

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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VIRTUAL SERVICE

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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.

On All Saints' Day, we will again remember those whom we love who have gone before us, for we are all drawn together in the communion of saints, which connects all of us into the everlasting love of God. I invite you to share the names with us of those whom you would like to be read during our All Saints' service. You may email Melanie (office@standrewship.org) or me (rector@standrewship.org) the name(s) of those to be remembered as well as your name. It is a gift and honor to raise up to God's continual love the ones with whom you have shared life and love.

We are delighted today to have the gift and pleasure of Canon Chris Streeter offer a homily for us this morning. We are so grateful for his interest in our parish and his continued spiritual presence among us. It is always wonderful to have our Diocesan staff present to us here at St. Andrew's.

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.

SINGING BOWL CALLING US TO WORSHIP

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.”

GATHERING WELCOME

So, come, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who come bearing your doubt. Come. **It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.**

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.

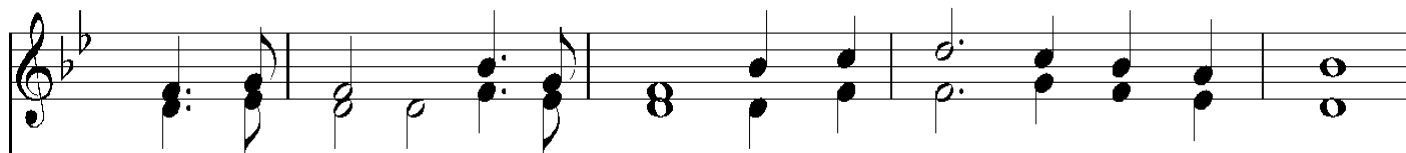
COLLECT OF THE DAY

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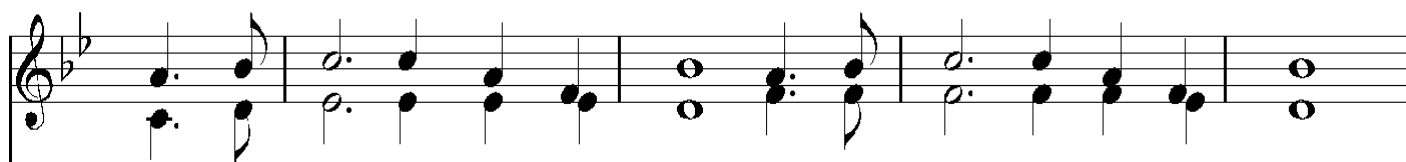
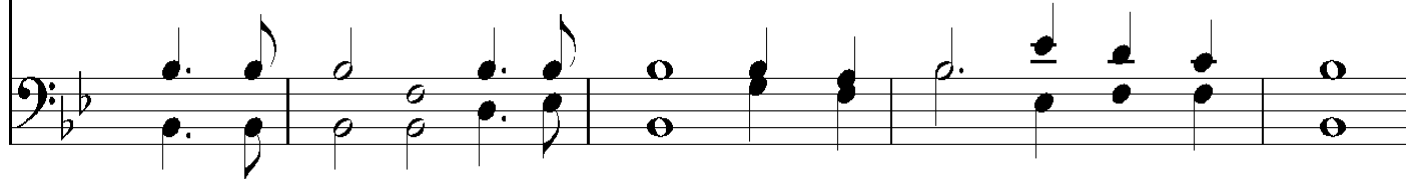
Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray,

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

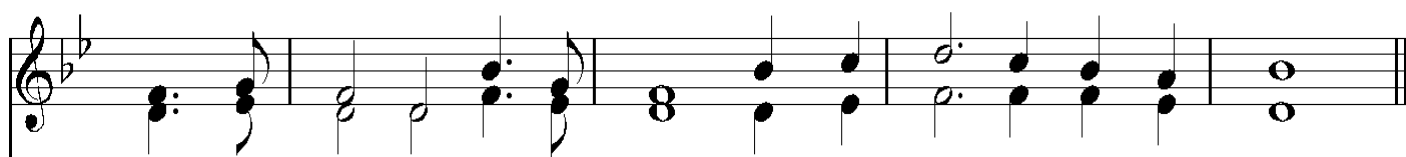
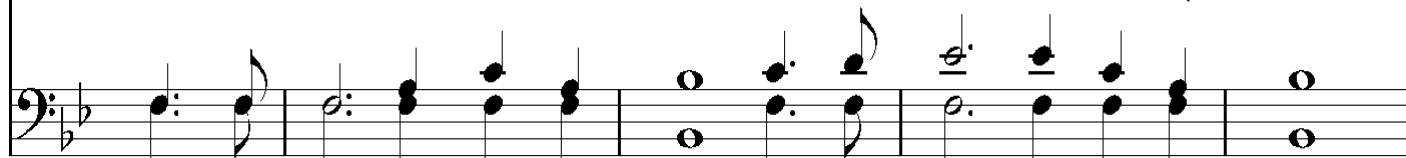
We begin our worship as a gathered community by praising God and lifting our hearts, in song.



