



## The Episcopal Church and the Recovery Community

Before Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) was founded, its pioneer members came to recovery through the Oxford Group, originally known as “A First Century Christian Fellowship.” AA Co-Founder Bill Wilson wrote that nearly all the principles he later formulated into the 12-Steps had been passed on to him through Dr. Sam Shoemaker, an Episcopal priest, author, and leader of the Group in America. **Recovery Ministries of the Episcopal Church** was created to support all those touched by addiction. Through its website, events, and publications, this ministry raises awareness and provides resources to encourage churches in their ministry to the recovery community as well as to minister to individuals. Their website is [www.episcopalrecovery.org](http://www.episcopalrecovery.org) and is rich with resources and encouragement.

The Church understands the truth about addiction – that it is a disease and not a moral failing. The Episcopal Diocese of Texas passed certain resolutions to aspire to be a place in which conversations about alcohol, substance misuse, and addiction are not simply about treatment but also about renewal, justice, wholeness, and healing. For more about the disease and the Church’s response, visit [www.episcopalrecovery.org/message](http://www.episcopalrecovery.org/message).

Recovery Ministries of the Episcopal Church will be holding its national conference November 2-5, 2016 in Williamsburg, Virginia. The theme of the conference will be *Called to Transformation: The Church’s Response to Addiction in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. More information is available at their website.

### Welcome to our Addiction & Recovery Worship Service

We are delighted that you have joined us this evening for this special worship. At St. Mary’s, one of our core beliefs is that all people are valuable without exception. We strive to intentionally welcome all those who may have been wounded by their church experience or excluded from Christian community. This service integrates the 12-Steps of Recovery with Episcopal traditions and ancient Christian liturgy.

### A few tips about Episcopal worship

#### *When do I sit, stand or kneel?*

We pray with words and with our posture. Directions in the worship booklet will suggest that you stand, sit or kneel but these postures are only helpful if you are able. God welcomes your prayers no matter what your posture. We promise to help you so you can worship fully.

#### *What is the Lord’s Supper or Holy Communion?*

Holy Communion, also called **Holy Eucharist**, is the remembrance of the meal of bread and wine that Jesus shared with his disciples. *Tonight, grape juice has been substituted for wine.* Jesus commanded his followers to continue in this sacrament as a reminder of his life, death, and resurrection, until his coming again. Since the altar is God’s table and not ours, all are welcome to come forward when the usher tells you it is your turn. If it is not your custom to receive Communion, simply cross your arms across your chest at the altar and the priest will pray a blessing for you. We also have gluten-free wafers (soy and water) available; please let the clergy know if you prefer a wafer.

#### *How do I know when to participate during worship?*

Your responses are highlighted in **bold** in this worship bulletin.

# Addiction and Recovery Worship

## September 17, 2016

### Order of Worship

**Prelude**

*That's Why I'm Here*

Kenny Chesney

**Gathering Hymn**

*Speak, O Lord*

Getty & Townsend

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re -  
 Teach us Lord, full o - be - di - ence Ho - ly  
 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds help us

ceive the food of Your ho - ly word. Take Your truth, plant it  
 re - ver - ence true hu - mi - li - ty. Test our thoughts and our  
 grasp the heights of Your plans for us. Truths un - changed from the

deep in us; shape and fa - shion us in Your like - ness, that the  
 a - ti - tudes in the ra - di - ance of Your pur - i - ty cause our  
 dawn of time that will e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty and by

light of Christ might be seen to - day in our acts of love and our  
 faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au -  
 grace we'll stand on Your pro - mis - es and by faith we'll walk as You

deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful - full in us all your  
 thor - i - ty. Words of power that can ne - ver fail; let their  
 walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the

pur - pos - es for Your glo - ry.  
 truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.  
 earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

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*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People** And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

*Celebrant* Without help it is too much for us. But there is One who has all power. That one is God. May you find God now. Half measures availed us nothing. We stood at the turning point. We asked God's protection and care with complete abandon. These are the steps we took, which are suggested as a process of recovery:

**Step 1: We admitted we were powerless; that our lives had become unmanageable.**

### **The Collect for Purity**

**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.**

**Step 2: We came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you

**People** And also with you.

### **The Collect of the Day**

O God, your never-failing providence sets in order all things both in heaven and earth: Put away from us, we entreat you, all hurtful things, and give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Step 3: We made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understand God.**

### **The Lessons**

Exodus 33:12-17 (*sit*) .....Bible p. 79

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 121** (*sit*)

I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?

**My help comes from God,  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

God will not let your foot be moved;  
the One who watches over you will not fall asleep.

