

# St. Andrew's Episcopal Church



December 11, 2013

Botswana Eucharistic Liturgy

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*In accord with the English and Setswana liturgy in use by  
The Diocese of Botswana,  
Church of the Province of Central Africa*

### PROCESSION

*Come, thou long expected Jesus*

Hymnal 66

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;  
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,  
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.  
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

### INTRODUCTION

*Leader:* The Lord be with you

*All:* And also with you

*Leader:* A re rapeleng. Let us pray

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

#### PENITENCE

*Almighty God, our heavenly Father*

*In penitence we confess*

*That we have sinned against you*

*Through our own fault*

*In thought, word, and deed*

*And in what we have left undone.*

*For the sake of your Son, Christ our Lord*

*Forgive us all that is past  
And grant that we may serve you  
In newness of life  
To the glory of your Name.*

## **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, your Son came to us in humility as our saviour, and at the last day he will come again in glory as our judge: give us grace to turn away from darkness to the light of Christ, that we may be ready to welcome him and to enter into his kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

### **The First Reading: Romans 15:4-13**

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

*Leader:* Hear the word of the Lord

*All:* *Thanks be to God*

### **The Psalm: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19**

1 Give the King your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;

- 2 That he may rule your people righteously  
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,  
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people;  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,  
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,  
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish;  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no  
more.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel,  
who alone does wondrous deeds!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever!  
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.  
Amen. Amen.

### **The Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12**

*Leader:* Listen to the Good News proclaimed in Matthew  
*All:* *Glory to Christ our Saviour*

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and

thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

*Leader:* This is the Gospel of Christ

*All:* *Praise to Christ our Lord*

## **THE NICENE CREED**

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**

As we celebrate the holy Eucharist to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for his mercies, let us pray for his Church in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in his name;

We pray for your Church throughout the world, for the Anglican Communion, for the Diocese of Botswana and Methla their Bishop, and especially for this diocese, and for Michael and Anne our Bishops, together with Katherine our metropolitan.

Give your Church power to proclaim the gospel of Christ; and grant that we and all Christian people may be united in truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer*

We thank you, Father, for the resources of the world and its beauty. Give to all a reverence for your creation and make us worthy stewards of your gifts.

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer*

We pray for the nations of the world, and especially for Botswana and their President, Seretse Khama Ian Khama, and for this nation and our President, Barack Obama, and for all those who hold legal authority over us. Grant them wisdom; direct this and every nation in the way of justice and peace; that all may honour one another and seek the common good.

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer*

We pray for our families and friends and those with special claims upon us. Give grace to all whose lives are closely linked with ours, that we may serve Christ in them and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer*

We pray for those in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity. To all who suffer give courage, healing and a steadfast trust in your love.

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer*

We remember with thanksgiving your servants who have gone before us. According to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer*

We bless and praise you for all your saints; for the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of our Lord; and for the patriarchs, prophets, apostles and martyrs. And we commend ourselves and all Christian people to your unfailing love.

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer*

Merciful Father, accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

*Amen*

## **THE PEACE**

*Leader:* A kagiso ya Morena e nne le lona ka metlha.

The peace of the Lord be with you always

*All:* *Peace be with you*

## HYMN

### *Come, thou long expected Jesus*

Hymnal 25



1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in  
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the  
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O



you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,  
lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and  
Son of God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through



blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.  
Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.  
all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

*This hymn may be sung unaccompanied as a four-part canon at a distance of one measure.*

Words: Greek, 3<sup>rd</sup> cent.; tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984); para. of *O Gracious Light*  
© Church Pension Fund. Reprinted under OneLicense.net A-717747.

## THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. For us it becomes the bread of life.

*Blessed be God for ever*

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. For us it becomes the cup of salvation.

*Blessed be God for ever*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Leader:* The Lord be with you

*All:* *And also with you*

*Leader:* Lift up your hearts

*All:* *We lift them to the Lord*

*Leader:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

*All:* *It is right to give thanks and praise*



It is right and indeed our duty and joy, Lord and heavenly Father, God almighty and eternal, always and everywhere to give thanks through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord.

Because through him you have created everything from the beginning and formed us in your own image;

Through him you delivered us from the slavery of sin, when you gave him to be born as man, to die on the cross and to rise again for us;

Through him you claimed us as your own people when you enthroned him with you in heaven, and through him sent out your Holy Spirit, the giver of life;

And now we give you thanks because the day of our deliverance has dawned, and through him you will make all things new, and he comes in power and triumph to judge the world.

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we acclaim you and declare the greatness of your glory; we praise you now and forever saying:

## **SANCTUS**

*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.*

Hear us, Father, through your Son Christ our Lord; through him accept our offering of thanks and praise, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine so that they may be to us his body and his blood.

For on the night that he was betrayed he took bread, and when he had given you thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, 'Take this and eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.'

So too after supper he took the cup, and when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them saying, 'Drink of it all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me.'

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Christ has died*

*Christ has risen*

*Christ will come again*

Holy Father, with these your gifts, we your people celebrate before you the one perfect sacrifice of Christ our Lord, his rising from the dead and his ascending to the glory of heaven.

Gracious Lord, accept us in him, unworthy though we are, so that we who share in the body and blood of your Son may be made one with all your people of this and every age.

Grant that as we await the coming of Christ our Saviour in the glory and triumph of his kingdom, we may daily grow into his likeness; with whom, and in whom, and through whom, by the power of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour be given to you, almighty Father, by the whole company of earth and heaven, throughout all ages, now and for ever.

*Amen*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*Leader:*           The bread which we break  
                          Is it not a sharing of the body of Christ?

*All:*                *We, who are many, are one body*  
                          *For we all partake of the one bread*

*Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.*

*Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.*

*Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.*

## **THE COMMUNION**

*We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table, but you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us.*

Draw near and receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Mmele wa ga Krete. The body of Christ.

Madi a ga Krete. The blood of Christ.

## **CONCLUSION**

*Leader: Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious*

*All: His mercy endures for ever*

*Leader: Almighty and eternal God...*

*All: Father almighty*

*We offer ourselves to you*

*As a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Send us out into the world in the power of the Holy Spirit*

*To live and work to your praise and glory.*

## **THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

*Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord*

*All: In the name of Christ. Amen*

# CONCLUDING PROCESSION

*Christ is the world's true Light*

Hymnal 542

1 Christ is the world's true Light, its Cap-tain of sal - va - tion,  
2 In Christ all rac - es meet, their an-cient feuds for - get - ting,  
3 One Lord, in one great Name u - nite us all who own thee;

the Day - star clear and bright of ev - ery race and na - tion;  
the whole round world com - plete, from sun-rise to its set - ting;  
cast out our pride and shame that hin-der to en - throne thee;

new life, new hope a - wakes, for all who own his sway:  
when Christ is throned as Lord all shall for - sake their fear,  
the world has wait - ed long, has tra - vailed long in pain;

free - dom her bond - age breaks, and night is turned to day.  
to plough-share beat the sword, to prun - ing - hook the spear.  
to heal its an - cient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

Words: George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959), © By permission of Oxford University Press.

Music: *St. Joan*, Percy E. B. Collier (1895-?) © Church Pension Fund. Reprinted under OneLicense.net A-717747.