



GRACE ANGLICAN CHURCH

where GOD'S FREE GRACE roots us,
renews us, and reaches through us.

PENTECOST

(Commonly called Whitsunday)



A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

May 24, 2026

GRACE NOTES – May 24, 2026

PENTECOST. Today we recall when the Holy Spirit invested himself within the whole church – and he’s been with us ever since. We pray for the reverberations of that same Spirit to be with us now, convincing us of the Gospel and giving us strength to do battle sin and live for Christ within the ever-changing world.

THE INVOCATION. We begin today by praying the Invocation for the Holy Spirit to be in our midst. This practice is reminiscent of Jesus, immediately before his Ascension into heaven, to go to Jerusalem and pray and wait for the arrival of the Holy Spirit. We are mirroring their practice here today.

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VESTRY UPDATE. Our church is in a very healthy financial place, and we are receiving great reports on the administrative improvements like an online payroll processor, Quick Books online with Dede Wishing as our new bookkeeper, and better credit card reporting processes for staff. Our new Vestry members, Sarah Potter and Kristina Pzechoski, have joined us. We approved the Missions Team’s proposed budget allocation for various ministries as Cara Rumbaugh explained at the Annual Meeting. The vestry approved an in-depth inspection of the building to help with our future planning for the physical property. We have been working on Ethan’s draft of a new Mission and Vision Statement, which will be seen quite soon.

STOLES FOR RYAN. Ryan Wise, church planter in Zelienople, soon to be ordained a transitional deacon on June 6, is in need of stoles. Like to contribute? Please make a gift to Grace, denoting it for stoles. scanning the QR code. Thank you!

ZELIENOPLE PLANT. Our Diocese has planted a parish in Zelienople, led by our own Ryan Wise. Find out more about the plant here: htzelienople.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- GAC’s 20th Anniversary Party: Oct 24.
- Ryan Wise’s diaconal ordination: June 6.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY. The following Sundays there will be no Children’s liturgy: May 24 and June 14th will be the last class for this school year.

MONTHLY MISSIONS. Reuben and Lydia Henriquez serve in Papua New Guinea, where they are establishing a home in a remote village. They will be serving the Ganj people long-term by assisting in creation of a written language, literacy materials, and ultimately the first translation of the Bible in their own language. This summer Reuben and Lydia anticipate welcoming their 2nd child and are taking their first furlough in the US in 3 years. Please pray for safety in their travels, health for Lydia and baby, and refreshment and connection for the whole family.

INFANT CARE ROOM. The library is available as a dedicated space to care for your infants during the service. The livestream is available in this space during evening services.

NURSERY. We offer nursery for children (infants to three-year-olds) downstairs.

THE CASA YOUTH MINISTRY is on Tuesday nights at 7pm at Holy Trinity.

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Preparatory Invocation of the Holy Spirit – Come, Holy Ghost

Cantor

Congregation



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| 1. Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, | and lighten with celestial fire. |
| 2. Thou, the anointing Spirit art, | who dost thy sev'nfold gifts im-part. |
| 3. Thy blessed unction from above | is comfort, life, and fire of love. |
| 4. Enable with perpetual light | the dullness of our blinded sight. |
| 5. Anoint and cheer our soiled face | with the abundance of thy grace. |
| 6. Keep far our foes, give peace at home: | Where thou art guide, no ill can come. |
| 7. Teach us to know the Father, Son, | and thee, of both, to be but One, |
| 8. That through the ages all along, | this may be our endless song: |
| 9. Praise to thy eternal merit, | – Father, Son, and Holy Spir-it. |

Processional Hymn: Come Thou Almighty King

Words: Unknown, 1750 Tune: Italian Hymn



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| 1 | Come, thou al - might - y | King, | help us thy Name to sing, |
| 2 | Come, thou in - car - nate | Word, | by heaven and earth a - dored; |
| 3 | Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, | thy sa - cred wit - ness bear | |
| 4 | To Thee, great One in Three, | the high - est prais - es be, | |



help us to praise.	Fa - ther whose love un-known	all things cre-
come, and thy peo-ple bless; come, give thy		
in this glad hour:	thou, who al - might - y art,	now rule in
hence ev - er - more;	thy sov-ereign ma - jes - ty	may we in



at - ed own,	build in our hearts thy throne,	An - cient of Days.
word suc - cess;	stab - lish thy right - eous - ness,	Sa - vior and friend.
ev - ery heart,	and ne'er from us de - part,	Spi - rit of power.
glo - ry see,	and to e - ter - ni - ty	love and a - dore.