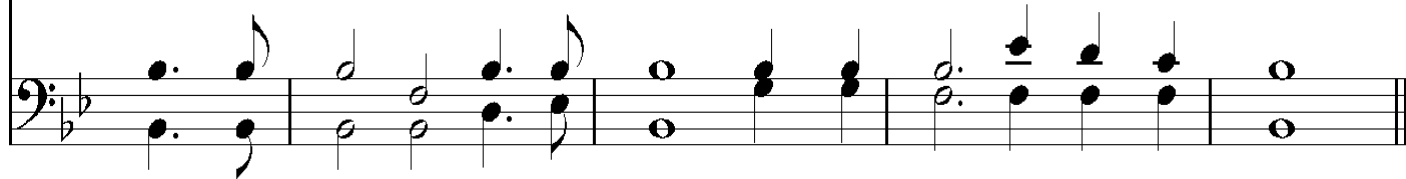
1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,
 3 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,
 all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;
 when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
 in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.



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 33:12-23

Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

The LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

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 99

(Prayed responsively by whole verse.)

1 The LORD is King;
let the people tremble;
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.

2 **The LORD is great in Zion;
he is high above all peoples.**

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome;
he is the Holy One.

4 **"O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."**

5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and fall down before his footstool;
he is the Holy One.

6 **Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name,
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.**

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.

9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his holy hill;
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

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.

A READING FROM PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE THESSALONIANS Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead— Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

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 HOMILY

The Rev. Canon Christopher Streeter

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.

We pray for Katherine, Deb, Kathy, Paula's nephew Cameron, Jan McCrory, Emma Jean Bankson, Shirley Glick, 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 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 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 Kay Hutchinson in whose

memory altar flowers are given. . 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.

OFFERING

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.

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

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of God's Son, Jesus our Lord. And the Blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN LEVAS #83

I once was lost in sin

1. I once was lost in sin but Je - sus took me in,
2. Some - times my path seems drear, with - out a ray of cheer,
3. I may have doubts and fears, my eyes be filled with tears,

1. And then a lit - tle light from heav - en filled my soul;
2. And then a cloud of doubt may hide the light of day; _____
3. But Je - sus is a friend who watch - es day and night; _____

1. It bathed my heart in love and wrote my name a - bove,
2. The mists of sin my rise and hide the star - ry skies,
3. I go to Him in pray'r, He knows my ev - 'ry care.

1. And just a lit - tle talk with Je - sus made me whole. _____
2. And just a lit - tle talk with Je - sus clears the way. _____
3. And just a lit - tle talk with Je - sus makes it right. _____

Now let us have a lit - tle talk with Je - sus, let us

tell Him all a - bout our trou - bles, He will hear our faint - est cry, and He will

an - swer by and by; Now when you feel a lit - tle pray' r wheel turn - ing, and you

know a lit - tle fire is burn - ing, you will

find a lit - tle talk with Je - sus makes it right. it makes it right.

The point of worship is to praise God, be transformed by the grace of God, fed by the spiritual food offered through communion and community, and then 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 into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

INSTRUMENTAL OFFERING

Kevin Gorman, *pianist*

Portion of Chopin Raindrop Prelude

Worship Ministers

Officiant

The Rev. Barbara Hutchinson

Pianist

Kevin Gorman

Guest Organist & Vocalist

Michelle DiBona Trefren

Vocalists

Jay Williams

Mary Beth Williams

Kevin Gorman

Lectors

Mary Beth Williams (Exodus)

Susan Sanders (Thessalonians)

Thomas & James Williams (Psalm)

Gospel & Prayers of the People

The Rev. Deacon Wanda Kloza

Dismissal

James and Thomas Williams

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us this morning, Sharing community and communion together is a holy honor for which we are all grateful.

We invite you offer your loved ones names to be read as part of our **Necrology** on All Saints' Day. This is a time to recall and celebrate the glory they are resting in and to acknowledge and affirm the communion of saints that thread of holiness that extends between all God's faithful people, throughout all time. You may email Melanie, our Parish Secretary (office@standrewsship.org) with this information. Please provide your name as well, in case we have any questions regarding spelling. *May the souls of our loved ones continue to rest in peace and rise in glory.*

Our **Community Meal program** has expanded due to increased need in our community. We have picked up one additional time of preparing and serving the meal, thanks to the generous hearts of our members. We will now be serving the community meal to our hungry neighbors on the 4th Tuesday of the month. If you would like to join our community meal teams, please let Mike Stitt know. There is increased need for meal preparation because there are more hungry people in our area now. We are currently serving "to go" meals due to the COVID precautions.

Our food pantry is empty again. We ask for your help in providing food for our neighbors. This offering is just one of the many parts of the safety net our community offers to those who are in need. You can drop food off directly into the pantry and/or you can write a check to St. Andrew's and earmark it "Food Pantry" and someone will do the shopping for you. This is a wonderful ministry we can provide for those in need.

We continue with our **Scripture Study** this week, beginning our exploration of the Gospel of Matthew. We will gather on Tuesday evening for the reading of the Gospel and then begin our exploration on Wednesday evening. Please email Mother Barbara for the Zoom links. All are welcome, always!

We will worship next week at 8 a.m. only. We have plenty of space at the service (generally attendance is 10 people) so if you wish to worship weekly, there's a pew waiting for you.

We invite you to come to our next **Contemplative Eucharist** which will be on November 7th at 5 p.m. This is a service designed to restore your soul with evocative music, silence, Holy Eucharist, and beauty through our gorgeous sanctuary filled with candlelight.