to sing, with orchestral

accompaniment, and that movement serves as our anthem. Bach later transcribed this same movement for organ solo. Among the many other organ works based on this chorale is today's Organ Prelude, a pair of organ pieces by J.G. Walther. Walther was Bach's cousin, close friend, and, when they were both court musicians for the Duke of Weimar, colleague.

Maintaining the connection between today's Gospel lesson and the music of our service, our Offertory Anthem is based on a traditional Gospel blues song. There are many variants for this spiritual, both tune and text, and it has been printed in a number of hymnals. The anthem version we are singing was written by Andre Thomas of the faculty of Florida State University. Our choir member André Durham will begin the singing, soon to be joined by Daniel Narvaes and, once the entire choir is singing, percussionist Amy Davis.

The Holy Eucharist, Rite 2

Prelude

Preludes on "Sleepers, Wake!"
– Johann Gottfried Walther

The Congregation may stand.

Hymn 61

“Sleepers, wake!” A voice astounds us,
the shout of rampart guards surrounds us:

“Awake, Jerusalem, arise!”

Midnight’s peace their cry has broken,
their urgent summons clearly spoken:

“The time has come, O maidens wise!

Rise up, and give us light;
the Bridegroom is in sight.

Alleluia!

Your lamps prepare
and hasten there,
that you the wedding feast may share.”

Zion hears the watchmen singing;
her heart with joyful hope is springing,
she wakes and hurries through the night.
Forth he comes, her Bridegroom glorious
in strength of grace, in truth victorious:
her star is risen, her light grows bright.

Now come, most worthy Lord,
God’s Son, Incarnate Word,
Alleluia!

We follow all
and heed your call
to come into the banquet hall.

Lamb of God, the heavens adore you;
let saints and angels sing before you,
as harps and cymbals swell the sound.
Twelve great pearls, the city’s portals:
through them we stream to join the immortals
as we with joy your throne surround.
No eye has known the sight,

no ear heard such delight:

Alleluia!

Therefore we sing
to greet our King;
for ever let our praises ring.

Opening Sentences

BCP 355

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

The Collect for Purity

Almighty 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”

See the white card in the pew rack for the music.

Priest Glory to God in the highest,

People **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 Father. Amen.

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, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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

AMOS 5: 18-24

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos.

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord:
Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is
darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion,
and was met by a bear; or went into the house and
rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a
snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not
light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no
delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though
you offer me your burnt offerings and grain
offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings
of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look
upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let
justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like
an everflowing stream.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 70



1. Be pleased, O God, to de- | **liver me**; *
O Lord, make haste to | **help me**.
2. Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dis- | **mayed**; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be dis- | **graced**.
3. Let those who say to me “Aha!”
and gloat over me turn | **back**, *

- because they are a- | **shamed.**
4. Let all who seek you
rejoice and be | **glad in you;** *
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
“Great is the | **Lord!**”
5. But as for me, I am poor and | **needy;** *
come to me speedily, O | **God.**
6. You are my helper and my de- | **liverer;** *
O Lord, do not | **tarry.**

1 THESSALONIANS 4: 13-18

A reading from Saint Paul's letter
to the Christians in Thessalonica.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Congregation may stand.

Hymn 68, vv 1-2

Rejoice! rejoice, believers,
and let your lights appear!
The evening is advancing,
and darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising,
and soon he will draw nigh;
up, watch in expectation!
at midnight comes the cry.

See that your lamps are burning,
replenish them with oil;
look now for your salvation,
the end of sin and toil.
The marriage-feast is waiting,
the gates wide open stand;
rise up, ye heirs of glory,
the Bridegroom is at hand!

MATTHEW 25: 1-13

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

✚ Jesus said, “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but

the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn 68, v 3

Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
arise, thou Sun so longed for,
above this darkened sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted,
we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption,
and ever be with thee!

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.

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 Congregation may kneel.

The Prayers of the People [BCP 387](#)
[Form III](#)

Let us pray.

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:
Grace Church, Ponca City.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion), and especially the Diocese of Ughelli, the Rt. Rev'd Cyril Odutemu, Bishop.

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.

