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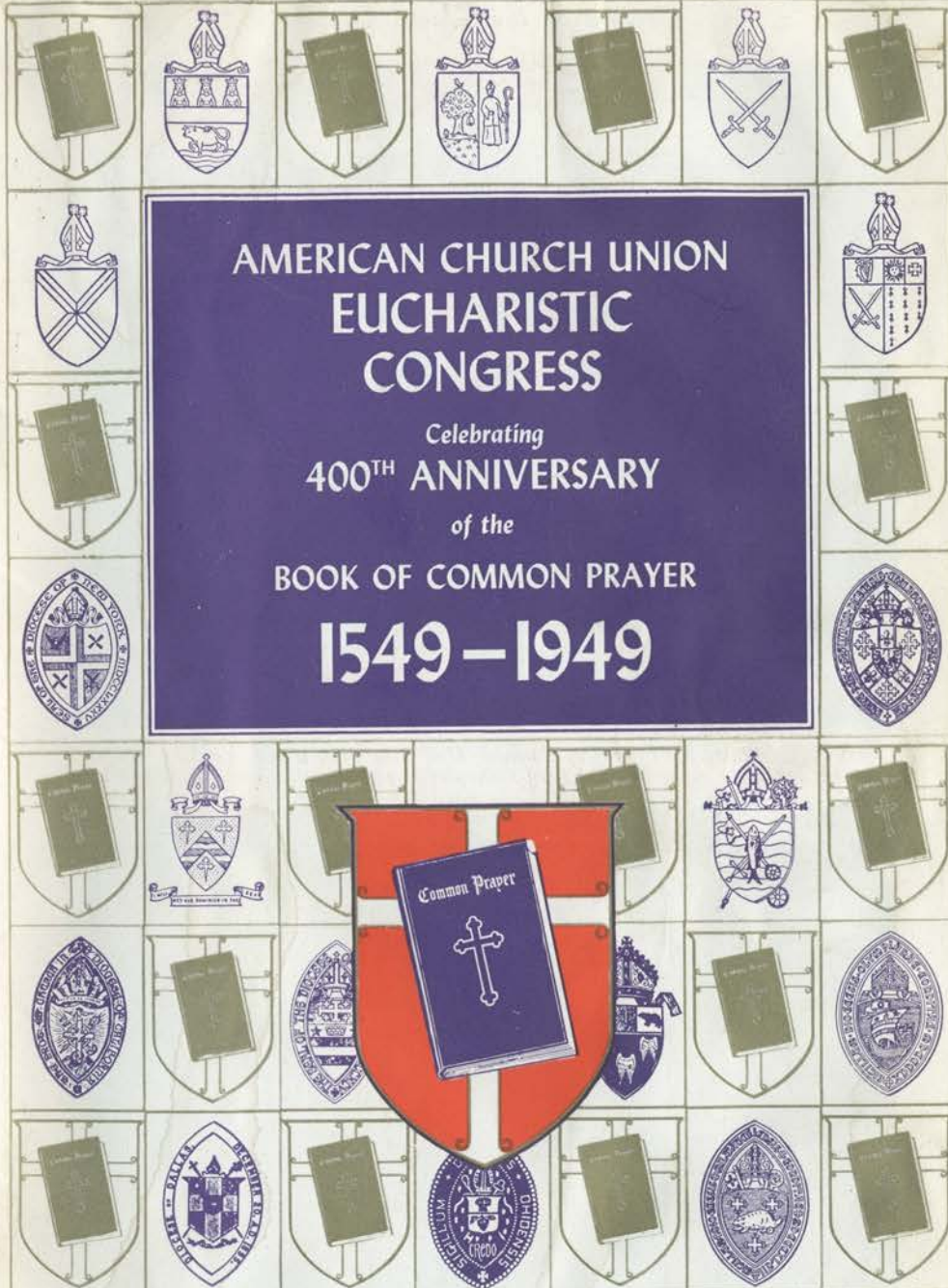
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FOREWORD

THE Book of Common Prayer has influenced the life and worship of men in every quarter of the globe. The quater-centenary of the introduction of this devotional compilation on Whitsunday, June 9, 1549, is, therefore, a noteworthy occasion. It is being joyfully observed throughout the thirteen National Churches, consisting of 298 dioceses, and the twenty-eight Independent Dioceses which compose our far-flung Anglican Communion, for the Book of Common Prayer is their basic bond.

