



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Voluntary

Carson Cooman

Blessing

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Processional Hymn

Hymnal 1982 – 405

All things bright and beautiful

Royal Oak

Refrain: All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

1 Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colors, he made their tiny wings. *Refrain*

2 The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky, *Refrain*

3 The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden, he made them every one. *Refrain*

4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. *Refrain*

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Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Song of Praise

See pew card

Glory to God | *Canticle 20*

The Hymnal 1982 – S 278

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 Father. Amen.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The people sit.

The First Reading: Acts 17:22-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him – though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

Psalm 66:7-18

The choir alone introduces the Antiphon, after which the congregation joins in singing the Antiphon. At its best, the Antiphon of a psalm is the words of scripture that, set to music and committed to memory, “swells in the heart richly.”

Antiphon

The image shows a musical score for the antiphon. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "God holds our souls in life." The music is a simple, homophonic setting of the text.

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7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
 make the voice of his praise to be heard;
 8 Who holds our souls in life, *
 and will not allow our feet to slip. **Antiphon**

9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
 you have tried us just as silver is tried.
 10 You brought us into the snare; *
 you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
 11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; *
 but you brought us out into a place of refreshment. **Antiphon**

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, *
 which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in
 trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats. **Antiphon**

14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.

15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue. **Antiphon**

16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;

17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me. **Antiphon**

The Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Remain seated.

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah,

during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *All stand.*

The Hymnal 1982 – 395

Creating God, your fingers trace

King

1 Creating God, your fingers trace the bold designs of farthest space;
let sun and moon and stars and light and what lies hidden praise your might.

2 Sustaining God, your hands uphold earth's mysteries known or yet untold;
let water's fragile blend with air, enabling life, proclaim your care.

3 Redeeming God, your arms embrace all now despised for creed or race;
let peace descending like a dove, make known on earth your healing love.

4 Indwelling God, your gospel claims One fam'ly with a billion names;
Let every life be touched by grace Until we praise you face to face.

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The Gospel: John 14:15-21

All remain standing.

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

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

Jesus said, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Bernadette Fulton

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.

From Praying the Scriptures, by Jeremiah D. Williamson

Intercessor: Bless our God, you peoples; make the voice of God's praise to be heard, saying, "We call out to you with our mouths; *your praise is on our tongues.*"

Lord Christ, you have not left us orphaned, but have given your Church an Advocate. May that same Holy Spirit teach us to keep your commandments and comfort us with divine love. *Silence.*

We call out to you with our mouths;

People: **Your praise is on our tongues.**

Intercessor: Loving God, bless the suffering. May those who suffer for doing good find a friend in Christ Jesus. May those who suffer from disasters beyond their control find you attentive to the voice of their prayers. *Silence.*

We call out to you with our mouths;

People: **Your praise is on our tongues.**

Intercessor: Lord of heaven and earth, you made the world and everything in it. You give to all mortals life and breath and all things. May we be faithful stewards of all you have created.

The people are invited to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.

We call out to you with our mouths;

People: **Your praise is on our tongues.**

Intercessor: Merciful Lord, bless the people of this city with a spirit of gentleness and reverence. May we be set free from fear to live, instead, in hope. *Silence.*

We call out to you with our mouths;

People: **Your praise is on our tongues.**

Intercessor: God, you are not far from each one of us. You love us as your children. Reveal your love, especially this day, to the sick and sorrowful. *The people are invited to add their petitions, followed by silence.*

We call out to you with our mouths;

People: **Your praise is on our tongues.**

Intercessor: Heavenly Father, you hold our souls in life. You have saved us in baptism. Because your Son Jesus lives so do we rejoice in the hope of unending life in you. *Silence.*

We call out to you with our mouths;

People: **Your praise is on our tongues.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

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

A note about receiving Holy Communion: In the Episcopal Church, we understand that Christ is “really present” in the bread and wine provided from God’s table. All who claim Christ as Lord are always welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion in this church. Children are welcome to receive communion at the discretion of their parents.

Come forward at the direction of the ushers. Receive the consecrated wafer in the palm of your outstretched hand from the first person who comes to you. To receive a gluten-free wafer, please cross your hands palms down. Wine may be received by lightly dipping the bread into the small cup in the center of the plate/paten from which you received the bread. Alternatively, you may choose to drink from the larger cup/chalice which the next person will offer you. Receive the consecrated wine by guiding the offered cup to your lips and sipping. Those who distribute the wine will wipe the chalice with a food safe sanitizer and turn it for the next person after each person receives. You may also decide to take the wafer only. If you choose not to receive communion, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing as your presence is a blessing to all of us. Once you have been blessed or received communion, you may offer a short prayer and then return to your seat.

