

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Shippensburg, PA



22nd Sunday after Pentecost

PROPER 25

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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.

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

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.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

(Sitting)

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.

The Word of the Lord.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:46-52

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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 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 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 those who are grieving the loss of a loved one: especially remembering Tish, Andrew and Lisa, Kevin and Karen, and Dan and Susan.

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, and Kyle Hubert. 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, especially James Stine, 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, Creator of light and source of life; who hast made us in thine 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.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace that we may continue in that holy fellowship and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. 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

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP MINISTERS

Celebrant & Preacher	Mother Barbara
Verger	Mike Stitt
Greeter	Steve Smith
Crucifer	Steve Smith
Chalice Assistant	Bill Gawors
Lector	Gary Murrell

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 God's 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 (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 18th 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 12th by going to their website: www.morethanshelter.org 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 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 worshipping in person, and that always affects 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 E-NEWSLETTER. 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

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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

Live Stream Services are offered weekly at 10 a.m.

Monthly Contemplative Service

Recorded Services throughout the month

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