As would be expected, the American Church Union, which stands foursquare for the principles of the Prayer Book, interpreted in their simple grammatical sense, is taking a full part in the commemoration. The coast-to-coast series of Eucharists and meetings under its auspices, magnified by the participation of distinguished visitors from several other Churches of our Communion, are in thanksgiving for the preservation of our great Catholic and Evangelical heritage through the Prayer Book—a heritage which takes us straight back through the centuries to primitive Christianity and Judaism before it.

For it is not a Book which we celebrate, but the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship which it incorporates. Through it the Apostolic Succession and the full Catholic Faith have been preserved to us, even though at times by the narrowest margins. It has preserved the objective character of the Sacraments and the primacy of God's saving grace. These divine blessings are ours today through the labor, tears, and blood of a galaxy of learned divines and saints and martyrs, many of whom maintained the Prayer Book in the face of ridicule, persecution, deprivation, imprisonment, and death. Not the least of these witnesses was our own first American bishop, Samuel Seabury.

We also thank God that the Prayer Book is a living liturgy. Each revision in each National Church of our Communion has brought its tribute of devotion. So much is owed the Episcopal Church in Scotland, which, after two hundred and sixty-five years, brought the martyred Archbishop Laud's liturgical ideals into use, and which are now incorporated in our own Book and that of the Church of South Africa. And who can fail to be grateful for the stalwart witness to Catholic Doctrine by the Church of Ireland! Besides the revisions of the English Book and those of the daughter Churches, our American Church has made its contributions through three revisions. There are few American churchmen who would exchange our present Book even for that of 1549, admirable as that is. The Prayer Book is a growing liturgy.

No one would pretend that the Prayer Book is perfect, but, despite its blemishes and dislocations, it is rightly accounted something of a literary miracle. In the words of that most excellent scholar and gentle Christian, the late and lamented Rev. Dr. Leicester Crosby Lewis, writing of the 1928 revision of the American Book, "the great body of the Church seems inclined to thank God for the good already achieved."

It is for that purpose that we are gathered to offer a solemn Eucharist.

The Congresses of 1949



DURING this series of Congresses and Services we are privileged to share in a moving witness to the power and beauty of the Faith of the Holy Catholic Church which brings together for worship, study and fellowship Churchmen from many parts of the world. It is our hope and prayer that through our united effort we may glorify God and bear witness to "the faith once delivered to the saints", thus strengthening the Church by inspiring many to a deeper consecration and devotion. No words of thanks are expected by those who, on local committees or from far away places, have cooperated to make this venture a success: we are but seeking to carry out the Master's Commandment and bear witness in every place. We rejoice that the presence of distinguished visitors from other parts of our great Church and the enthusiastic response of Bishops, clergy and laity across the country has brought into being a new bond of unity between members of the Anglican Communion — to whom so much has been given and from whom so much is expected.

Pray join your intentions with ours that all may be done to the Father's Praise and Glory through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert J. deBorja".

National Chairman
ACU Eucharistic Congress Committee



SPENCER ERVIN, ESQ.

*President
of the
American Church Union*

Greetings
from the
A. C. U. PRESIDENT

THESE Congresses have of course but one object: the maintenance and the defence of the Faith. That is the sole object of The American Church Union in sponsoring them. That is the purpose of the Church Union in England, represented at these Congresses by its able secretary, the Rev. Harold Riley. That is the concern of the other distinguished visitors who are giving us of their valuable time this autumn.

