

# *Holy Communion Worship Service*



## *The African Methodist Episcopal Church*

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*  
AME HYMNAL NO. 25

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
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THE DOXOLOGY

The Choir and Congregation

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*  
AME HYMNAL NO. 647

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

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

**Bishop:** I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord, our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

People: or a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

**Bishop:** Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek thy good.

People: Those that be planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of our God.

**Bishop:** Blessed are they that dwell in thy house. Lord, I have loved thy habitation, the place where thy honour dwelleth.

People: For the Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him.

**Bishop:** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

People: O sing unto the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous thing. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth, and sing praises!

## THE HYMN OF PRAISE

### THE PREFACE TO THE DECALOGUE

From all that dwell below the skies; Let the Creator's praise arise;  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung. Through every land by every tongue.

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; Eternal truth attends thy word.  
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, Till suns shall rise and set no more.

### THE SUMMARY OF THE DECALOGUE

Hear what Christ our Savior 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 hand all the law and the prophets.

### THE GLORIA PATRI

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, Amen.

## THE COMMUNION HYMN

### *There Is a Fountain Filled With Blood*

AME HYMNAL NO. 255

There is a fountain filled with blood, Drawn from Emmanuel's veins;  
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, Lose all their guilty stains;  
Lose all their guilty stains, Lose all their guilty stains;  
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see That fountain in his day;  
And there may I, though vile as he, Wash all my sins away;  
Wash all my sins away, Wash all my sins away;  
And there may I, though vile as he, Wash all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood Shall never lose its power,  
Till all the ransomed ones of God Be saved, to sin no more;  
Be saved, to sin no more, Be saved, to sin no more;  
Till all the ransomed ones of God, Be saved to sin no more.

## THE SOLICITATION

You that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbor, 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, meekly bowing or kneeling (as able).

## THE GENERAL CONFESSION

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 Your divine Majesty, provoking most justly Your 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.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father for Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake; forgive us all that is past and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

## THE FIRST COLLECT

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who of your great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto you, have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

## THE SECOND COLLECT

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 Your holy spirit that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

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

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your Holy Name, evermore praising You and saying, “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Glory be to You, O Lord, most high.” Amen.

## THE PRAYER OF HUMILIATION

We do not presume to come to this Your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather crumbs under Your table. But You are the same Lord, whose property 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 our sinful souls and bodies may be made clean by His death and washed through His blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. Amen.

## THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who of Your tender mercy did give Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, who made thereby His 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 until His coming again; hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech You, and grant that we, receiving these Your creatures of bread and wine, according to Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ’s holy institution, in remembrance of His death and passion, may be partakers of His most blessed body and blood; Who in the same night that He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples saying, Take, eat, this is My body which is broken for you. This do in remembrance of Me. Likewise after supper He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them saying, Drink all of it, 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 often as you shall drink it, in remembrance of me. Amen.

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

### *Caribbean*

AME HYMNAL NO. 632

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, Hallowed by Thy name.  
On the earth as it is in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.  
And give us now our daily bread, Hallowed be Thy name.  
And forgive us all our trespasses, Hallowed be Thy name.  
As we forgive those who trespass against us, Hallowed be Thy name.  
And lead us not to the devil to be tempted. Hallowed be Thy name.  
But deliver us from all that is evil, Hallowed be Thy name.  
For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, Hallowed be Thy name.  
For ever and ever, and ever and ever, Hallowed be Thy name.  
A-men, A-men, A-men, Hallowed be Thy name.  
A-men, A-men, A-men, A-men. Hallowed be Thy name.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, we Your humble servants, desire Your fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humble beseeching You to grant that by the merits and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, and through faith in His blood, we and your whole church may obtain remission of our sins and all other benefits of His passion. And here we offer and present unto you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto You; humbly beseeching You that all we who are partakers of this Holy Communion may be filled with Your grace and heavenly benediction, beseech You to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Christ our Lord; by whom and with whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory be unto you, O Father, Almighty, world without end. Amen.

## THE SONG OF FELLOWSHIP

*What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

AME HYMNAL NO. 525

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Refrain*

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, Leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

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## THE BENEDICTION