

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
SHIPPENSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA



August 30, 2020
11th Sunday of Pentecost
(Proper 17)
VIRTUAL SERVICE

Welcome to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
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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.

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

Worship lies at the heart of our Christian life, for our turning toward God through praise, repentance, thanksgiving, and communion with the Risen Christ through the sacraments, all offered in community, opens our hearts to be changed by the life-giving love of God. It is also in worship that we profess our love of God, deepen our experience of God, and reconnect with our core identity, as expressed through our baptismal vows. And it is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as people of God.

GATHERING WELCOME

We believe God is found in all places and at all times, in the noise and chaos of our lives, and in the times of intentional silence within our hearts. We begin our worship by connecting to that space within our souls, where we can “Be still and know that God is God.”

SINGING BOWL CALLING US TO WORSHIP

There are two main sections of the worship service: The Ministry of the Word, and The Ministry of the Table (Altar). During the Ministry of the Word, we hear the sacred scriptures and allow our hearts to be broken to their truth in our lives. We begin our spoken word by acknowledging the triune God is worthy of our praise.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Officiant Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. Very often, this “collecting” prayer summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray,

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Occasionally, in addition to the Collect of the Day, we are invited to join our hearts in prayer for a particular need in our world, for a particular yearning in our hearts to be met by God’s love, or to commemorate a particular occasion. Today we pray for those who are poor or neglected in our community, as we give thanksgiving for the ministry of feeding which our hearts are centered on here at St. Andrew’s.

A BLESSING FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

A Service for A New School Year

Litany of Beginnings

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself,* not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

Leader It is the beginning of a new school year, and God is a God of new beginnings and new creations. In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth, new life, blessed it and called it good.

People **We give thanks for a new year and for new beginnings. We give thanks that you call us good.**

Leader: In the beginning, the heavens shone forth a star when our Savior was born. In the beginning of his ministry, the heavens opened up and called him God's beloved.

People: **We give thanks that you know our pathways and what it means to be human. We give thanks that you call us your beloved children.**

O God of new beginnings, new life, and new journeys, you sent Abraham and Sarah into a new land; you led Moses, Aaron and Miriam out of Egypt and into liberation; you led your Son our Savior to earth, to the cross, and into resurrection. Walk with us, we pray, as we enter into a new year, a new path, new opportunities. *Amen.*

A General Thanksgiving

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

(Pause for thanksgivings from the group)

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

(Pause for thanksgivings for friends and family from the group)

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

(Pause for thanksgivings for our tasks)

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

(Pause for thanksgivings for our failures)

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. *Amen.*

(Source: Book of Common Prayer)

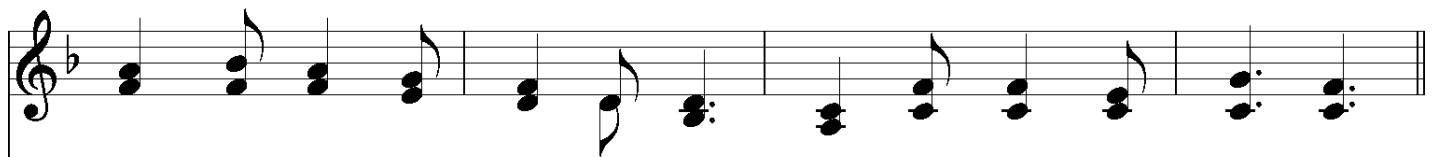
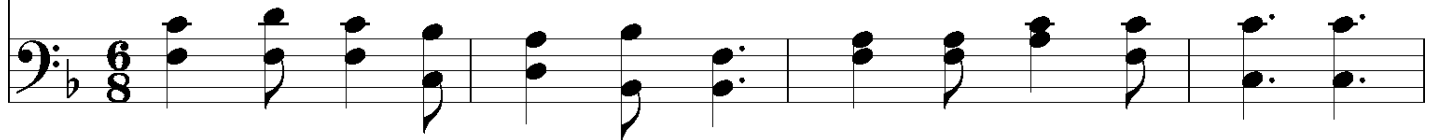
Closing Blessing

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. *Amen.*

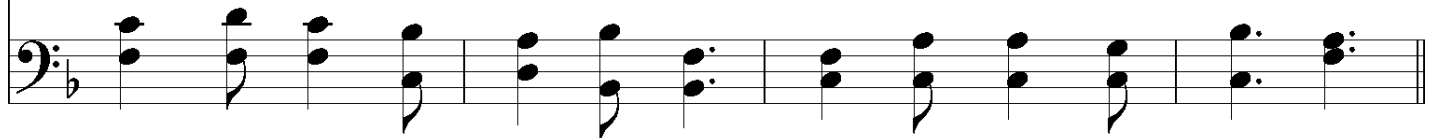
We begin our worship as a gathered community by praising God and lifting our hearts, in song.



