

THE WORD OF GOD

Entrance Rite

Voluntary

Slane

arr. Franklin D. Ashdown

“Slane” music by Franklin D. Ashdown
© 2000 Augsburg Fortress
OneLicense A-719068

Entrance Hymn

All stand.

Hymnal 1982 – 7

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Ratisbon

- 1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise! Triumph o’er the shades of night:
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.
- 2 Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day’s return, till thy mercy’s beams I see,
till they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
- 3 Visit then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!
Fill me, radiancy divine; scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

Hymn permission used by Rite Song a onetime use reprint license for congregational use.

Opening Acclamation

BCP p. 355

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

All: **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.**

Song of Praise

See pew card

Canticle 13 *Benedictus es, Domine*

**Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you, beholding the depths;
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we
may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you
have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

The Lessons

The Old Testament Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a

A Reading from the Prophet Malachi.

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all
evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord
of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who
revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

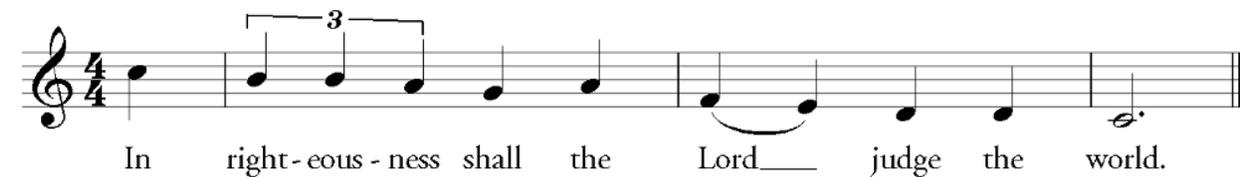
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

Psalm 98

Remain seated. The choir first introduces the antiphon, then the congregations joins the choir on it's repetition each time.

Antiphon



- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. **Antiphon**
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein. **Antiphon**

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge
the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity. **Antiphon**

St. James Music Press. Licensed permission. User ID #6813

The Epistle Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

A reading from the second letter to the Thessalonians.

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

All stand.

Hymnal 1982 – 482

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy

Slane

1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Hymn permission used by Rite Song a onetime use reprint license for congregational use.

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

All remain standing.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Jackie Whitfield

The Nicene Creed

All 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

All remain standing. The Leader and People pray responsively.

Intercessor: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: **That we all may be one.**

Intercessor: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly
serve you;

People: **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Intercessor: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and
Sacraments.**

Intercessor: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the
world;

People: **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Intercessor: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Intercessor: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Intercessor: Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Intercessor: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Intercessor: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *Silence.*

The People may add their own petitions. The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Confession of Sin

BCP p. 359

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

Minister and People

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.

The Absolution

The Priest stands and says

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 Peace

BCP p. 360

All stand

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

BCP p. 376

The Celebrant says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

Offertory Music

Ain't got time to die

Hall Johnson

Lord, I keep so busy praisin' my Jesus,
Keep so busy praisin' my Jesus,
Keep so busy praisin' my Jesus
Ain't got time to die.

'Cause when I'm healin' de sick, I'm praisin' my Jesus,
When I'm healin' de sick, I'm praisin' my Jesus,
When I'm healin' de sick, I'm praisin' my Jesus,

Ain't got time to die.

'Cause it takes all o' ma time to praise my Jesus,
All o' ma time to praise my Lord.
If I don't praise Him de rocks gonna cry out,
"Glory an' honor, glory an' honor!"
Ain't go time to die.

Lord, I keep so busy workin' fer de kingdom,
Keep so busy workin' fer de kingdom,
Keep so busy workin' fer de kingdom,
Ain't got time to die.

'Cause when I'm feedin' de po', I'm workin' for de Kingdom,
When I'm feedin' de po', I'm workin' fer de Kingdom,
When I'm feedin' de po', I'm workin' fer de Kingdom,
Lord I ain't got time;

'Cause it takes all o' ma time to praise my Jesus,
All o' my time to praise my Lord.
If I don't praise Him de rocks gonna cry out:
"Glory and honor, glory and honor!"
Ain't got time to die.

Lord, I keep so busy servin' my Master,
Keep so busy servin' my Master,
Keep so busy servin' my Master,
Ain't got time to die.

'Cause when I'm givin' my all, I'm serving my Master,
When I'm givin' my all, I'm serving my Master,

When I'm givin' my all, I'm serving my Master,
Ain't got time to die.

'Cause it takes all o' ma time to praise my Jesus,
All o' my time to praise my Lord.
If I don't praise Him de rocks gonna cry out:
"Glory and honor, glory and honor!"
Ain't got time to die.

Now won't you git out o' my way, lemme praise my Jesus?
Out o' my way! Lemme praise my Lord?
If I don't praise Him the rocks gonna cry out,
"Glory an' honor, glory an' honor!"
Ain't got time to die!

"Ain't Got Time to Die" by Francis Hall Johnson
© 1955, renewed 1983 G. Schirmer, Inc. (Admin. by Music Sales Corporation)
CCLI license #11109172

Presentation of Gifts

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Sursum Corda

BCP p. 361

The People remain standing.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds.