Minister. The Lord will pour out his Spirit upon all flesh,
People. And your sons and daughters shall prophesy.
Minister. Your old men shall dream dreams,
People. and your young men shall see visions.
Minister. You shall know that the Lord is in the midst of his people,
People. that he is the Lord and there is none else.
Minister. And it shall come to pass
People. that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall
be saved.
Minister. Let us pray [together, saying]

The Collect for Purity, said by all

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.



The Summary of the Law

HEAR what our Lord Jesus Christ says. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it; You shall love your neighbor as your self. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. -MATTHEW 22:37-40.

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

ALMIGHTY Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of your laws, and in the works of your commandments; that, through your most mighty protection, both here and always, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Song of Praise: Come Thou Fount

Words: Robinson, 1758 Tune: Nettleton

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of Thy redeeming love.

2. Here I raise mine Ebenezer; Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood;

3. O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

Minister. The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with your spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

The Collect for Pentecost

LORD God, who at Pentecost taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit; grant that by the same Spirit we may have right discernment in all things, and always rejoice in His holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The New Testament Lesson: Acts 2:1-21 (ESV)

Reader. A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished,

saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.

¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:

“Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷“And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; ¹⁸even on

my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Reader. The Word of the Lord.

Answer. Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: Holy Spirit, Source of Gladness Words: Paul Gerhard, 1870 Tune: Beecher
Verse 1 is sung before the reading of the Gospel, verse 2 after it.

1. Holy Spirit, source of gladness, Come with all Thy radiance bright;
O'er our weariness and sadness breathe Thy life and shed Thy light!
Send us Thine illumination, banish all our fears at length;
Rest upon this congregation, Spirit of unfailing strength.

2. Let that love which knows no measure, now in quickening showers descend,
Bringing us the richest treasures man can wish or God can send;
Hear our earnest supplication, every struggling heart release;
Rest upon this congregation, Spirit of untroubled peace!

The Gospel Lesson: John 14:12-17 (ESV)

Reader. The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Answer. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

✚ Jesus said, ¹²“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.”

Reader. The Gospel of the Lord.

Answer. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev'd Ethan Magness, Rector

The Nicene Creed

LET us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

WE believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.

WE believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten 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,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 for Pentecost

LET US PRAY. Almighty Father, we thank you for the person of your Holy Spirit. You have not left us desolate nor alone, and we ask that you would manifest his presence with us so that we and your whole church may accomplish your redemptive will in the world. Lord of all,
fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the power of your Holy Spirit. We ask to be strengthened by him to serve you with single-heartedness and heavenly courage. Gracious Father,
fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the wisdom of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to make us wise to understand your will for our lives, our families, our churches, and our world. All-knowing Savior,
fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the peace of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to make us confident of our reconciled status with you through the mediation of Christ. Merciful God,
fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the healing of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to bring restoration where there is division, suffering, or animosity. Loving Christ,
fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the gifts of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to equip us for our labor in the Lord, and make us faithful citizens of your everlasting Kingdom. Lord of all creation,
fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the fruit of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to create in our lives the undefiled character of Christ. Holy One,
fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the enlivening breath of your Holy Spirit, breathed upon the disciples by the risen Lord. Inspire your Church with the rejuvenating truth of the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Ever-living Christ,
fill us with your Spirit.

We welcome your spoken prayers ... In your mercy, fill us with your Spirit; that we may love and serve you always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Invitation to Confession

ALL who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and seek to live in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking in his holy ways: draw near with faith and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

The General Confession, said by all.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all: We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us. We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear. 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 evermore serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to 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

HEAR the comfortable words from the Word of God to all who truly turn to him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
-MATTHEW 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. -JOHN 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. -1 TIMOTHY 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. -1 JOHN 2:1-2

Minister. The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People. And with your spirit.

Offertory Sentence. I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ROMANS 12:1

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (the 1662 Order)

- Minister.** The Lord be with you.
Answer. And with your spirit.
Minister. Lift up your hearts.
Answer. We lift them up to the Lord.
Minister. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Answer. It is right to give Him thanks and praise

IT is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth;

THROUGH Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose most true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth, giving them boldness and fervent zeal constantly to preach the Gospel to all nations; by which we have been brought out of darkness and error into the clear light and true knowledge of you, and of your Son Jesus Christ.

THEREFORE we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven 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._____

The Prayer of Humble Access, said by all, kneeling.

WE do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant 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 character 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 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.

The People continue to kneel. The minister stands and continues.

