

St Andrew's Episcopal Church
Shippensburg, PA



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RECORDED 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 worshipping 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.

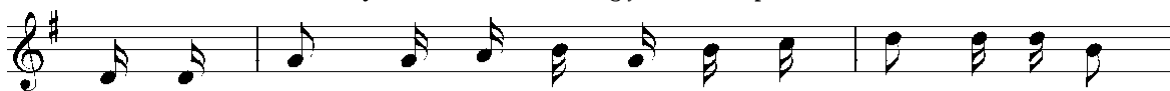
It is often said, "You can't be a Christian by yourself." The reason for that is that being a Christian is all about being in relationship with each other. We deeply believe in our call to love God and to love our neighbor, with the understanding that we can't do one without the other. This sense of 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 SINGING BOWL, *Drawing Us Into Worship*

OPENING HYMN 1982 *Hymnal #554 'Tis the gift to be simple*



'Tis the gift to be sim - ple, 'tis the gift to be free,



'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,



and when we find our - selves in the place just right,



'twill be in the val - ley of love and de - light.



When true sim - pli - ci - ty is gained to



bow and to bend we shan't be a-shamed, to turn, turn, will



be our de-light till by turn - ing, turn - ing we come round right.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS 1982 Hymnal S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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- 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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THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

Mother Barbara

(A period of silence follows for reflection.)

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.

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.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

A MOMENT OF JOY

Mother Barbara

LORD'S PRAYER

BCP #364

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 OFFERTORY SENTENCE

So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little,
you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time,
you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.
Come, it is the Lord who calls your name.

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, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN LEVAS II #72 *Just a closer walk with thee.*



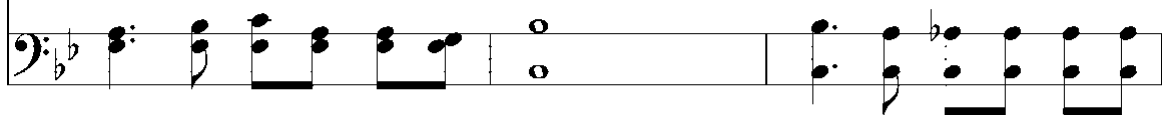
1. I am weak but thou art strong: _____
 2. Through this world of toil and snares. _____
 3. When my fee - ble life is o'er.

Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with thee,



1. Je - sus. keep me from all wrong: _____ I'll be sat - is - fied as
 2. If I fal - ter. Lord, who cares? _____ Who with me my bur - den
 3. Time for me will be no more: _____ Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly

Refrain: Grant it. Je - sus, is my plea, Dai - ly walk - ing close to



1. long As I walk, let me walk close to thee.
 2. shares? _____ None but thee, dear _____ Lord, none but thee.
 3. o'er _____ To Thy king - dom _____ shore, to thy shore.

Refrain: thee, _____ Let it be, dear _____ Lord, let it be.



THE DISMISSAL

BCP #366

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Kevin Gorman, *pianist*

WORSHIP MINISTERS

Celebrant & Homilist:	The Rev. Barbara Hutchinson
Deacon	The Rev. Deacon Wanda Kloza
Church Musicians:	Kevin Gorman, <i>pianist</i> Michelle DiBona Trefren, <i>cellist</i>
Vocalists:	Mary Beth Williams Jay Williams Michelle DiBona Trefren Kevin Gorman
Lectors:	Frank Mazzacua Kathy Varner

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

Vestry Members

Christina Luo, Senior Warden

Tom Briggs, Treasurer

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

Thursday 9:30 AM – Meditation (Zoom or church)

Live Stream Services and Recorded Services throughout the month

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