It would be a pity if the Congresses should leave in their wake no stirrings toward better things. Spiritual blessings we may indeed hope and look for. But I speak here of the impulse toward a better foundation for the effort which in this as in all generations, and in America as elsewhere, must be made for the safety of the Faith. Let me speak now of this foundation.

The American Church Union has been too much centered in the East. No one knows this better than the men who have been serving on the Executive Committee which meets monthly in New York to carry on business under the direction of the Council elected by postal ballot and meeting formerly twice a year, henceforth only once. Obviously the regular conduct of business has to be undertaken by men who can attend regularly and in a place reasonably easy of access to all who attend. Thus the place chosen has been New York, not far from the centre of population of the Episcopal Church, and the men chosen to the Executive Committee have been men living in or near New York. They have paid their own expenses going and coming. And lack of funds has prevented payment of the expenses of members of the Council desiring to attend the semi-annual meetings, so that few of these from a distance have attended, and the meeting has been made annual.

But regional and local branches of the A. C. U. are now coming into existence, largely through the stimulus afforded by the Congresses of 1947. So that the time for decentralization of activities and so far as possible of administration is at hand. Under new by-laws adopted by the Council in October 1948 every local or regional organization is entitled to representation on the Council and to a share in dues, and it may and indeed is requested to elect its own officers and committees. These arrangements imply local and regional activities. The matter now before us as the result of these changes is provision for a central office, in charge of a permanent, paid, Field or Extension Secretary aided by a competent clerk-stenographer, so that the inquiries and requests of local and regional organizations may have prompt and effective attention and a centre provided which belongs equally to all; and, further and most important, so that there may be a means, through periodic visits of the Extension Secretary to the local and regional branches, to integrate our work and bring us all into knowledge of each other's doings and plans. Such visits will become more and more important as the local and regional branches get fully under way and as new ones are formed.

To finance an Extension Secretary and his office will require some \$10,000 to \$12,000 per annum, assuming that rent-free headquarters can be obtained in some obliging parish. Before manning such an office it seems desirable to have in hand the money for the first three years: say \$35,000. At the end of three years it is to be hoped that a large increase in membership dues and contributions will give us annually the \$12,000 required.

Toward the \$35,000 there is now on hand some \$5,500, with another \$3,500 promised. After discharging local and general promotional expense for the Congresses, your offerings at these will be devoted first, to providing a small working balance for current operations, always very much starved, and second, to the Fund for a Field or Extension Secretary and his office. The larger you can make these, the nearer shall we come to our important, indeed urgent, goal just described. Membership dues, of course, will be divided as provided by the by-laws between local or regional organizations and the central organization, for current operations.

May everyone to whom this comes take to heart the opportunity at hand.

Faithfully yours,

Spencer Ervin, president.

Welcome Distinguished Guests

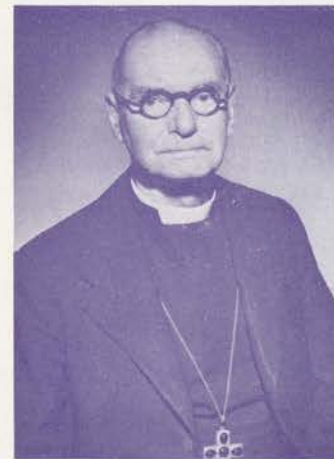
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*A Prayer
for
The American Church Union*



 LORD, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; and, especially, we implore thy blessing on the work of the American Church Union for the advancement of thy Kingdom to the glory of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OUR THANKS

The American Church Union wishes to express gratitude to the following Bishops who have cooperated, making possible Congresses and Meetings in their respective Dioceses and to the Bishop of Washington and the Bishop of Maryland where the visitors have preached.



