

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
SHIPPENSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA



November 15, 2020
24th Sunday of Pentecost
(Proper 28)

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.

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

Officiant Let us pray,

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

OUR PRAYER FOR UNITY

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth in our nation, to support one another without hatred or bitterness, that, being bonded in love, we may live in unity with you and one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN #717 MY COUNTRY 'TIS OF THEE

Maggie Shafer

OUR RECOGNITION OF VETERANS

The image you will see in the video is of our beautiful sanctuary filled with handmade quilts, created with love by our St. Andrew's Quilters, to be offered to veterans at VA hospital in Lebanon. We are grateful for the quilter's faithful hearts who have contributed hundreds of these gorgeous lap quilts.

Almighty God, you are our strength and our shield. We give you thanks for the men and women of our armed forces, past and present. And we remember all who have died that we may live, all who endured pain that we might know joy, all who made sacrifices that we might have plenty, all who suffered imprisonment that we might know freedom. May their sacrifices serve the cause of peace, and may our nation be ever grateful for their service. With your wisdom and strength guide the leaders of our nation, and give to all nations a desire for justice and peace. Turn our deep feeling now into determination, and our determination into deed, that as men and women died for peace, we may live for peace for the sake of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE Hymn #551

Rise up ye saints of God

1 Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with less - er things, give
2 Rise up, ye saints of God! His king - dom tar - ries long: Lord,
3 Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod; and

heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.
bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.
quick-ened by the Spi - rit's power, rise up, ye saints of God!

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Rise up ye saints of God'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The first system includes three vocal parts (1, 2, and 3) and their corresponding lyrics. The second system continues the melody and includes the final lines of the hymn. The music is written in a key with one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature.

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 JUDGES

Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.

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 123

(Prayed responsively by whole verse.)

1 To you I lift up my eyes,
to you enthroned in the heavens.

2 **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**

3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God,
until he show us his mercy.

4 **Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough of contempt,**

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,
and of the derision of the proud.

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

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Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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 25:14-30

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is

yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

Deacon 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

Mother Barbara

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 Chris, Rebecca, Jonathan, Nina, Pierre, Sassie, Tony Yancoskie, Bert, Janet, Melissa, Katharine, 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, Stan and Dottie, and those who are grieving the loss of a loved one: Laura, Christina, David, Jonathan, and Joseph, Laura and Pat, 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 Brian Pratt. 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

And now as we near the end of 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

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.**

CLOSING HYMN LEVAS #99

On Christ the solid Rock I stand

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus' blood and
 2. When dark - ness veils His love - ly face. I rest on His un -
 3. His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood, Sup - port me in the
 4. When He shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in

1. right - eous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, But
 2. chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale. My
 3. whelm - ing flood: When all a - round my soul gives way, he
 4. Him be found; Dressed in His right - eous - ness a - lone, Fault -

1. whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 2. an - chorholds with - in the veil. On Christ, the so - lid Rock, I stand. All
 3. then is all my hope and stay.
 4. less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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

The altar flowers are given today by Kathy Magaro in memory of Eleanor Roach on her birthday.

Worship Ministers

Officiant & Homilist	The Rev. Barbara Hutchinson
Pianist	Kevin Gorman
Vocalists	Jay Williams Mary Beth Williams Kevin Gorman
Guest Organists & Vocalist	Michelle DiBona Trefren Maggie Shafer
Lectors	Ken Dotson (Judges) Jim Smith (Thessalonians) Melisa and Ken Dotson (Psalm)
Gospel & Prayers of the People	The Rev. Deacon Wanda Kloza
Dismissal	James and Thomas Williams

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Today, November 15, 20120

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite 2

7:30 PM AA meeting

Monday, November 16, 2020

7:30 PM AA meeting

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

9:30 AM Meditation in the Church (In-person & Zoom)

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 to contribute to the **Mary Grace Shearer MSW for the Advancement of Social Work Scholarship** offered in gracious recognition of the nearly 40 years of faithful service Mary Grace offered to the ministry of The Episcopal Home. We are so grateful for her amazing work and the legacy of love which she is leaving behind. The parish will be making a gift and we invite you to make individual gifts as well. If you would like to contribute by check, you can either send a check to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and earmark it as the Mary Grace Shearer Scholarship or you can mail the check directing to TFEC (The Foundation for Enhancing Communities) at the following address: 200 N. 3rd Street, 8th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101. If you would like to make an online donation, please do so by going to <https://www.tfec.org>. We thank you for your generosity.

We invite you to join us as we engage in **meditation or centering prayer on Tuesday mornings** at 9:30 a.m. You are welcome to come into the church and meditate in person with us (wearing a mask) or connect with us by Zoom. Please email Mother Barbara for the Zoom link. This is a time when your soul can rest and be restored through the loving presence of God.

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 Monday 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. This past week we served 100 meals plus multiple containers of food prepared and offered by Shippensburg University Food Recovery Program.

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.

Next Weekend's Worship Services:

Church at Home – anytime. Join us for a pre-recorded service of glorious music, sacred scripture, reflection, and prayer.

Sunday, 11/22 at 8 a.m. Join us for a quiet spoken service of Holy Eucharist Rite 1

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
Sexton Brett Erickson

Church Musician Brian Helman
Interim Church Musician Kevin Gorman
Head Verger Mike Stitt, FVGEC
Verger Mike Rhodes, FVGEC
Verger Jane Offner, Susan Sanders
Vestry Members

Christina Luo, Senior Warden
Jane Offner, Junior Warden
Jean Shepherd, Treasurer
Brett Erickson
Ken Dotson
Mary Beth Williams

Larry Shillock
Steve Smith
Lisa Turchi
Susan Tyler
Laurel White

Worship Services

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

Sunday 10:00 AM Worship Service Rite 2- (Next service is 11/15, 11/29)

Saturday Evening 5:00 PM Contemporary Eucharist with Healing Prayers- (Next service is 12/5)

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