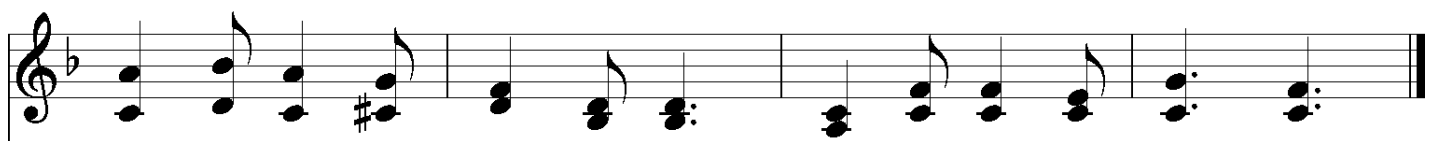
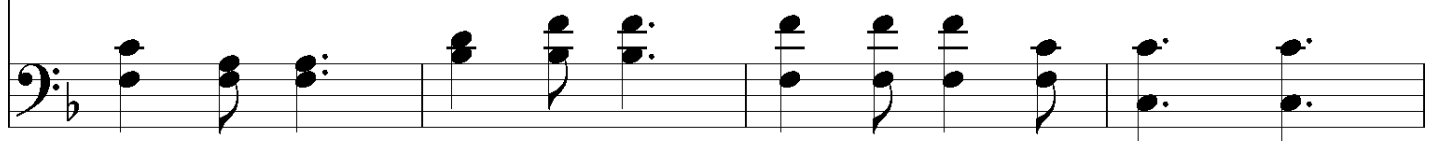
1. Je - sus, keep me near the cross, There's a pre - cious foun - tain;
 2. Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, Love and mer - cy found me;
 3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God, Bring its scenes be - fore me;
 4. Near the cross, I'll watch and wait, Hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



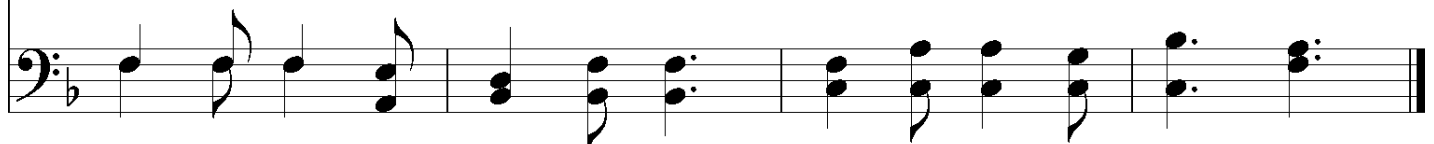
1. Free to all, a heal - ing stream Flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
 2. There the Bright and Morn - ing Star Sheds its beams a - round me.
 3. Help me walk from day to day With its shad - ows o'er me.
 4. Till I reach the gold - en strand Just be - yond the riv - er.



In the cross, in the cross Be my glo - ry ev - er;



Till my rap - tured soul shall find Rest be - yond the riv - er.



This reading is typically from the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) which Jesus knew and to which he often referred or quoted.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS

Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

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

The psalms are prayers that Jesus would have prayed in his daily worship and which express every human emotion of humankind's relationship with God and with one another.

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

(Prayed responsively by whole verse.)

1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 **Sing to him, sing praises to him, ***
and speak of all his marvelous works.

3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

4 **Search for the LORD and his strength; ***
continually seek his face.

5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

6 **O offspring of Abraham his servant, ***
O children of Jacob his chosen.

23 Israel came into Egypt, *
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

24 **The LORD made his people exceedingly fruitful; ***
he made them stronger than their enemies;

25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, *
and dealt unjustly with his servants.

26 **He sent Moses his servant, ***
and Aaron whom he had chosen.

45 Hallelujah!

This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter (epistle) to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.

READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

This reading is taken from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. When we worship in person, we stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus' words and actions, and we turn toward the Gospel book, as an outward sign of the turning of our hearts to the Way of Love.

SEQUENCE OFFERING

Alleluia

Kevin Gorman, *pianist and vocalist*
Michelle DiBona Trefren, *vocalist*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The sermon or homily follows the Gospel because it is to be grounded in the scriptures. It illuminates the scriptural readings and relates them to daily life.

THE HOMILY

Mother Barbara

We lift our hearts in prayer, in praise and in trust of a living God, whose grace and presence in our lives offers healing and salvation. We pray for ourselves and on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for the Universal Church, the nation, and all who

govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in particular need or are suffering in heart, mind, body, or soul, and for the departed. We are reminded in prayer that we are part of a larger fellowship, the Church – the Body of Christ.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Rev. Deacon Wanda Kloza

Good People of God, I bid your prayers for Christ's holy Catholic Church. May it be a beacon of peace, unity and understanding in an often conflicted, divided and confusing world.