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Overseas Guests Greeted by Presiding Bishop Sherrill



The Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, Presiding Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church of America was host at a luncheon given in honor of our distinguished Anglican Bishops, L. to R. (Top Row): Bishop DeWolfe, Lord Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, The Lord Bishop of Oxford. (Bottom Row): Primus of Scotland, Bishop Sherrill, The Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells, and The Lord Bishop of London.

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Cathedral of St. John Divine
New York

Solemn Eucharist In The Presence of The Bishop of New York
Thursday, September 15, 1949
11 o'clock

SACRED MINISTERS

CELEBRANT: The Right Rev. James Pernette DeWolfe, D.D. Bishop of Long Island.
DEACON: The Right Rev. Robert Erskine Campbell, O. H. C., D.D. Retired Missionary Bishop of Liberia. Superior of the Order of the Holy Cross.
SUBDEACON: The Right Rev. Reginald Mallett, D.D. Bishop of Northern Indiana.

MASTERS OF CEREMONIES

FOR THE PROCESSIONS: The Rev. Edward N. West, D.D., Canon Sacrist Cathedral of St. John the Divine.
FOR THE EUCHARIST: Mr. George Edward Garlick, Ceremonarius of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Hymns . . . While the Processions are entering the Cathedral

HYMN

Smart

CHRISt is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and corner-stone,
Chosen of the Lord, and precious,
Binding all the Church in one;
Holy Sion's help for ever,
And her confidence alone.

2 All that dedicated city,
Dearly loved of God on high,
In exultant jubilation
Pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Thee adoring
In glad hymns eternally.

3 To this temple, where we call thee,
Come, O Lord of Hosts to-day;
With thy wonted loving-kindness,
Hear thy servants as they pray:
And thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls alway.

4 Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
What they ask of thee to gain,
What they gain from thee, for ever
With the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in thy glory
Evermore with thee to reign.

Latin, 7th cent.; Tr. John Mason Neale, 1861

HYMN

Smart

LIGHT'S abode, celestial Salem,
Vision whence true peace doth spring,
Brighter than the heart can fancy,
Mansion of the highest King;
O how glorious are the praises
Which of thee the prophets sing!

2 There for ever and for ever
Alleluia is outpoured;
For unending, for unbroken
Is the feast-day of the Lord;
All is pure and all is holy
That within thy walls is stored.

3 There no cloud nor passing vapour
Dims the brightness of the air;
Endless noonday, glorious noonday,
From the Sun of suns is there;
There no night brings rest from labour,
For unknown are toil and care.

4 O how glorious and resplendent,
Fragile body, shalt thou be,
When endued with so much beauty,
Full of health, and strong, and free,
Full of vigour, full of pleasure
That shall last eternally!

5 Now with gladness, now with courage,
Bear the burden on thee laid,
That hereafter these thy labours
May with endless gifts be paid,
And in everlasting glory
Thou with brightness be arrayed.
*St. Thomas à Kempis, 1379-1471;
Tr. John Mason Neale, 1858.*

HYMN

Smart

BLESSED City, heavenly Salem,
Vision dear of peace and love,
Who, of living stone upbuilt,
Art the joy of heaven above,
And, with Angel cohorts circled,
As a bride to earth dost move!

2 From celestial realms descending,
Bridal glory round thee shed,
Meet for him whose love espoused thee,
To thy Lord shalt thou be led;
All thy streets and all thy bulwarks
Of pure gold are fashioned.

3 Bright thy gates of pearl are shining,
They are open evermore;
And by virtue of his merits
Thither faithful souls do soar,
Who, for Christ's dear Name, in this world
Pain and tribulation bore.

4 Many a blow and biting sculpture
Polished well those stones elect,
In their places now compacted
By the heavenly Architect,
Who therewith hath willed for ever
That his palace should be decked.

5 Laud and honour to the Father,
Laud and honour to the Son,
Laud and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three, and ever One,
Consubstantial, Co-eternal,
While unending ages run. Amen.
Latin, c. 7th cent.; Tr. John Mason Neale, 1851

HYMN

Haydn

GLORIOUS things of thee are spoken,
Sion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken,
Formed thee for his own abode;
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2 See, the streams of living waters
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove.
Who can faint, when such a river
Ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,
Never fails from age to age.

