

SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
SHIPPENSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA



July 12, 2020
The 6th Sunday after Pentecost
8 am

Welcome to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Dear Friends,

We welcome you today, whether you have been here many times, or this is your first time worshiping with us. We hope that each one of you feels the draw of God, pulling you deeper into the mystery and communion with Christ, which we experience through our shared worship, prayer, song, silence, and community.

We are currently in the season of Pentecost which is often described as the “long green growing season”, for it is one of the longest liturgical seasons of the church year (beginning with the Feast Day of Pentecost, often at the end of May and extending through The Feast Day of Christ the King, immediately before Advent in early December). We refer to this church season as the “green growing season” for we are prompted to focus on our “growth in Christ” as the scripture lessons we read during this time relate the stories of the ministry and life of Jesus and the abiding culture of loving one another, in the midst of challenges and differences in the early church.

Rather than offering the service of Holy Eucharist this morning we will focus on God's Word, in a simpler way, setting before us a time of focusing our thoughts and opening our hearts on the scripture.

We set this Sunday, and our own lives, of course within this season of the Coronavirus and our ongoing and deepening concern for the well-being of the world. We may find this time of isolation and fear to be a very difficult time, and yet, as others have said, this is exactly the time that our spiritual practices of worship, prayer, living in community, and being formed as Christians has prepared us for. I trust that we will find a way to live out of the truth and strength of God in this very challenging time, for I trust God to be a part of our lives.

And so, we can rejoice that we can gather in a new way, for we hold this prayer within our hearts: For the Spirit of Peace that calms our mind and stills our life, we give you thanks. For the Spirit of Love that touches hearts and reaches out, we give you thanks. For the Spirit of Joy that lifts our soul and gives us faith we give you thanks. For the Spirit of Power, that gift of grace for this your church, we give you thanks.

To prepare our hearts and minds for worship, we seek to share quiet and silence before our services. We invite you to join us in this spiritual practice.

Faithfully, Mother Barbara

8 AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

TOLLING BELL INVITING SILENCE TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS (7:55 a.m.)

BELL CALLING US TO WORSHIP (8:00 a.m.)

THE WORD OF GOD

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 323

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

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 323

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 SONG OF PRAISE

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.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

(Sitting)

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS

Genesis 25:19-34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;
the one shall be stronger than the other,
the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 119:105-112 (*Prayed responsively by whole verse.*)

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.

106 **I have sworn and am determined ***
to keep your righteous judgments.

107 I am deeply troubled; *
preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.

108 **Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, ***
and teach me your judgments.

109 My life is always in my hand, *
yet I do not forget your law.

110 **The wicked have set a trap for me, ***
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; *
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes *
for ever and to the end.

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law~ indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow.

And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!”

“Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE HOMILY

Mother Barbara

NICENE CREED

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

(Kneeling or standing)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (RITE 1)

Lector Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: 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.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, Audrey our Diocesan Bishop 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.

Today we pray for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, on our Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer and for the people and clergy of Mt. Calvary, Camp Hill on our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer and for the Shippensburg First Church of God on our Ecumenical Shippensburg Area Cycle of Prayer.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector 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.

Today, we pray for and remember the residents of the Episcopal Home: Shirley, Cathy, Sharon, Paula, Myrtle, Gary and for the residents who have relocated, that thy grace, comfort and love may follow them all the days of their lives, and we pray for staff of the Episcopal Home: Ada, Alyssa, Anita Becky, Diane, Donna, Effie, Esther, Jane, Jen, Julie, Laurie, Lorrie, Sondra, Tammy, Tonya, Wayne, Mary Grace, Mike, Lois, Kathy, Tamey, and all those who love them. Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of

government in this and every land that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor Evan, Kathleen, Amy, Ellen, Tabitha, the Williams Family, Alice, Samantha, Wanda, Margaret, Brian Rotz, Brian Helman, the Watts Family and Pedro, Rachel Mooney, Laura and Brian, Stan and Dottie, and those who are grieving the loss of a loved one: Kathy, Jeanine, Ellen, Fred, Tom, Susan, Connor and Matthew, Blake and Katherine, and those whom we name, either silently in our hearts or aloud.

We also pray for God's peace and protection to be upon those who are in active duty in our military: Andrew Harkins, Kelley Williams, Levi Nelson, Tawney White, Brad Arnold, Kyle Hubert, Brent Welch, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and Fear, especially remember Peter Joseph Looker, formerly an active member at St. Andrew's, and the father to The Rev. Jennifer Looker Mattson, a priest serving St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Lancaster, and who was raised up by this parish. We beseech thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Andrew and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

People **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.
Silence is kept.

Ministers and People

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 honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant

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.**

(Standing)

THE PEACE

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

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERING SENTENCE

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loves us, and gave himself to us, as an offering and sacrifice to God.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

(Standing)

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

The people stand. The Celebrant faces them and says

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

The Celebrant proceeds

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. Who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world. Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People

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 in the highest.

The people kneel or stand.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for 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 to thee, 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, he 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 remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, 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; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

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

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

A period of silence may be kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant and People

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 we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(We will say this prayer together if there is anyone in the congregation who has come to church but has chosen not to receive communion.)

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

(Standing or sitting)

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and ever living God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. 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 honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

BCP 339

Celebrant

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's 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.

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 340

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Greeter: Bill Hutchinson

Vergers: Mike Stitt, Susan Sanders, Jane Offner

Celebrant & Preacher: Mother Barbara

Lector: Susan Sanders

Prayers of the People: Mother Barbara

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*We are a Christ-centered community dedicated to living authentically, thinking inclusively,
and opening our hearts to the movement of the Holy Spirit among us.*

Leadership

Diocesan Bishop The Rt. Rev. Audrey Scanlan

Rector The Rev. Barbara Hutchinson

Parish Secretary Melanie Varner

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Worship Services

Sunday 8:00 AM Worship Services Rite 1 In Sanctuary (Every week)

Sunday 10:00 AM Worship Service Rite 2 Outdoors - (Next service is 7/19)

Saturday Evening 5:00 PM In Sanctuary, Contemporary Eucharist- (Next service is 8/1)

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