ALL praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption. He 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 he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again. Hear us, merciful Father, and grant that we receiving these gifts from your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; For on the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ 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 given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, 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." **AMEN.**

Invitation to Communion. All baptized, believing Christians of an understanding age who are admitted to the Sacrament within their own church are encouraged to receive it with us. The New Testament requires some understanding of the Supper, instructing those who commune to 'discern' the Body as well as 'examine themselves' (I Cor. 11) before partaking. It is the historic and consistent Anglican practice for young children to be catechized before receiving the Supper (please contact a minister for catechism resources). Please walk down the middle aisle to receive the bread in open hands and then consume it. Drinking the wine directly from the common cup is the customary manner of receiving it, though the bread may be carefully intincted (dipped) into the wine. Small, individual cups of wine are available in the front for those who have health concerns.

Intercessory prayer is available in the back of the church. This takes place during the distribution of Communion. You can come back for prayer for any reason whatsoever. If you want prayer for healing (physical or otherwise), you can also request anointing with oil (a biblical symbol for healing and restoration).

There is a Balm in Gilead

Chorus: There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

1. Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again (chorus)
2. When burdens are too heavy, when tears like rivers flow;
There's boundless love at Calv'ry, and care for every woe (chorus)

Take My life

1. Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.
3. Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.
4. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

All Glory be to Christ

1. Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house in vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn all glory be to Christ

Chorus:

All glory be to Christ our King, All glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, All glory be to Christ

2. His will be done, His kingdom come
On earth as is above who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him the Lord of love let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price we'll take a cup of kindness yet (chorus)

3. All glory be to Christ when on the day the great I Am
The faithful and the true the Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light and we shall ere his people be (chorus)

The Lord's Prayer, said by all

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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, forever and ever. Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer, said by all

ALMIGHTY God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out into the world in the power of your Spirit, to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

The Pentecost Blessing

MAY THE HOLY SPIRIT lead you into all truth, give you power to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and strengthen you to proclaim the redeeming works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Words: Wesley, 1789 Tune: Hypherdol

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling. Joy of heaven, to
 2 Come, Al - might-y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 3 Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down; fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee with thy hosts a - bove, pray and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
 Thanks be to God.

Is Anglicanism a ‘Middle Way’?

Is Anglicanism a ‘via media’ – that is, a middle way, existing in the theological terrain between Protestantism and Catholicism? In short, nah. *Nein*. Not really. No.

The phrase ‘via media’ was originally penned by a 19th century High-Church Anglican minister named John Henry Newman who tried with all his might to maintain that Anglicanism was some sort of theological compromise between Rome and the Reformation. However, Newman eventually grew to disavow his own assertion, admitting that he was mistaken about the very term that he himself had coined. He subsequently joined the Catholic Church (which rewarded him with a cardinal’s hat) because Newman knew, deep down, that Anglicanism was decidedly and irrevocably Protestant. And that’s true. Even a cursory glance at the 39 Articles or the historic Prayer Book proves it.

So, what is Anglicanism, truly? In short, and put simply, Anglicanism is historically rooted Protestantism. All of the elements in the genesis of Anglicanism are distinctively Protestant; namely, worship/liturgy in the vernacular, presenting Scripture in a linguistically and applicably communicative way, proclaiming that we are justified before God by faith in Christ only, seeing Scripture as the ultimate rule and sole-revealed source of faith and practice, making the sacraments accessible to the laity, maintaining two sacraments rather than seven, understanding the Lord’s Supper to involve spiritual presence of Jesus rather than physical presence, requiring preaching in worship, having church structure without the papacy, affirming the non-infallibility of the Church, etc. Anglicanism is obviously Protestant.

That said, let me offer this bit of empathetic understanding: most people who label Anglicanism as a *via media* do not have twisted-up motives for doing so. The term is *understandable* even if misapplied. If, for example, the average Joe compared the liturgical, creedal, sacramental, and ecclesiastical practices of Anglicanism to the average, contemporary American Evangelical church, and it sure seems that Anglicanism looks a lot more Catholic than that! The problem, though, is that American Evangelicalism isn’t really Protestant in the fullest sense of the word. After all, each of the magisterial Protestant traditions (Lutherans, Anglicans, and Presbyterians) were liturgical, sacramentally focused, creedal, and gleaned from the early church. All Reformation movements were steeped in and appreciative of Church tradition, but unlike Rome (and Constantinople) we were never romantic regarding church history and councils (as both are obviously and repeatedly flawed and riddled with contradictions).

The intent of the magisterial Reformation was to recover true, non-accreted Catholicism. They sought to do this by reforming the theology and liturgy of the church to be in line with the inspired teaching of sacred Scripture. We can be grateful for this effort, as we benefit from it every single week.

In short, Anglicanism isn’t a messy hodge-podge or an uneasy compromise of different and contradictory theologies. We are a historically Protestant tradition with deep roots and a gospel-focus. Living into our true identity, rather than denying it or blurring it, can only help us.

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