3 Round each habitation hovering,
See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a covering,
Showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner,
Light by night, and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna,
Which he gives them when they pray.

4 Blest inhabitants of Sion,
Washed in the Redeemer's blood!
Jesus, whom their souls rely on,
Makes them kings and priests to God.
'Tis his love his people raises
Over self to reign as kings:
And as priests, his solemn praises
Each for a thank-offering brings.
John Newton, 1779, alt.

THE INTROIT

Wisdom 1

Plainchant

THE Spirit of the Lord hath filled the whole world: and that which containeth all things hath knowledge of the voice. *Ps. 38.* Let God arise, and his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. *Repeat Antiphon.*

THE PREPARATION

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith.

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

THE KYRIE

Serbian

Congregation kneels

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

THE COLLECT

Congregation continues kneeling

O GOD, who didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Congregation may sit for the Epistle

THE EPISTLE *Acts viii. 14.*

WHEN the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: for as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

THE GRADUAL

PS. 33 *Plainchant*

BLESSED is the people, whose God is the Lord Jehovah: and blessed are the folk that he hath chosen to him to be his inheritance. *V/.* By the word of the Lord were the heavens made: and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth. Alleluia, alleluia. *V/.* Come, Holy Ghost, and fill the hearts of thy faithful people: and kindle in them the fire of thy love. Alleluia.

THE SEQUENCE

Congregation stands

HYMN *Webbe*

COME, thou Holy Spirit, come!
And from thy celestial home
Shed a ray of light divine!
Come, thou Father of the poor!
Come, thou Source of all our store!
Come, within our bosoms shine!

3 O most blessed Light divine,
Shine within these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill!
Where thou art not, man hath naught,
Nothing good in deed or thought,
Nothing free from taint of ill.

2 Thou, of comforters the best;
Thou, the soul's most welcome Guest;
Sweet refreshment here below;
In our labour, rest most sweet;
Grateful coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.

4 Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:
Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.

5 On the faithful, who adore
And confess thee, evermore
In thy sevenfold gifts descend;
Give them virtue's sure reward;
Give them thy salvation, Lord;
Give them joys that never end. *Amen.*

Latin; Tr. Edward Caswall, 1849, alt. 1859

Congregation continues standing for the Gospel

THE HOLY GOSPEL *St. John xiv. 15.*

GLORIA TIBI: Glory be to Thee, O Lord *Plainchant*

JESUS said unto his disciples, If a man love me, he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe. Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me. But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do.

LAUS TIBI: Praise be to thee, O Christ *Plainchant*

Congregation remains standing for the Creed but genuflects in reverence of Christ's Incarnation, at the words, "Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man."

THE NICENE CREED *Gretchaninoff*

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe in one Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. *Amen.*

THE SERMON by

The Right Reverend and The Right Honourable

John William Charles Wand, D.D.,

Lord Bishop of London

THE OFFERTORY *Plainchant*

Ps. 68 Stablish the thing, O God, that thou hast wrought in us: for thy temple's sake at Jerusalem, shall kings bring presents unto thee.

AT THE OFFERING, ANTHEM *Beethoven*

Hallelujah unto God's Almighty Son!
Praise the Lord, ye bright and angelic choirs, in holy songs of joy.
Man, proclaim his grace and glory. Hallelujah!
Hallelujah unto God's Almighty Son!
Praise the Lord, ye bright and angelic choirs in holy songs of joy.
Man, proclaim his grace and glory.
Hallelujah!

HYMN *Prichard*

ALLELUYA, sing to Jesus,
His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia, his the triumph,
His the victory alone;
Hark the songs of peaceful Sion
Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation,
Hath redeemed us by his Blood.

