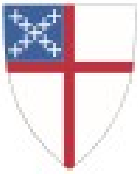


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The Holy Eucharist: Rite One

Instrumental Preludes

Opening Hymn – I come with joy to meet my Lord

Hymnal 304

Unison or harmony

The musical score is written for a unison or harmony setting. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains five lines of lyrics, the second system contains five lines, and the third system contains five lines. The music is in a simple, folk-like style with a steady rhythm.

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
2 I come with Chris - tians and near to
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

The celebrant and people say,

**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.***

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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Liturgy of the Word

The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Isaiah 55:1-5

Thus says the Lord:

"Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145: 8-9, 15-22

BCP 802

Exaltabo te, Deus (In unison)

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

The LORD is loving to everyone
and his compassion is over all his works.

The LORD upholds all those who fall;
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food in due season.

You open wide your hand
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

cont.

The LORD is righteous in all his ways
and loving in all his works.

The LORD is near to those who call upon him,
to all who call upon him faithfully.

He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;
he hears their cry and helps them.

The LORD preserves all those who love him,
but he destroys all the wicked.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

The Epistle: Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

**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.***

After each paragraph of this prayer, the People may make an appropriate response, as directed.

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;

ALL: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader: We pray for **Donald Trump our President, Wes Moore our Governor, Robert Cassilly, our County Executive.** For this community, the nation, and the world.

ALL: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

ALL: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader: We pray especially for those named on the prayer list and the residents of the Harford Family House. For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

ALL: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

ALL: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader: For +Sean Rowe our Presiding Bishop; +Carrie Schofield-Broadbent our Bishop; Kirk Kubicek+, our Priest-in-charge; for those in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer *especially Holy Trinity, Essex; Redeemer, Baltimore; and St. Andrew's, Baltimore.* We pray for all laypersons, bishops, priests, and deacons.

ALL: For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Leader: Hear us, Lord;

ALL: For your mercy is great.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. Bless those who are celebrating their birthdays this week, *especially Taylor Clayton and Janet Clifton*, and those who are celebrating their anniversaries this week.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

Leader: We will exalt you, O God our King;

ALL: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader: We pray for all who have died, *especially Alan Clifton*, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Leader: Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

ALL: Who put their trust in you.

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God, our neighbor, and ourselves.

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 Bishop, when present, or 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 *All stand*

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

People: **And also with you.**

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

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn – God, my King, thy might confessing

Hymnal 414

Descant

6 All thy works, O Lord, shall bless thee; thee shall all thy

1 God, my King, thy might con - fess - ing, ev - er will I
 2 Hon - or great our God be - fit - teth; who his ma - jes -
 3 They shall talk of all thy glo - ry, on thy might and
 4 Nor shall fail from mcm - ury's trea - sure works by love and
 5 Full of kind - ness and com - pas - sion, slow to an - ger,

saints a - dore: King su - preme shall they con - fess thee,

1 bless thy Name; day by day thy throne ad - dress - ing,
 2 ty can reach? Age to age his works trans - mit - teth,
 3 great - ness dwell, speak of thy dread acts the sto - ry,
 4 mer - cy wrought, works of love sur - pass - ing mea - sure,
 5 vast in love, God is good to all cre - a - tion;

and pro - claim thy sov - ereign power.

1 still will I thy praise pro - claim.
 2 age to age his power shall teach.
 3 and thy deeds of won - der tell.
 4 works of mcr - cy pass - ing thought.
 5 all his works his good - ness prove.

6 All thy works, O Lord, shall bless thee;
 thee shall all thy saints adore:
 King supreme shall they confess thee,
 and proclaim thy sovereign power.

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Eucharistic Prayer 1

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says:

The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds:

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

Hymnal S125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [_____ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

cont.

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

ALL: **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

BCP 364

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia! We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread. Alleluia!**

(The Eucharistic Ministers receive communion)

Celebrant: The gifts of God for all people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for the life of the world, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

To receive holy Communion, you may stand or kneel at the Rail, and receive Bread and Wine, or just Bread as is your custom. When receiving the Wine, please guide the chalice by holding it by its base. We only receive from the Common Cup, no longer by Intinction (dipping the wafer). If instead of communion you desire a Blessing, please fold your arms across your chest. Let the usher know if you would like to receive communion in the pew. Gluten free wafers are available at communion.

Post Communion Prayer

**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 for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen**

Blessing

1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____

2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____

let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____

let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____

Refrain

when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris-ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me. _____

3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____

let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____

Refrain

when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris-ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me. _____

Words: African-American spiritual. Music: *Let Us Break Bread*, Afro-American spiritual; arr. and harm. David Hurd (b. 1950).

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God!

***The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God
for two special dedications:***

In memory of Allen Clifton by Janet R. Clifton

In thanksgiving for Janet's Birthday by J. Larrie Smith



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May God Bless You this day and throughout the week ahead!

SONG PAGE

Come Into the Quiet *Diane Davis Andrew*

Come into the quiet
Be one with God's breath
Rest in this waiting place
Peace will be there
Truth
Love
Healing
Rest, rest,
Peace will be there
Truth
Love
Healing

Better Times Will Come *By Janis Ian*

CHORUS

Better times, better times will come.
Better times, better times will come.
When this world learns to live as one,
Oh, better times will come

When we greet each dawn without fear
knowing loved ones soon will be near
When the winds of war
cannot blow any more
Oh, better times will come

CHORUS

Though we live each day as our last
we know someday soon it will pass
We will dance, we will sing
in that never-ending spring
Oh, better times will come
Better times, better times will come.
Better times, better times will come.
When this world learns to live as one,
Oh, better times will come
Oh, better times will come
Oh, better times will come

We Come From Love *by K. Kubicek*

We come from Love
We return to Love
And Love is all around
Love is all around

All of life is a homecoming
Homecoming, homecoming
All of life is a homecoming
A coming home to God

The Garden Song *by David Mallett*

[Chorus]

Inch by inch, row by row
Gonna make this garden grow
All it takes is a rake and a hoe
And a piece of fertile ground
And inch by inch and row by row
Someone bless these seeds I sow
Someone warm them from below
'Til the rains come tumblin' down

[Verse 2]

Pullin' weeds and pickin' stones
Man in made of dreams and bones
Feel the need to grow my own
'Cause the time is close at hand
Grain for grain, sun and rain
Find my way in nature's chain
Tune my body and my brain
To the music from the land

[Interlude]

[Verse 3]

Plant your rows straight and long
Temper them with prayer and song
Mother Earth will make you strong
If you give her love and care
An old crow watching hungrily
From his perch in yonder tree
And in my garden I'm as free
As that feathered thief up there

[Chorus]

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LET US PRAY: For those who are sick, in any kind of need or difficulty, especially: For the residents of Harford Family House; For refugees worldwide desperately seeking safety; For those who suffer because of any humanitarian crises, especially those created by war and the escalating climate crisis; For all the people in the world, that they can experience peace and stability in their lands; For the victims of natural disasters, especially those affected by the recent floods and wildfires; For the communities that have experienced mass shootings.

FOR THOSE ON OUR PRAYER LIST: Sue Sampson, Linda Michel, Lyn Edmunds, Ken, Bill Mundy, Alice Richardson, Jonathan Miller, Will, Tracey Kahl, Lynn Klein, Rebecca Bauerschmidt, David Martell, Arlene Smith, Cindy Humphrey, Mark Humphrey, Jim Erickson, Alice Hamilton, and Robert Cuozzi.

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