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



# 22nd Sunday after Pentecost PROPER 25

October 24th, 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

RINGING OF THE BELL, Gathering us into Community

**PRELUDE** 

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

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.



#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray,

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

## A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say,

"Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,

among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back,

I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;

for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

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

Thanks be to God.

## **PSALM 126** (Prayed responsively by whole verse.)

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, \* then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \* and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, \*
  "The LORD has done great things for them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, \* and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, \* like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears \* will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \* will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

#### A READING FROM THE LETTER OF HEBREWS

Hebrews 7:23-28

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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Thanks be to God.

#### THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:46-52

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

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON Mother Barbara

(Time for silent reflection)

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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

We humbly bring our prayers before you and ask you to make of us what you created us to be: faithful followers, vessels of your love.

We praise you, and we bless you.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

We offer our prayers of gratitude for all you are and all you have done for us. Work through us, O God, and increase in us faith, hope, and charity.

We praise you, and we bless you.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

We hear you calling us, your church, to get up and keep moving. Expand our vision of your mission in the world, and don't let fear of discomfort hold us back. We pray for all who follow you, for those who bear the joys and burdens of leadership, for those who are crying out for more of you.

We praise you, and we bless you.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

We thank you for the freedoms and abundance many of us enjoy in this land. May we not take them for granted and keep them to ourselves. Give us courage to participate in civic life and to speak up for those values you have instilled in us for the good of all people. We pray for wisdom for our president, the Congress, and courts of this land. May they conduct themselves with integrity.

We praise you, and we bless you.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

We lift to your presence those who are in the throes of physical pain or anxiety, difficult relationships, and the weight of financial insecurity. Be their hope and strength. Make them whole. We pray today for Drustan and family, Galen, Susan, Diane, Andrew and Lisa, John, Karen and Kevin, Melanie, Joanne, Susan and Dan, Sally, Phil, Ellen, Brooke, Rachel and Joshua, Jan, Tom, Sharon, Annie, and Phil, Frank, Brandon, Kelly Ann, Gardner Lane, Robbie, Jean, Rick, Ellen, Eugene, Sue, Lloyd Spooner and Andrew Szabat, Jack & Linda Horner, Ashleigh Mann, Chris, Rebecca, Jonathan, Tony Yancoskie, Katherine, Deb, 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 God's peace and protection to be upon those who are in active duty in our military: Brooke Callaway, Andrew Harkins, Caleb and Kelley Reeder, and Kyle Hubert.

We praise you, and we bless you.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

We praise you for the lives of those who have gone before us and now have come to eternal joy and unending glory with you and the host of heaven. We pray for those who have died, especially Kevin Heisey and John Davis, and for those who are grieving the loss of a loved ones, especially Tish, Susan and Dan, Kevin and Karen,

We come before you, O God, saying, Bless us and keep us close. 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

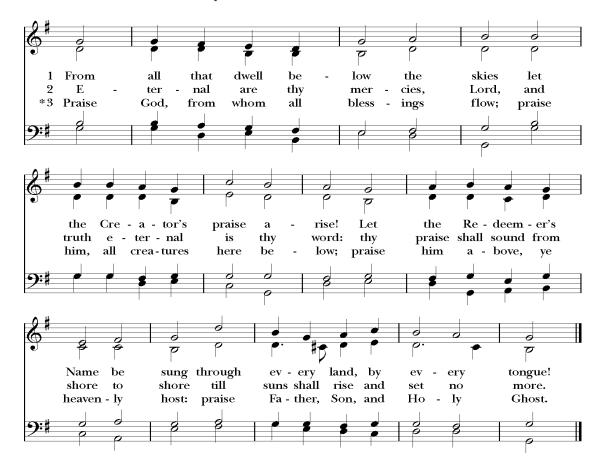
The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.

#### OFFERTORY INVITATION

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

#### **OFFERTORY MUSIC**

## OFFERTORY HYMN 1982 Hymnal #380 v 3



#### **OUR SHARED COMMUNION**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

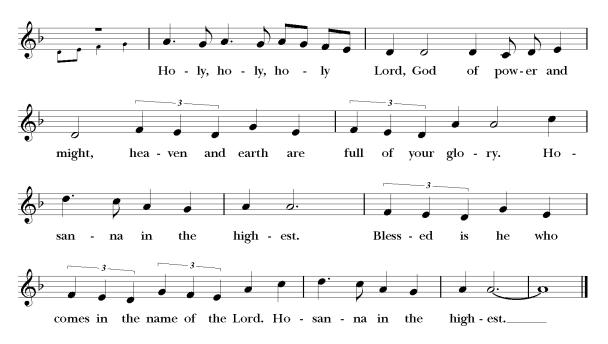
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

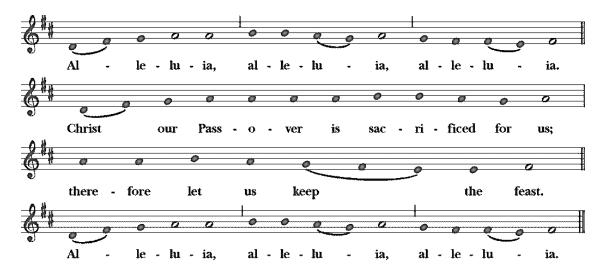
#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A time of silence is held in this holiest of moments, when the bread is broken so we may all receive.