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:

Sanctus

See pew card

Celebrant and People

**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 People stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

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:

Memorial Acclamation

See pew card.

Celebrant and People

The Celebrant continues

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.

The Great Amen

See pew card.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 363

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

People and Celebrant

**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

Fraction Anthem

Be known to us, Lord Jesus

See pew card.

Choir: Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

All: **Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.**

Choir: The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.

All: **Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.**

Choir: One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.

All: **Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.**

Invitation

BCP p. 364

The Celebrant says

The gifts of God for the people of God, and we are the people of God.

Come to this table, you who have much faith

and you who would like to have more,

You who have been here often

and you who have not been here for a long time,

You who have tried to follow Jesus,

and all of us who have failed.

Come, Christ the Risen Lord invites you to meet him here.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

A prayer for those joining online to be unified in Communion with Christ.

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

Music at Communion

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Jason W. Krug

Bells of All Saints'

“My Jesus, I Love Thee” by Jason W. Krug

© 2022 Hope Publishing Co.

OneLicense A-719068

If thou but trust in God to guide thee

Hymnal 1982 – 635

Wer nur den lieben Gott

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through all thy ways,
he'll give thee strength whate'er betide thee, and bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on a rock that nought can move.

2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving; so do thine own part faithfully,
and trust his word, though undeserving; thou yet shalt find it true for thee;
God never yet forsook in need the soul that trusted him indeed.

Hymn permission used by Rite Song a onetime use reprint license for congregational use.

Lay Eucharistic Minister Prayer *(as needed)*

Celebrant: In order that all may receive Holy Eucharist, _____ will take the
Eucharist to _____ today.

**All: In the name of this congregation, 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. We who are many are one
body because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

The Post-Communion Prayer

BCP p. 365

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

Blessing

BCP p. 366

Announcements

Closing Hymn

Hymnal 1982 – 371

Thou, whose almighty word

Moscow

- 1 Thou, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight; hear us, we humbly pray,
and, where the Gospel day sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light!
- 2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight, health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind, now to all humankind,
let there be light!
- 3 Spirit of truth and love, life-giving, holy Dove,

speed forth thy flight! Move on the waters' face
bearing the gifts of grace, and, in earth's darkest place,
let there be light!

4 Holy and blessed Three, glorious Trinity,
wisdom, love, might; boundless as ocean's tide,
rolling in fullest pride, through the world, far and wide,
let there be light!

Hymn permission used by Rite Song a onetime use reprint license for congregational use.

Dismissal

BCP p. 366

Deacon offers the Dismissal, and the people respond:

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Processional

William Mathias

“Processional” from Modern Organ Music Book 1, by William Mathias
© 1965 Oxford University Press
OneLicense A-719068

Scripture quotations are from New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright © 1989, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

**The flowers on the altar today are given by
Martin Ericson
to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for
the music ministries of All Saints'.**

Announcements | Scan the QR code with your camera phone to view All Saints' *Weekly Word* newsletter.



Giving | There are a variety of ways to give at All Saints'. For details, go to www.allsaintsconcord.org/online-giving.

ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH



MORE THAN ENOUGH

Stewardship 2023

*With prayer & thanksgiving,
please return your Estimate of Giving card for 2023!*



MORE THAN ENOUGH

On the Promise of Abundance

By Fr. Kirby Smith is the priest-in-charge of All Saints' Episcopal Church in Vista, California and former CFO and Treasurer of the Diocese of San Diego.

When I visited Israel a few years ago, one of the highlights was seeing a scale model of Jerusalem before the Temple was destroyed. This is probably what the city looked like during Jesus' time. There, right in the center, was the Temple. When the guide started explaining how it was decorated, using some of the descriptions in our Gospel reading for today, I was struck with how the people of the day must have seen it, sitting on top of the hill in gleaming white stone with touches of gold. It really was spectacular, a fitting place for God to dwell.

Jesus foretold not only that this magnificent building would be razed to the ground, but that he, the earthly vessel of God, would be killed. As if that wasn't enough, Jesus told his followers that they would also be persecuted, betrayed, and even put to death. They would be hated because of Jesus. This would be enough for even his most dedicated followers to wonder what they were getting themselves into.

At the end of the narrative, though, Jesus provides comfort for them. Not a hair of their heads will perish. Their physical bodies may be harmed and destroyed, but they will gain their souls. In this apocalyptic description of what they might expect in the near term, they see that there is still Good News as Jesus promised. Jesus is offering us abundant life, even in the direst circumstances, although it might not be the type of life we're expecting.

It's hard to think of abundance during times of economic instability, partisanship, and conflicts. But abundance is what Jesus has promised. Why not

step out in faith this year in gratitude and pledge an extra percent of your income?

Questions for Reflection: When was a time when you were expecting the worst but were surprised by a pleasant outcome instead? How might the words of Jesus in the Gospel reading give reassurance to us today when we face grim circumstances?



525 Lake Concord Road NE, Concord, NC 28025

www.allsaintsconcord.org | 704-782-2024 | All Saints' WiFi password: JesusLovesYou