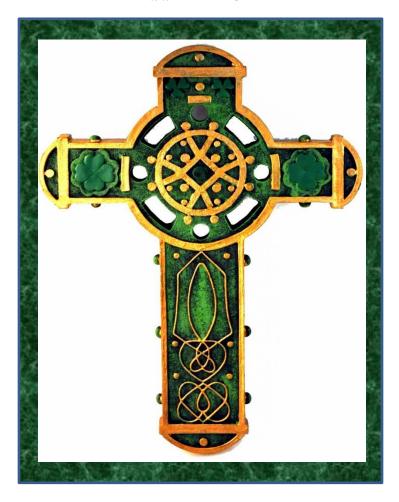
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Shippensburg, PA



3rd Sunday after Pentecost PROPER 6

June 13th, 2021 10 a.m. WORSHIP

Welcome to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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We are an inclusive and welcoming community of believers in Christ Our Savior and are committed to sharing God's unconditional love with all.

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.

Our worship today is set within the church 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.

It is often said, "You can't be a Christian by yourself." The reason for that is that being a Christian is all about being in relationship with each other. We deeply believe in our call to love God and to love our neighbor, with the understanding that we can't do one without the other. This sense of community and commonality of the Holy Eucharist is then lived out in our parish activities and in our own particular lives. Each week, when we leave the worship, we take a part of God with us that had not yet been known to us as we entered the church and experience a deeper sense of belonging to a community. That's a beautiful gift offered to us by God and by each other. Let us give thanks and rejoice for this blessing.

In Christ's love, Mother Barbara

WELCOME

RINGING OF THE TOLLING BELL, Drawing Us Into Worship





THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS 1982 Hymnal S-280



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray,

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF EZEKIEL

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it,

in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind.

All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.

I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

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

Psalm 92:1-4, 11-14 (Prayed responsively by whole verse.)

- 1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, * and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;
- 2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning * and of your faithfulness in the night season;
- 3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, * and to the melody of the harp.
- 4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; * and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.
- 11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, * and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
- 12 Those who are planted in the house of the LORD * shall flourish in the courts of our God;
- 13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; * they shall be green and succulent;
- 14 That they may show how upright the LORD is, * my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

A READING FROM PAUL'S SECOND LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS 2 Corinthians 5:6-10,[11-13],14-17

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord~ for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Gospel Acclamation





THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 4:26-34

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Mother Barbara

(Time for silent reflection)

THE 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, with music.

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 wholeness, especially those on our parish prayer list, Kelly Ann, Gardner Lane, Robbie, Jean, Rick, Susie, Kyle, the family of Starr Ariola, Kathy, Ellen, Eugene, Sue, Lloyd Spooner and Andrew Szabat, Jack & Linda Horner, Ashleigh Mann, Chris, Rebecca, Jonathan, Pierre, Sassie, Tony Yancoskie, Melissa, Katherine, Kathy, Deb, Cameron, Jan McCrory, Emma Jean Bankson, Susan and Robert Glick, Chuck Bloom, Richard, Evan, Roseann, Jack, Kathleen, Amy, Tabitha, the Williams Family, Alice, Samantha, Wanda, Margaret, Brian Helman, Rachel Mooney, and for those who care for them and those who are grieving the loss of a loved one: especially remembering the family of Jeri Dunham, the friends of Linda Gatchel, Donna, Starr and Danny, Brandon and Emily, Stan, the family of Dick Weller, Dina and Patrick, Pierre and Sassie, Laura, Christina, David, Jonathan, and Joseph, Laura and Pat, Deanna, Kathy, Jeanine, Ellen, Fred, Tom, Susan, Connor and Matthew, and Blake and Katherine.

We also pray for God's peace and protection to be upon those who are in active duty in our military: Andrew Harkins, Caleb and Kelley Reeder, Levi Nelson, Kyle Hubert, and Brent Welch. And we pray for those whom we name silently or aloud who are in need of Christ's healing. (Please add your own petitions now.)

