Community Worship
Episcopal Denominational Day

Thursday, October 19, 2017          Davis Chapel
Gathering

* Opening Hymn: “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” see insert

* Processional

* Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy and living God.
People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

Centering

* Collect of the Day

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 20-25

Latricia Giles (MDiv ‘19)

Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

* Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

Katherine Shaner

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People: Glory be to thee O Lord.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord
People: Praise to you Lord Christ.

Proclaiming

Sermon

G. Porter Taylor

Responding

* Prayers of the People

Heather Bachelder (MDiv ‘20)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations...

Silence
Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

* Peace

* Hymn: “Blessed Assurance”  

* 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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is truly right,...we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

Celebrant and People:  
Holy, holy holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Blessed are you...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:  
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

* The New Zealand Lord’s Prayer: MUO #66

* The Breaking of Bread

Celebrant:  ...Alleluia Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
People:    Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Communion G. Porter Taylor
James Franklin III
Paul Collins (MDiv ’20)
Meg Finnerud (MDiv ’10)

Communion Song: “Taste and See”  

* Post Communion Prayer

All:  Loving God we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world. and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

Sending

* Blessing G. Porter Taylor

* Please stand in body and/or spirit.
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is no place where earth's sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven;
3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sure of the mind;

there's a kind-ness in his jus-tice, which is more than lib-er-ty.
there is no place where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
and the heart of the E-ter-nal is most won-der-ful-ly kind.

There is wel-come for the sin-ner, and more gra-ces for the good;
There is plen-ti-ful re-demp-tion in the blood that has been shed;
If our love were but more faith-ful, we should take him at his word;

there is mer-cy with the Sa-vior; there is heal-ing in his blood.
there is joy for all the mem-bers in the sor-rows of the Head.
and our life would be thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of the Lord.

Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt.
Music: Beecher, John Zundel (1815-1882), alt.
Notes for Today’s Worship

About the Worship Leader
The Rt. Rev. G. Porter Taylor is the Visiting Professor of Episcopal Studies at the School of Divinity. Before coming to the School of Divinity Taylor was the Sixth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina. He has a Ph.D. in Literature and Theology from Emory University and has taught at Belmont University, Virginia Theological Seminary, and The University of the South.

Worship
Today’s worship service was planned by Johanna Kelley (MDiv ‘20) and Amanda Kerr (MDiv ‘18).

The altar design was created by Sophia Russell (MDiv ‘18) and Blake Tickle (MDiv ‘20).

The bulletin cover art is the logo for The Episcopal Church.

MUO = Make Us One Songbook

Episcopal Denominational Day
Today we welcome many guests from the Episcopal Church as we celebrate Episcopal Denominational Day. We extend our welcome to The Rev. Meg Finnerud (MDiv ‘10) and The Rev. James Franklin III, who will be assisting in communion today. The Rev. Finnerud is the supply priest at St. Saviour’s Episcopal Church in Old Greenwich, Connecticut and also serves as a member of the School of Divinity Board of Visitors. The Rev. Franklin leads the Episcopal Student Fellowship at Wake Forest where he serves as the Campus and Young Adult Missioner. We are grateful for the many other Episcopal clergy that have joined our celebration today and we welcome you to the School of Divinity.

Communion
Communion today is celebrated by intinction. You will be given a piece of bread that you are invited to dip into the wine or grape juice. The bread is gluten-free.

Wine and grape juice are present in both chalices. Wine is in the lesser-filled side of the chalice and inscribed with a “W.” Grape juice is in the greater-filled side of the chalice and is inscribed with a “J.”