Almighty 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.**

Let us confess our sins
against God and our neighbor.

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 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.

Almighty 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

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his name;
Bring offerings and come into his courts.

Offertory Anthem

“Keep Your Lamps!”
– Andre Thomas

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
the time is drawing nigh.
Children don't get weary 'til your work is done.
Christian journey soon be over,
the time is drawing nigh.

– Spiritual

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.

Preface of 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”

See the white card in the pew rack for the music.

**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.

Holy 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.

All 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,

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 & "Lamb of God"

See the white card in the pew rack for the music.

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

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.

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.

Communion Anthem

“Zion Hears the Watchmen Singing”
– J.S. Bach

Zion hears the watchmen singing,
and all her heart with joy is springing.
She wakes, she rises from her gloom.
Her dear friend comes down, all glorious,
the strong in grace, in truth victorious.
Her star is risen, her light is come!
Now come, O Blessed One,
Lord Jesus, God’s own Son.
Sing hosanna!
Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
and follow to the banquet hall.

Hymn 574

Before thy throne, O God, we kneel:
give us a conscience quick to feel,
a ready mind to understand

the meaning of thy chastening hand;
whate'er the pain and shame may be,
bring us, O Father, nearer thee.

Search out our hearts and make us true;
help us to give to all their due.
From love of pleasure, lust of gold,
from sins which make the heart grow cold,
wean us and train us with thy rod;
teach us to know our faults, O God.

For sins of heedless word and deed,
for pride ambitious to succeed,
for crafty trade and subtle snare
to catch the simple unaware,
for lives bereft of purpose high,
forgive, forgive, O Lord, we cry.

Let the fierce fires which burn and try,
our inmost spirits purify:
consume the ill; purge out the shame;
O God, be with us in the flame;
a new-born people may we rise,
more pure, more true, more nobly wise.

Sending out the Lay Eucharistic Visitors

In 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 Congregation may kneel.

Prayer of Thanksgiving BCP 365

Let us pray.

Eternal 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 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.

The Congregation may stand.

Hymn 436

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
 behold the King of glory waits!
The King of kings is drawing near;
 the Savior of the world is here.

O blest the land, the city blest,
where Christ the ruler is confessed!

O happy hearts and happy homes
to whom this King of triumph comes!

Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide
my heart to thee: here, Lord, abide!
Let me thy inner presence feel:
thy grace and love in me reveal.

So come, my Sovereign; enter in!
Let new and nobler life begin;
thy Holy Spirit guide us on,
until the glorious crown be won.

The Dismissal

Grant, 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

Prelude on "Lift Up Your Heads!"
– Michael Burkhardt

Introductions to the Bible Readings

Amos 5: 18-24

In this Hebrew Bible lesson the prophet proclaims that the day of the Lord will be a day of deep gloom. God despises the ceremonies of his people and calls for a continuous stream of justice and righteousness. In this era people looked forward to “the day of the Lord” as an annual time of festival and also a symbol of the great final day when God would make all things well. How wrong they are! It will be a day of darkness, not light. No matter where a man turns, disaster awaits him. The Lord is done with rites without righteousness, and religiosity as a substitute for equity.

Psalm 70

A prayer for help and vindication.

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

In this reading Paul offers a vision of how the dead in Christ will rise and then, together with those who are alive, be caught up to meet the Lord in the sky. Apparently some members of the Thessalonian church had died, and there was this concern: would they miss the Lord’s coming? First, Paul reminds them that the Christian hope is rooted in the God who raised Jesus. He then describes the day of the Lord’s appearing and the raising up of the dead and the living, using highly poetic imagery conditioned by the worldview of his time. The essential meaning is clear: we shall be with the Lord.

Matthew 25: 1-13

Our gospel is the parable of the wise and foolish

maidens — those prepared and unprepared for the bridegroom's coming. In several ways the details of the story may strike us as odd and even a little unfair, but such a concern misses the main point, which has much in common with other of Jesus' parables. One must at all times be ready with repentance and decision for the kingdom's coming. In a later period this story was read with allegorical overtones. Jesus is the bridegroom whose return is delayed. Some in the church are falling asleep while others remain expectant.