

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Shippensburg, PA**



**A Service of Prayer, Remembrance, Hope
As we commemorate the 20th Anniversary of 9/11/01**

**September 12, 2021
8 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 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.

We gather in the quiet and beauty of our sanctuary as a people of faith: to pray, to offer thanksgiving for the healing grace of Christ, to allow the Spirit to usher our hearts and souls from darkness into light, to proclaim that love is stronger than hate, to witness to the new life possible to us through the mercy and grace of God, and to be a community dedicated to Jesus' mission of reconciliation and healing.

We begin our service today as we commemorate the twentieth anniversary of September 11, 2001. We remember all who died and the families who loved them. We open our hearts to God's peace which passes all understanding, so we may go forward as the people bringing about God's dream of a reconciled world by our love for one another.

We then come together in the Great Thanksgiving, offering ourselves, souls, and bodies to the mercy and grace of God through our shared Holy Communion. All are invited to come forward to receive this holy sacrament, for this is the Lord's table and all are welcome. If you would prefer to receive a blessing rather than the sacrament, please come forward and I will offer God's blessing for you. We invite you to stand or kneel at the altar rail, receive the consecrated bread and wine, and then place your small cup in the basket near the pews.

We are so very grateful that you are here with us today. Welcome.
In Christ's love, Mother Barbara

THE RINGING OF THE BELL, inviting us into silence.
THE RINGING OF THE TOLLING BELL, calling us into worship.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION
(Standing)

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SONG OF PRAISE

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty,
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

OUR PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

Gracious and merciful God, we remember the terrible acts against humanity that the world has suffered and especially those in our country on this day twenty years ago. We pray for the innocent victims and their families. We pray also that those whose hearts are filled with hate might be turned toward love. Help us not to speak or act rashly but fill our hearts with passion for those in need and strengthen our wills that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly before you.

Amen.

A LITANY OF PEACE

O God, You have called us to peace, for You are peace itself. May we have the vision to see that each of us, in some measure, can help to realize your dream.

Where there is ignorance and superstition,
Let there be enlightenment and knowledge.

Where there is prejudice and hatred,
Let there be acceptance and love.

Where there is fear and suspicion,
Let there be confidence and trust.

Where there is tyranny and oppression,
Let there be freedom and justice.

Where there is poverty and disease,
Let there be prosperity and health.

Where there is strife and discord,
Let there be harmony and peace.

Eternal God of all peoples and races, you made us in your image: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us, unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion so that the day will come when all humanity will recognize that it is one family, and serve you in harmony and peace.

Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

(Sitting)

THE FIRST READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH

61:1-4

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116:1-8 *(Prayed responsively by whole verse.)*

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.

3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

4 Gracious is the LORD and righteous; *
our God is full of compassion.

5 The LORD watches over the innocent; *
I was brought very low, and he helped me.

6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, *
for the LORD has treated you well.

7 For you have rescued my life from death, *
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

8 I will walk in the presence of the LORD *
in the land of the living.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:2-12a

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Mother Barbara

(A time of silent reflection)

THE NICENE CREED

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

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor Sally, Brooke, Gary Lewis, Damien, Berta, Samantha, Rachel and Joshua, Sophia, Nan, Betsey, Jan, Tom, Sharon, Annie, and Phil, Tabby Lewis, Frank, Brandon, Susan, Kelly Ann, Gardner Lane, Robbie, Jean, Rick, Susie, the family of Starr Ariola, Kathy, Ellen, Eugene, Sue, Lloyd Spooner and Andrew Szabat, Jack & Linda Horner, Ashleigh Mann, Chris, Rebecca, Jonathan, 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, and Brian Helman, and for those who care for them.

We also pray for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one: especially remembering Samantha, Sandra, Audrey, Daniel and Chris, 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, Laura, Christina, David, Jonathan, and Joseph, Laura and Pat, Deanna, Kathy, Ellen, Fred, and Tom, Susan, Connor and Matthew.

We also remember those who are in active military duty, praying that God's protection be upon them: Brooke Callaway, Andrew Harkins, Caleb and Kelley Reeder, Kyle Hubert, and Brent Welch and we pray for those whom we name, either silently or aloud, who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

(Please add your own petitions here.)