**Behold, the One who keeps watch over Israel  
shall neither slumber nor sleep.**

The Holy One watches over you  
and is your shade at your right hand,

**So that the sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**

God shall preserve you from all evil,  
and is the One who shall keep you safe.

**God shall watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth for evermore.**

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James 5:13-16 (*sit*).....Bible p. 1373

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn (stand)

Blessed Be Your Name

Matt and Beth Redman



Bless - ed be \_\_\_ Your name \_\_\_ in the  
Bless - ed be \_\_\_ Your name \_\_\_ when I'm  
Bless - ed be \_\_\_ Your name \_\_\_ when the  
Bless - ed be \_\_\_ Your name \_\_\_ on the



land that \_\_\_ is plen - ti - ful, \_\_\_ where Your  
found in \_\_\_ the des - ert place, \_\_\_ though I  
sun's shin - ing down \_\_\_ on me, \_\_\_ when the  
road marked \_\_\_ with sur - fer - ing, \_\_\_ though there's



streams of \_\_\_ a - bun - dance flow, \_\_\_ bless-ed \_\_\_  
walk through \_\_\_ the wil - der - ness, \_\_\_ bless-ed \_\_\_  
world's "all \_\_\_ as it \_\_\_ should be." \_\_\_ bless-ed \_\_\_  
pain in \_\_\_ the of - fer - ing, \_\_\_ bless-ed \_\_\_



\_\_\_ be Your name. \_\_\_  
\_\_\_ be Your name. \_\_\_  
\_\_\_ be Your name. \_\_\_  
\_\_\_ be Your name. \_\_\_



Ev-'ry bless-ing You pour out I'll



turn back to praise. When the dark-ness clos-es in, Lord,



still I will say, "Blessed be the name of \_\_\_ the \_\_\_ Lord, \_\_\_



\_\_\_ Bless-ed be Your name. Blessed be the



name of \_\_\_ the \_\_\_ Lord, \_\_\_ bless-ed be Your

glo - - - rious name." *Fine* You

give and take a - way, You give and take a - way. My

heart will choose to say, "Lord, Bless - ed be Your

name. \_ You name." \_ Bless - ed be the

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The Gospel: Luke 13:10-17 (*stand*) .....Bible p. 1220

*Before the reading of the Gospel . . .*

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

*After the reading of the Gospel . . .*

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

Sermon (*sit*).....The Reverend Jim Liberatore

**Litany of Healing** (*kneel, as you are able*)

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

*The People audibly name those for whom they are interceding.*

*The Deacon continues:*

God the Creator, your will for all people is health and salvation;  
**We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;  
**We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;  
**We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;  
**We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;  
**Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;  
**Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;  
**Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;  
**Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;  
**Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;  
**Hear us, O Lord of life.**

You are the Lord who does wonders:  
**You have declared your power among the peoples.**

With you, O Lord, is the well of life:  
**And in your light we see light.**

Hear us, O Lord of life:  
**Heal us, and make us whole.**

Let us pray.

O blessed Lord, you ministered to all who came to you: Look with compassion upon all who through addiction have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of their recovery; and to those who care for them, give patient understanding and persevering love. **Amen.**

**Step 4: Made a searching and fearless moral inventory.**

**Step 5: Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.**

**Step 6: Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.**

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

**Step 7: Humbly asked God to remove our shortcomings.**

Celebrant: 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.**

**Step 8: Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.**

**Step 9: Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.**

**Step 10: Continue to take personal inventory and when we were wrong, promptly admitted it.**

**Anointing for Healing**

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People** **And also with you.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Offertory

#### Offertory Anthem

*Let It Be*

Lennon & McCartney

**Step 11:** Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understand God, praying only for knowledge of God's will for us and the power to carry that out.

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**People** **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**People** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

### Sanctus (*Land of Rest*)

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

American Folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner © Church Pension Fund

The Lord's Prayer (*stand*)

**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

**Fraction Anthem** *Taste and See*

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in 2/2 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: "Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness". The second staff contains: "of the Lord. — O taste and see. Taste and". The third staff contains: "see the good - ness of the Lord, — of the Lord".

Words and music: James E. Moore, Jr., para. of Psalm 34  
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The Communion of the People

*All Christians are welcome to receive Communion with bread and wine or by bread alone. **Today we substituted grape juice for wine.** If you prefer not to receive, we invite you to come forward for a blessing.*

**Communion Hymns** (Please join the choir in singing these hymns)

*Seek Ye First* ..... **Hymnal 711**

Seek ye first the king - dom of God  
Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,  
and its right - eous - ness. and all these things shall be  
seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be  
add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, Al - le - lu - ia!  
o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: St. 1, Matthew 6:33; adapt. Karen Lafferty (20th cent.). St. 2, Matthew 7:7.  
Stanza 2 is not part of the hymn as originally written.  
Music: Seek Ye First, Karen Lafferty (20th cent)

*Thank you for Loving Me ~Sinead O'Connor*

Thank You for \*lov - ing me, thank You for lov - ing  
me, thank You for lov - ing me, thank You for  
lov - ing me. Thank You for My  
Je - sus, I love Thee; I know Thou art mine.

