

# SIASCONSET UNION CHAPEL

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## *An Ecumenical Service of Morning Prayer*

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### Prelude

### Greetings and Concerns of the Community

### Centering Silence

Opening Hymn Crown Him with Many Crowns

*Hymnal, p. 268*

1 Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.

2 Crown him the Lord of love;  
behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above,  
in beauty glorified:

no angel in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his burning eye  
at mysteries so bright.

4 Crown him the Lord of years,  
the potentate of time;  
creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime.

All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity.

### Invocation

*from Prayer Book (page 78)*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

### General Confession

*from Prayer Book (page 79)*

#### *Officiant*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

#### *Officiant and People together*

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.

***Officiant***

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.

**Invitatory**

***Prayer Book (page 80)***

***Officiant*** Lord, open our lips.

***People*** And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

***Officiant and People***

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and  
will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

**Venite**

***Prayer Book (page 82)***

***Officiant and People***

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
    let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
    and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God, \*  
    and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
    and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
    and his hands have molded the dry land.  
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
    and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture  
    and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

**Psalm 114**

***Prayer Book, p. 756***

- 1 Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, \*  
    the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- 2 Judah became God's sanctuary \*  
    and Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea beheld it and fled; \*  
    Jordan turned and went back.

- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, \*  
and the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \*  
O Jordan, that you turned back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \*  
you little hills like young sheep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, \*  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \*  
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

*After the Lesson, Leader and People together*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The First Lesson**

## **Romans 14:1-12**

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

*After the Lesson, Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## **Interlude**

*Musical meditation or silence*

## **The Gospel Lesson**

## **Matthew 18:21-35**

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying,

'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.

But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt.

When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.

Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt.

So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

*After the Lesson, Officiant:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## **Apostle's Creed**

*Prayer Book (page 96)*

### *Officiant and People together*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **Lord's Prayer**

*from Prayer Book (page 97)*

*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          And also with you.

*Officiant*      Let us pray.

*Officiant and People together*

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.

*Then follows this set of Suffrages*

*Officiant* Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
*People* And grant us your salvation.  
*Officiant* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
*People* Let your people sing with joy.  
*Officiant* Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
*People* For only in you can we live in safety.  
*Officiant* Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
*People* And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
*Officiant* Let your way be known upon earth;  
*People* Your saving health among all nations.  
*Officiant* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
*People* Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
*Officiant* Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
*People* And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

## Collects

from *Prayer Book* (page 97)

*The Collect of the Day*

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*A Collect for Sundays*

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## Prayers of the People

*Officiant adds a concluding collect*

## General Thanksgiving

from *Prayer Book* (page 101)

***Officiant and People together***

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your  
praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen

***Officiant***

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

***Officiant*** Let us bless the Lord.

***People*** Thanks be to God.

***Officiant concludes with an ascription***

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14*

**Hymn      Make Me a Channel of Your Peace      *Hymnal, p. 753***

1 Make me a channel of Your peace  
Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love  
Where there is injury, Your pardon Lord  
And where there's doubt, true faith in You

2 Make me a channel of Your peace  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope  
Where there is darkness, only light  
And where there's sadness, ever joy

3 Make me a channel of Your peace  
It is pardoning that we are pardoned  
In giving of ourselves that we receive  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life

4 Oh Master, grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled, as to console  
To be understood as to understand  
To be loved as to love with all my soul

**Sermon**

**Offertory**

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**Doxology**

*Officiant and People together*

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Concluding Prayer**

**Hymn**

**Eternal Father**

*Hymnal, page 8*

1 Eternal Father, strong to save,  
whose arm has bound the restless wave,  
who bade the mighty ocean deep  
its own appointed limits keep:  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.

Eternal Father, loving all,  
Who listens when Thy children call,  
Who holds the universal key  
To fog and rain and windy lea,  
Oh hear us when we pray for care  
Of those in peril in the air.

**Prayer and Benediction**

**Closing Hymn**

**Rejoice, the Lord is King!**

*Hymnal, p. 363*

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,  
and triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2 Our Savior, Jesus, reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains,

he took his seat above.  
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

3 His kingdom cannot fail;  
he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys of death and hell  
are to our Jesus given.  
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

**Postlude**