3 Alleluia! Bread of Heaven,
Thou on earth our Food, our Stay!
Alleluia! here the sinful
Flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

2 Alleluia! not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us,
Faith believes, nor questions how:
Though the cloud from sight received him,
When the forty days were o'er:
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

4 Alleluia! King eternal,
Thee the Lord of lords we own:
Alleluia! born of Mary,
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
Thou within the veil hast entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest:
Thou on Earth both Priest and Victim
In the Eucharistic feast.

5 Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
His the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
His the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of holy Sion
Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
Hath redeemed us by his blood. Amen.

William C. Dix, 1866

*The Celebrant of the Eucharist then offers the great prayer
of the Church, first saying, Congregation kneeling,*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church

THE PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our [*alms and*] oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian Rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy People give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service, and to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

THE EXHORTATION

YE who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

THE GENERAL CONFESSION

Said by Congregation, still kneeling

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

ALmighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Congregation continues to kneel until the Gloria in excelsis

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.

COME unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *St. Matt. xi. 28.*

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *St. John iii. 16.*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I *Tim. i. 15.*

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the Propitiation for our sins. I *St. John ii. 1, 2.*

THE SURSUM CORDA and PREFACE.....*Plainchant*

The Lord, be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose most true promise, the Holy Ghost came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them, and to lead them into all truth; giving them with boldness with fervent zeal constantly to preach the Gospel unto all nations; whereby we have been brought out of darkness and error into the clear light and true knowledge of thee, and of thy Son Jesus Christ.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

THE SANCTUS and BENEDICTUS.....*Tschaikowsky*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts,

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory:

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

Hosanna is the highest.

Now we come to the Solemn Act of Sacrifice, offered in "praise and thanksgiving" for the compilation of the Book of Common Prayer, which came into use on Whitsunday, 1549, the 400th Anniversary of which occasion is being observed throughout the world-wide Anglican Communion, of which the Episcopal Church is one of the Twenty Churches composing it.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

ALL GLORY be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again: For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took Bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise, after supper, he took the Cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

THE OBLATION

WHEREFORE, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy Divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

THE INVOCATION

AND we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

AND we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious

Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice; yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

THE OUR FATHER.....*Plainchant*

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 PAX

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And with thy spirit.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

AGNUS DEI*Kalinnikof*

- Q** Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.
- O** Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.
- O** Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Grant us Thy Peace.

The Celebrant and those designated having completed the Holy Sacrifice with their communion, the Choir proceeds to sing

THE COMMUNION SENTENCE.....*Plainchant*

Acts. ii. Suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak the wonderful works of God.

Congregation continues kneeling, while the Celebrant proceeds to say,

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Congregation stands for

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Old Scottish Chant*

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Congregation kneels for

THE POSTCOMMUNION COLLECT

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

O GRACIOUS Father, we humbly beseech thee for thy holy Catholic Church; that thou wouldest be pleased to fill it with all truth, in all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, establish it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of him who died and rose again, and ever liveth to make intercession for us, Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING

THE Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Congregation stands for

THE LAST GOSPEL

St. John i. 1-14

"The Last Gospel" is the first Gospel for Christmas Day. Its use after each celebration of the Holy Mysteries reaches back into the dim distances of Christian devotional experience. At first it was recited privately by the Celebrant as he returned to the Sacristy from the Altar, once again making a memorial of Christ's Incarnation — God made Man. In time the people insisted on hearing it, and so it came to be said aloud at the Altar. Today, many of our priests say it silently at the Altar, many more say it audibly, while others say it quietly as they return to the Sacristy. It is not required in our Liturgy, but is an added devotion, there being the same authority for its use at this point as there is for a hymn.

IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

HYMN

Crueger

NOW thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours to-day.

2 O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next. Amen.
M. Rinkart, 1586-1649. Tr. C. Winkworth.

Congregation will remain standing until the Processions have left the Cathedral.