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. 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.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR OFFERING TO OUR MISSION

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

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Kevin Gorman, pianist

OUR SHARED COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

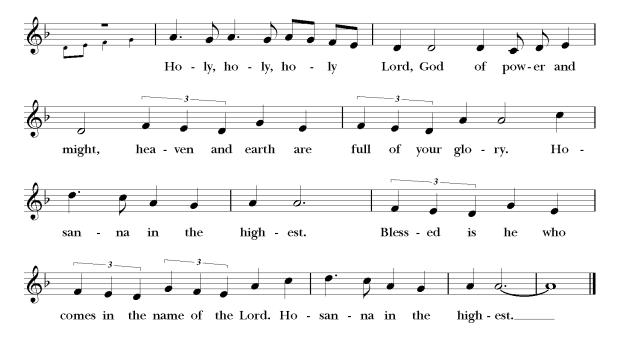
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, for you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS 1982 Hymnal S-129



Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

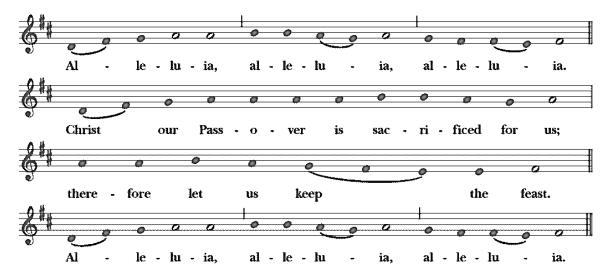
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

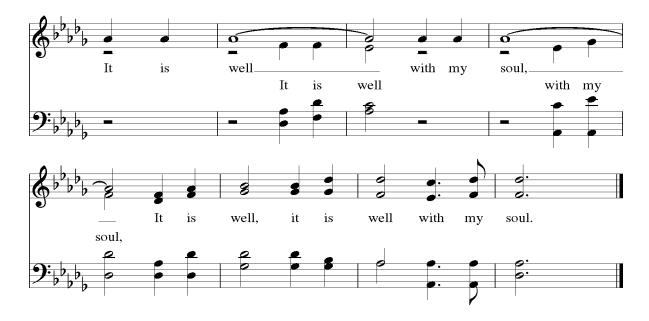
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM 1982 Hymnal S-154



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 COMMUNION OFFERING LEVAS #188 (please sing the refrain) It is well with my soul tend 1. When peace, like a riv - er, at eth my 2. Though tan should buf - fet, should sa though tri als 3. My sin--oh, the bliss of this glo ri ous 4. And, Lord, day when the faith shall haste the be 1. way, When like sor rows sea bil - lows roll: 2. come. Let this blest as sur ance con trol, 3. thought— My sin--not in part, but the whole rolled 4. sight, The clouds be back as a scroll, 2 1. What ev thou hast taught er my lot, me to 2. That Christ has gard ed my help less re es -3. Is nailed to the cross and Ι bear it no 4. The trump shall sound and the Lord shall de re 10 1. say, It is well. it is well with soul. my 2. tate, And shed His has own blood for soul. my 3. more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord. O soul! my "E - ven so"— 4. scend. it is well with soul. my



THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP #365

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Dearest Jesus,

We believe that You are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament, and that You fill us at all times with your holy, healing, and life-giving Presence. We love You above all else, and our desire is always to welcome You into our souls. Since we cannot at this moment receive You in consecrated bread and wine, help us to know your Presence spiritually, and more deeply in our hearts. We embrace You, knowing that You are already here, and we unite ourselves wholly with You. Never let us feel separated from You or from Your love. As we offer our hearts and spirits in our love of Christ, we pray, Holy Spirit, make us like Jesus: one body, food for the world, one blood, poured out for the life of all. Amen.

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 upon you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN 1982 Hymnal #411 O bless the Lord, my soul!



Then bless his holy Name,
whose grace hath made thee whole,
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
O bless the Lord, my soul!

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Kevin Gorman

WORSHIP MINISTERS

Celebrant & Preacher: Mother Barbara Church Musician: Kevin Gorman

Greeter: Susan and Keith Tyler
Crucifer: Jeanine Goodwin
Chalice Assistant: Susan Sanders
Lectors: Donna Harpster
Jeanine Goodwin

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 Church Musician Brian Helman Interim Church Musician Kevin Gorman Head Verger Mike Stitt, FVGEC Verger Bill Gawors

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Susan Tyler, Secretary
Brett Erickson
Brooke Leininger

Larry Shillock
John Boyle
Ken Dotson
Steve Smith
Kathy Varner

Worship Services
Sunday 8:00 AM and 10 AM In-Person Worship Services
Contemplative Worship Service the first Saturday of the month
Live Stream Services each Sunday beginning at 10 a.m.

Recorded Services throughout the month

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