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.

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. Please come forward to receive communion, and before returning to your seat, please sit in the pews in the chancel (the area near the altar rail) and when all have receive communion, you will be invited forward to the altar rail to receive prayers and anointing, if you so desire.

**COMMUNION MUSIC** LEVAS #152 Let us break bread together on our knees

#### 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. 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 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 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 Wonder, Love, and Praise #773 Heal me hands of Jesus



## THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## **POSTLUDE**

## **WORSHIP MINISTERS**

Celebrant & Preacher Mother Barbara

Verger Mike Stitt

Musician Kevin Gorman

Greeters John and Sandi Boyle

Crucifer Joseph Luo
Chalice Assistant Bruce Watkins

Lectors Lisa Woolley, Larry Shillock

Tech Support Jonathan Luo

ALWAYS WE BEGIN AGAIN. A holy ministry of a faithful community is to pray for one another. It is right and good that we bring before our congregation and in the presence of God all the concerns on our heart, so God may touch all those places within our own hearts, bodies and souls which need Christ's healing grace, as well as all those for whom we pray. It is an honor and gift to be a praying congregation in the names we read during the Prayers of the People and in the opportunity to lay hands on one another and call upon God's presence to heal.

It is important, however, that occasionally we look at our prayer list to see if there are some names which can be removed due to Gods holy grace – and there are other names which need to be added.

Our prayer list will begin over as of 11/7. If you would like your name or the name of a loved one to be added to our prayer list, please email Melanie our parish secretary (office@standrewsship.org) or Mother Barbara (rector@standrewsship.org) to add these names to our list.

## THE READING OF THE NECROLOGY DURING OUR ALL SAINTS' DAY

CELEBRATIONS (10/30 at 5 p.m., and 11/7 at 8 and 10 a.m.) We invite you to complete the enclosed Necrology form if there are loved ones whom you would like to be remembered during our All Saints' Celebration. 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 also 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.

#### COMMUNITY CARES: MORE THAN SHELTER

The Family Shelter is offering an Open House on November 18<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 p.m. So, let's all show up and see the good work God is doing through these faithful people and their ministry. Please sign up by November 12<sup>th</sup> by going to their website: <a href="www.morethanshelter.org">www.morethanshelter.org</a> and registering there.

WORSHIP MINISTRY. Have you ever imagined deepening your relationship with God and our parish by faithful service in our many worship ministries? Not only is liturgy "the work of the people", usually people who find themselves as altar guild members, greeters, lectors, chalice bearers and crucifers enter into the worship in a more profound way as they participate in their ministry roles. If you would like to join us in the leadership of worship and/or in the preparation of setting the holy table, or in counting the offerings after the service, please let Mother Barbara know. We welcome everyone. There will be a time to gather for all current lectors and Eucharistic Ministers to share

ideas, learn the new protocols, and learn new tips, and enjoy refreshments on 10/31 right after the 10 a.m. service.

THANK YOU FOR WEARING A FACE MASK! You are awesome! Thank you for caring about each other by wearing a face mask during worship. We all yearn for the time when our lives are not so directed by COVID—and the best way for us to move into that time is for us to be vaccinated and wear face masks while inside. I am so grateful for your loving hearts who care for others in such a practical yet profound way.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSISTENT GENEROSITY! We are so grateful for your continued and generous support of our mission and ministry. This year, of course, has presented some financial challenges, as for much of the year, we were not worshiping in person, and that always effects the plate and some people's tithe giving. Many of you, however, have been so faithful in your support of what matters to you and how we are in the community, and we are so grateful. You will be receiving a contribution statement next week with your donations to date, with our heart-felt thanksgiving. If you haven't made a financial contribution to our parish ministries thus far this year, we invite you to prayerfully consider supporting our parish. We are happy to share with you the online giving option, if that would make your giving easier for you. As we imagine our fall stewardship campaign, we will want to share with you our financial situation and ask for your continued support as we begin to envision a new plan for mission and ministry, when we can expand our reach into our neighborhood and make a real difference in supporting the people who live around us.

OUR WEEKLY ENEWSLETTER. It is so important to stay in touch with each other, especially as many of us still feel isolated and separated from the ones we yearn to be with for safety and health issues. Each week Mother Barbara sends out a weekly e-newsletter which contains information regarding the upcoming worship service, information on our outreach ministries, news from around the Diocese, including our Bishop's weekly video, and information that invites you deeper into prayer, scripture study, and giving to others. If you are not receiving this email and would like to, please either email Mother Barbara (rector@standrewsship.org) or go to our website and join from our home page and click on the tab "I'm New" and you will find the opportunity to sign up. Thanks for being a part of us!

## 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
Contemplative Worship Service - August 28<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m.
Live Stream Services each Sunday beginning at 10 a.m.
Recorded Services throughout the month

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