\* Additional verses use: finding, hearing, healing

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Post Communion Prayer (*stand*)

Gracious God, we give you praise and thanks for this Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of your beloved Son Jesus Christ, the pledge of our redemption; and we pray that it may bring us forgiveness of our sins, strength in our weakness, and everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

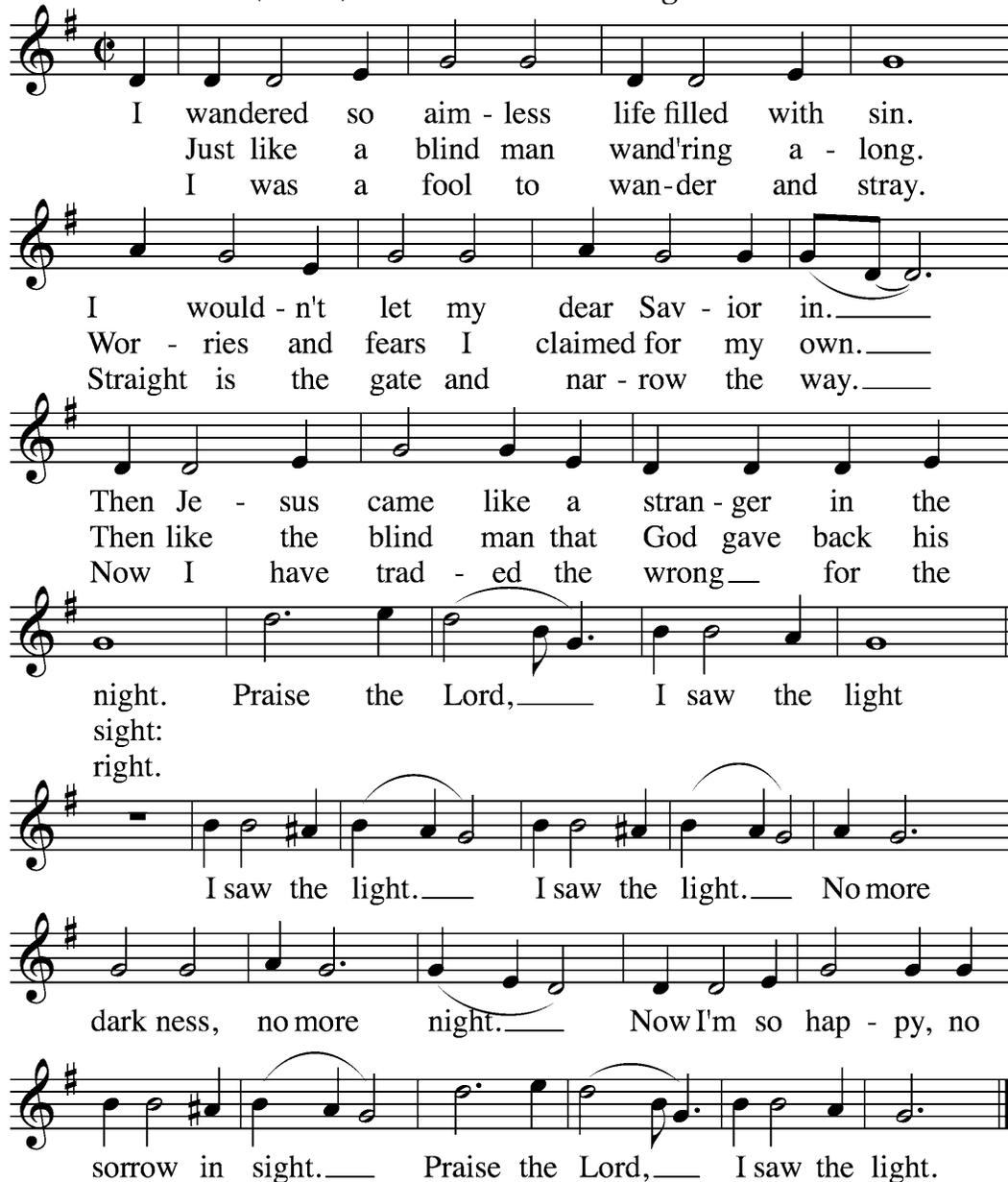
Step 12: Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to others, and to practice these principles in all affairs.