If physical limitations make it difficult to come forward, please let an usher know that we may have the honor of bringing communion to you.

Offertory Song

William Moore/arr. Patricia Hurlbutt

Holy Manna

Bells of All Saints’

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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

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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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us 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 for music.

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full, 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

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Memorial Acclamation

See pew card for music.

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all our saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 for music.

The Lord's Prayer

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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

See pew card for music.

Choir: My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed,
says the Lord.

**All: My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed,
says the Lord.**

Choir: Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me
and I in them.

**All: My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed,
says the Lord**

Invitation

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The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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.**

Hymn at Communion

The Hymnal 1982 – 455

O Love of God, how strong and true

Dunedin

1 O Love of God, how strong and true, eternal and yet ever new;
uncomprehended and unbought, beyond all knowledge and all thought.

2 O wide-embracing, wondrous Love, we read thee in the sky above;
we read thee in the earth below, in seas that swell and streams that flow.

3 We read thee best in him who came to bear for us the cross of shame,
sent by the Father from on high, our life to live, our death to die.

4 We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the darkness of the grave;
still more in resurrection light we read the fullness of thy might.

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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

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior.
Amen.**

Blessing

Announcements

Procession into the World

Voices Found – 107

Let all things now living

The Ash Grove

1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise, who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us, who still guides us on to
the end of our days.

God's banners are o'er us, his light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

2 His law he enforces, the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine; the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the ocean
proclaim him divine.

We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
‘to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!’

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Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Voluntary

Brenda Austin

Laudation

Bells of All Saints’

“Laudation” by Brenda Austin

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A Note on Today's Readings

Welcome to All Saints' Episcopal Church! As we continue the Great Fifty Days of celebrating our redemption through the death and resurrection of Jesus, today's Gospel reading continues Jesus' words on the night before he died. The sign of our love of him is to follow his commandments and, above all, to love one another as he loves us. He promises not to leave his people alone but will send to them the Holy Spirit, the source of our unity with God and of Jesus' revelation of himself to us.

Today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles finds Paul preaching not to Jews and Greek converts to Judaism (as he usually did), but to the Greek philosophers in Athens. He proclaims that their unknown god is the God of the entire universe and the creator of all things. This God has been made known in the dying and rising of Jesus.

Peter's epistle about baptism continues in our second reading calling on all the baptized to understand the difficulties of living in this world as our own sharing in the dying and rising of Jesus.

Our sharing in his redemptive death and in his resurrection was not completed in baptism; it was only begun. We are to live out that passage from death to life with his living presence through the Holy Spirit in our daily living.

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This Week's Announcements

Sunday Youth Programs | Nursery for infants-3 year olds is provided every Sunday from 8:45 AM-12:30 PM. Sunday school for all ages is at 10 AM. Middle School youth group meets at 4 PM. Dinner for Middle & High school, 5-5:30 PM. High school youth group meets 5:30-6:45 PM. Questions? Contact Tiffany Fulton at tfulton@allsaintsconcord.org.

Baseball Ticket deadline: Today, May 14! Please reserve and pay for your \$2/per person tickets on the church website! We need to give the Cannon Ballers a final count, so grab your tickets by TODAY, Sunday, May 14. We'll gather at the ball field for the Marshall Smith All Saints' Baseball Sunday, May 21 at 1 PM.

Class of 2023 | If you have a family member graduating from high school, college, grad school, or a professional school, send your grad's information to Tiffany Fulton, tfulton@allsaintsconcord.org, by *Wednesday, May 17*. We'll share the news next week!

Are you interested in taking a deeper look at the Bible, learning more about the history of the church, and taking a closer look at the joys and challenges of daily life through a theological lens? If so, the Education for Ministry (EfM) class may be the place for you! Join us on Sunday, June 11 at 10 AM to get more information. Or, reach out to Christiana Holyer, EfM Mentor, via email at holyerce@gmail.com or phone 410-271-6674.

Men for Change | Each spring, men and men's groups contribute \$100 each to support the Cabarrus Victims Assistance Network (CVAN). Go to <https://www.cvan.org/MenForChange.aspx> for more information.

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