Questions and Answers

1. What are the main purposes of the American Church Union?

The main purposes of the American Church Union are to uphold the doctrine, discipline and worship of the Episcopal Church as an integral part of the whole Catholic Church of Christ and to extend knowledge of the Faith and practice of the Church to the largest possible number of people.

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2. Is the American Church Union a party within the Church?

The American Church Union is not a party within the Church. It aims at unity within the whole Anglican Communion around the standards and teachings set forth in the Book of Common Prayer.

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3. Is the Union primarily interested in ritual or the ceremonial of the Church?

The American Church Union is not primarily interested in ritual. Services held in connection with any of its activities are determined by the use or desire of the local parish.

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4. Who administers the affairs of the American Church Union?

Its affairs are administered by a Board of Directors known as The Council. The Council is made up of elected, representative and ex-officio members who have equal rights and duties. The elected members are twenty in number equally divided between clergy and laity. The representative members are chosen by either regional or affiliated organizations, and the ex-officio members are the officers of the Union and chairmen of its standing committees.

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5. Is the Council truly representative of the Church?

Nominations are made with an attempt to cover the geographical centers of the Church. Ballots are carefully prepared to this end. The regional organizations especially help in this connection.

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6. What are the activities of the American Church Union?

The Catholic Congresses: Days of Witness, and Conferences held as educational and inspirational gatherings.

Priests' Conventions: meetings for the clergy to consider specific problems before the Church.

The American Church Union News: a regular publication of the Union.

The Cycle of Prayer: a day or week of prayer in the parish for the conversion of America to the Christian religion.

The Priests' Institutes: annually held at Kent School and De Koven Foundation at Racine as refresher courses for clergy.

Linked Altars: mutual prayers between a parish and a mission, plus other help.

Social Action: The effort to give guidance and leadership to Christian Social planning.

Army, Navy, Institutional Chaplains: The publication of special tracts and other help.

Youth work: Especially through the Servants of Christ the King, meetings and conferences.

Religious Education: The development of courses and a clearing house of information.

Publications: The printing of tracts and other helpful literature not otherwise available.

Discipline: The publication of clear statements of the Church's law for its members.

Doctrine: The consideration of methods of evangelism and of means of defense against attacks on the Doctrine and Discipline of the Church.

Extension work: The development of new centers for conferences and the increase of membership.

Retreats: The development and extension of the Retreat movement as a normal part of Church life.

The National Guild of Churchmen: The work of the laymen of the Church for the spreading of the Faith.

7. Who may become a member of the American Church Union?

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Any baptized person is eligible for membership who states his or her belief that the Episcopal Church is a part of the Catholic and historic Church of Christ and that the orders of its ministry are valid Catholic orders; recognizes Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist, Penance, Holy Orders, Matrimony, and Unction as Catholic Sacraments, and expresses a desire to promote the objects of the Union.

8. How does one become a member of the American Church Union?

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Fill out the membership blank and mail it with the information to the General Secretary or Regional Chairman with your membership dues.

All members receive a copy of the American Church Union News and other publications during the year. Members are urged to contribute as liberally as possible to enable the Union to do new works.

9. What are the dues of the Union?

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Dues are of the following classes and amounts:

Life	\$100
Sustaining	10
Co-operative	5
Active	3
Associate	2

After dues are received at National Headquarters, a proportion is returned to your regional A. C. U. office.

10. When are dues payable?

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At any time of the year. One year from the receipt of dues a reminder is sent for the next year's dues.

11. Why should you join the American Church Union?

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- Because, as an Episcopalian, you are a trustee of the Holy, Catholic and Apostolic heritage of the Church.
- Because, as a loyal Churchman, you wish to uphold this trust, extol its value and share it with the entire world.
- Because your Church needs you: your active interest, encouragement and support.

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JOIN THE AMERICAN CHURCH UNION NOW! so that your help may be immediate and that you may become one of many others who are giving of their time and ability to further the Cause.

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