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of St. Andrew and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.
Amen.

(Kneeling)

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto

us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

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

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR OFFERING TO OUR MISSION

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

Since one of our safety precautions during this COVID time is to not pass the offering plates, we invite you to place your contribution to our mission and ministry in the offering plate which is on the table immediately to your left as you enter, or on your right as you exit the Nave or the main part of the church.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (*Form II*)

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, 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 with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest

(Standing or kneeling)

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for

you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **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.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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 with faith and thanksgiving.

To receive communion during this time of special safety precautions, we ask that as you come forward to receive, you sanitize your hands with the sanitizer near the steps. As you approach the altar rail, please leave adequate distance between you and others who aren't in your particular safety zone (such as family members or close friends that you see often). Mother Barbara will place the consecrated host in your hand. Someone then will bring along a tray with individual communion cups. Please take one, from the outside of the tray to avoid touching cups others will drink from. A Chalice Bearer will pour wine from the "one cup" into your individual cup for you to consume. Please linger at the altar rail and soak up the wholeness and goodness offered to us by communion with Christ. As you leave the altar area, we ask you then to place your cup in the basket which is on a small table in the area right by the altar rail.

HEALING PRAYERS

You are invited to come forward to receive healing prayers and anointing so that you may experience the grace and healing presence of our Risen Christ. If there is a healing minister in addition to Mother Barbara, as there will be the 1st Sunday of each month, please go into the sacristy to receive her prayers, before or after you receive communion. If Mother Barbara is the healing minister, then please have a seat in the pews in the chancel and after all have received communion, Mother Barbara will invite you forward to the altar rail to receive prayers and anointing, if you so desire.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP MINISTERS

Celebrant & Preacher	Mother Barbara
Verger	Mike Stitt
Greeter	Bill Gawors
Crucifer	Peter Seiler
Chalice Assistant	Bill Gawors
Lector	Sue Davis

THANK YOU FOR WEARING A FACE MASK. You protect others when you wear a face mask and this is a very concrete and effective way for you to show your love to others, especially those who may be more vulnerable than you might be. Our Diocesan guidelines recommend we wear face masks when indoors, whether you have been vaccinated or not. The COVID numbers have been increasing and we are certainly reaching the point where it may be likely that in-person worship will be suspended again. If that happens, first, please know you will remain in my heart and daily prayers for whatever time there may be before we gather safely in-person; and second, we will resume a weekly pre-recorded worship service, and third, I will again offer the Extended Table Service, where individuals or small groups may come to worship at an appointed time, with disinfecting happening between worshippers. And always, if you are comfortable with me coming into your home, I am very happy to bring communion to you. I have received two doses of the Moderna COVID vaccine and I will get my third shot on 10/11. My prayer for your safety fills my hearts daily. With love, Mother Barbara

HEALING PRAYERS ARE OFFERED EACH SUNDAY. If you are in need of healing prayers in heart, mind, body, and soul, for yourself or someone on your heart, please come forward to receive healing prayers during the Holy Eucharist. After you receive communion, please sit in the pews near the altar rail until all have received communion, and then Canon Streeter will invite you to come back to the altar rail to receive prayers and anointing, if you so desire.

COMMUNITY CARES: MORE THAN SHELTER

Thank you for your generous donations of toys, books, and art supplies. Your contributions will make the children very happy! The families have begun to move into the shelter. Please hold these people and this ministry of new life in your prayers. If you would like to volunteer at the shelter, please email info@morethanshelter.org.

MEMORIAL SERVICES. The memorial service for Ivy Kraker will be on 9/27, at 12:00 p.m. here at St. Andrew's. This will be an opportunity to celebrate the life of an amazing woman who shaped our lives in so very many ways.

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	Larry Shillock
Tom Briggs, Treasurer	John Boyle
Susan Tyler, Secretary	Ken Dotson
Brett Erickson	Steve Smith
Brooke Leininger	Kathy Varner

Worship Services

Sunday 8:00 AM and 10 AM In-Person Worship Services
Live Stream Services are offered weekly at 10 a.m.
Contemplative Services often the 1st Saturday of each month.
Recorded Services throughout the month

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