We are the Body of Christ on earth,
may we witness to your love.

I bid your prayers for all peoples throughout the world. May we find a way to bring an end to the conflicts that surround us, that all may be safe wherever they may be.

We are the Body of Christ in the world,
may we make peace.

I bid your prayers for all in need of healing. And we offer our thanksgiving for the ministry of healing and love offered at the Episcopal Home for these many years. May God continue to bless those whose lives were shaped in faith by this ministry.

We also pray for Emma Jean Bankson, Chuck Bloom, Frank, Richard, Evan, Roseann, Jack, 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: Deanna, 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, Caleb Reeder, Levi Nelson, Tawney White, Brad Arnold, Kyle Hubert, and Brent Welch.

We are the Body of Christ to a broken world,
may we bring Christ's healing love.

I bid your prayers for all those saints who have gone before us, especially remembering Tom Stouffer who died this week. May we strive for the fullness of your presence when Our earthly time is done.

We are the Body of Christ in this time,
as we await our time in God's kingdom.

I bid your prayers of thanksgiving for this parish of faith, especially for our ministries to the hungry in our community, May we be guided in our life at St. Andrew's to learn how to bring others to Christ, seek forgiveness, and strive for unity and concord.

We are the Body of Christ to one another,
may we seek and serve Christ in our neighbors.

God, our hope, may your blessing empower our thanksgivings and our prayers; for we put our trust in you. **Amen.**
At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, so that we may support the continued mission and ministry of Christ of bringing in the kingdom of God, here among us.

OUR OFFERING TO GOD'S MISSION

In this green growing season of Pentecost, may we continue to sow seeds of hope in our world. May we grow in our faith as we walk in the footsteps of Jesus. May our love bear fruit in the world. And may we offer our whole selves to the mission of Christ, that of bringing healing and reconciliation to our world. Therefore, walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY SOLO

Let us break bread together

Milan Shepherd, *vocalist*

Kevin Gorman, *pianist*

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. We can think of this prayer not so much as ours, but Jesus' own prayer, his own words, in the power of his presence in our midst. Our giving utterance to the words of "Our Father" is really Christ speaking through us in the power of the Spirit.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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 priest offers God's blessing upon God's people. The words commonly are given in the trinitarian name of God, accompanied by the sign of the cross.

THE BLESSING

My friends, life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make this earthly pilgrimage with us, so be swift to love, and make haste to do kindness, and the blessing of God, who comes to us as Creative Presence, Saving Grace and Life-giving Spirit be upon you and all whom you love this day, and forever more. **Amen.**

1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rug - ged cross,
 2. Oh, that old rug - ged cross so de - spised by the world,
 3. In the old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine,
 4. To the old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true,

1. The em - blem of suf - f'ring and shame;
 2. Has a won - drous at - trac - tion for me;
 3. A won - drous beau - ty I see;
 4. Its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;

1. And I love that old cross where the dear - est and best
 2. For the dear Lamb of God left His glo - ry a - bove,
 3. For 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died,
 4. Then He'll call me some day to my home far a - way,

1. For a world of lost sin - ners was slain.
 2. To bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.
 3. To par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.
 4. Where His glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

old rug - ged cross_____

So I'll cherish the cross, the old rug - ged cross,

Till my trophies at last I lay down;

old rug - ged cross,_____

I will cling to the cross, the old rug - ged cross,

And exchange it some day for a crown.

The point of worship is to get people out the door, transformed by the grace of God, fed by the spiritual food offered through communion and community, sent out into the world for ministry and mission. "The worship has ended, let the service begin!"

THE DISMISSAL

Assisting Ministers

Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Kevin Gorman, *pianist*

Marie Hershey, *organist*

Altar flowers are given today by the St. Andrew's Parish Family in memory of and thanksgiving for the life of Tom Stouffer.

Worship Ministers

Officiant & Homilist	The Rev. Barbara Hutchinson
Church Musician	Kevin Gorman
Guest Organist	Marie Hershey
Vocalists	Kevin Gorman Michelle DiBona Trefren Jay Williams Mary Beth Williams
Lectors	Roseann Sysko (Exodus) Nichol Free (Romans) Shannon and Neiley O'Donnell (Psalm)
Intercessors	Dina Carter-Ishler & Patrick Ishler
Images for the Blessing of the Start of the School Year	
Gospel & Prayers of the People	The Rev. Deacon Wanda Kloza
Dismissal	James and Thomas Williams