The Blessing

Procession into the World (*stand*)

*I Saw the Light*

Hank Williams



I wandered so aim-less life filled with sin.  
Just like a blind man wand'ring a-long.  
I was a fool to wan-der and stray.

I would-n't let my dear Sav-ior in.  
Wor-ries and fears I claimed for my own.  
Straight is the gate and nar-row the way.

Then Je-sus came like a stran-ger in the  
Then like the blind man that God gave back his  
Now I have trad-ed the wrong for the  
night. Praise the Lord, I saw the light  
sight:  
right.

I saw the light. I saw the light. No more  
dark ness, no more night. Now I'm so hap-py, no  
sorrow in sight. Praise the Lord, I saw the light.

Dismissal

Response: Thanks be to God.

## *Resources for Recovery*

Narcotics Anonymous	<a href="http://www.na.org">www.na.org</a>
Nar-Anon Family Groups	<a href="http://www.nar-anon.org">www.nar-anon.org</a>
Alcoholics Anonymous	<a href="http://www.aa.org">www.aa.org</a>
Al-Anon Family Groups	<a href="http://www.al-anon.org">www.al-anon.org</a>
Global Outreach for Addiction Leadership & Learning (GOAL)	<a href="http://www.goalproject.org">www.goalproject.org</a>

## *Local Houston Resources*

Alcoholics Anonymous	<a href="http://www.aahouston.org">www.aahouston.org</a>
Al-Anon	<a href="http://www.houstonalanon.org">www.houstonalanon.org</a>
Narcotics Anonymous	<a href="http://www.hascona.com">www.hascona.com</a>
Codependents Anonymous	<a href="http://www.greaterhoustoncoda.org">www.greaterhoustoncoda.org</a>
Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous	<a href="http://www.houston-slaa.org">www.houston-slaa.org</a>
Nicotine Anonymous	<a href="http://www.nicotine-anonymous.org">www.nicotine-anonymous.org</a>
Council on Recovery	<a href="http://www.councilonrecovery.org">www.councilonrecovery.org</a>
Young People in AA	<a href="http://www.ypaa.info/northamerica/usa/texas">www.ypaa.info/northamerica/usa/texas</a>

## *Adolescent and Teen Resources*

Sober High Schools	<a href="http://www.archwayacademy.net">www.archwayacademy.net</a>	<a href="http://www.threeoaksacademy.net">www.threeoaksacademy.net</a>
Palmer Drug Abuse Program	<a href="http://www.pdaphouston.org">www.pdaphouston.org</a>	

## *Episcopal Church Resources*

Episcopal Recovery Ministries	<a href="http://www.episcopalrecovery.org">www.episcopalrecovery.org</a>
Friends of Dr. Bob (Co-Founder of AA)	<a href="http://www.friendsofdrbob.org">www.friendsofdrbob.org</a>
Two Way Prayer (early AA practice)	<a href="http://www.twowayprayer.org">www.twowayprayer.org</a>
Sam Shoemaker Community	<a href="http://www.samshoemakercommunity.org">www.samshoemakercommunity.org</a>

*Looking for local meetings or treatment?*

[www.sober.com](http://www.sober.com)

*Your offerings will be given to the Palmer Drug Abuse Program.  
Make checks payable to St. Mary's and notate PDAP.*



**Celebrant:** The Reverend Beth Fain  
**Preacher:** The Reverend Jim Liberatore  
**Assisting:** The Reverend Alan Bentrup  
**Deacon:** The Venerable Russ Oechsel  
**Music Director:** Celeste Booker  
**Worship Leaders:** Peggy Norton, Ryan Carnes  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Tod Harrison, Alicia Calsyn  
**Acolytes:** Caleb Carnes, Savannah & Courtney Lake  
**Usher:** Jeff Lake,  
**Greeters:** Scott & Suzanne Beaty, Molly Carnes,  
Doug & Marla DeWeese

Worship Times at St. Marys  
**Monday through Saturday**  
Daily prayer at 9:00am and 6:30pm

**Sunday Worship**  
8:00am    10:30am    5:00pm

St. Mary's welcomes all people - no exceptions

**We are a Christ-centered community  
inviting those seeking  
loving acceptance,  
spiritual growth,  
and sacred beauty.**

*Special thanks to The Rev. Jim Liberatore,  
St. Mary's Chancel Choir,  
And all those that made tonight possible.*

*O blessed Lord, you ministered to all who came to you:  
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and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy;  
remove from them the fears that beset them;  
strengthen them in the work of their recovery;  
and to those who care for them,  
give patient understanding and persevering love. Amen.*

