

# St Andrew's Episcopal Church & School

*The Celebration & Administration of*

## **The Holy Eucharist: Rite II**

*for*

*The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

27 August 2023 at 10:30 am

### **Concerning the Liturgy**

This bulletin provides page numbers for *The Book of Common Prayer* (the book with the cross) and *The Hymnal 1982*. Hymns that are marked with "S" are found at the beginning of the hymnal. The italicized words are rubrics, or directions, to let you know when to stand, sit, kneel, and sing.

**VOLUNTARY**

Prelude on *Nettleton*

Craig Phillips

### **THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **The Blessing of Birthdays & Anniversaries**

*Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries are invited to come forward for a blessing prayed by the priest and congregation:*

May God guard your joy and keep you in holy grace;  
may God meet you in your celebration  
and give you the Spirit's peace;  
may God bless you and at the last,  
bring you into Christ's everlasting Kingdom. Amen.

**In Procession, a Hymn**

*Decatur Place*

Hymnal 51

*All stand and sing.*

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

**The Opening Acclamation & Responses**

BCP 355

**Gloria in excelsis**

*New Plainsong*

Hymnal S277

**The Collect of the Day: Proper 16**

BCP 232

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the

glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The First Lesson**

**Exodus 1:8-2:10**

*All sit.*

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her at-

tendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**At the Gradual, Psalm 124**

Simplified Anglican Chant



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- 1 If the LORD had not been on our | side, \*  
let Israel now | say;
- 2 If the LORD had not been on our | side, \*  
when enemies rose up a | gainst us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up a | live \*  
in their fierce anger | toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have over | whelmed us \*  
and the torrent gone | over us;
- 5 Then would the raging | waters \*  
have gone right | over us.
- 6 Blessed be the | LORD! \*  
he has not given us over to be a prey for their | teeth.



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7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the | fowler; \*  
the snare is broken, and we have es | caped.

8 Our help is in the Name of the | LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and | earth.

Glory to the Father, and to the | Son,  
and to the Holy | Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is | now,  
and will be for ever. A | men.

### **The Second Lesson**

### **Romans 12: 1-8**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**At the Sequence, a Hymn**

*Wyngate Canon*

Hymnal 254

*All stand and sing.*

**The Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 16:13-20**

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Clint Brown

**The Nicene Creed**

BCP 358

*All stand.*

**The Prayers of the People**

I appeal to you, people of God, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy, and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Therefore let us come humbly before God, saying, “Our help is in your name, O Lord; deal well with us.”

Generous God, you have graciously given the members of your church diverse gifts: may we, who are many, function in this world as the one body of your Son Jesus Christ. Our help is in your name, O Lord; **deal well with us.**

God of the nations, mysterious and unexpected are the instruments of your

salvation. Give us eyes to see your work in the lives of the most humble servants and the grandest royalty. Bless all those who put their trust in you. Our help is in your name, O Lord; **deal well with us.**

Great God, the maker of heaven and earth, bring forth fruits in due season. May all the people of the world experience the blessing of sun and rain and harvest. Our help is in your name, O Lord; **deal well with us.**

Caring God, give to the people of our region sober judgment. May each member of our community live in light of the great mercy you have shown us. Our help is in your name, O Lord; **deal well with us.**

Lord God, be on the side of those in need of our prayers. May the sick and sorrowful not be overwhelmed but, instead, find freedom in you. We pray for those on our parish prayer list, including Sarrah, Lynette, Gary, Patty, Jerry, Armando, Barbara, Doug, Li, and Jerry. Our help is in your name, O Lord; **deal well with us.**

Almighty God, you have promised through your beloved Son that not even the gates of Hades will prevail against the people of your redeeming. May all of the dead find comfort in your heavenly kingdom. We pray for those who have died, including Seamus and Daniel. Our help is in your name, O Lord; **deal well with us.**

*The priest adds a concluding collect.*

**The Confession of Sin**

BCP 360

**The Peace**

BCP 360

*All stand. The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**An Update from the Capital Campaign Project Committee**

Eric Reed

*Exterior Spaces Subcommittee Member*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Giving to St. Andrew's

To make a contribution to the ministry of St. Andrew's, please drop your offering in the plate or scan this QR code to give securely online.



**At the Offertory, an Anthem**

*Let all the World in Every Corner Sing*

*Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!*

The heavens are not too high,  
his praise may thither fly;  
the earth is not too low,  
his praises there may grow.

*Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!*

The Church with psalms must shout,  
no door can keep them out;  
but, above all, the heart  
must bear the longest part.

*Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!*

Words: George Herbert

Music: Calvin Hampton

**At The Presentation, a Hymn**

*Gardiner*

*All stand and sing as the offering is brought forward.*

All things are thine; no gift have we, Lord of all gifts, to  
of - fer thee; And hence with grate - ful hearts to  
day Thine own be - fore thy feet we lay.

Words: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)

Music: *Gardiner*, from *Sacred Melodies*, 1815; arr. William Gardiner (1770-1853)

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A** BCP 361  
**Sanctus et Benedictus** *New Plainsong* Hymnal S124  
**The Lord's Prayer** BCP 364

**The Breaking of the Bread**  
**Fraction Anthem** Plainsong Hymnal S172  
**Agnus Dei** *New Plainsong* Hymnal S161

*All are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church. At the altar rail, you may elect to dip (intinct) your wafer in the wine or drink from the chalice as it passes you. If you desire to receive a blessing instead of communion, please cross your arms over your chest. If you would prefer to receive a gluten-free wafer, please clasp your hands together, and one of the clergy will offer a gluten free wafer to you. If you require communion be brought to you, please let the usher know.*

**At the Distribution, a Hymn** *Nettleton* Hymnal 686

**The Post-Communion Prayer & Blessing** BCP 366

**In Procession, a Hymn** *Forest Green* Hymnal 705

**The Dismissal** BCP 366

**VOLUNTARY** Sinfonia *from* Cantata 29 “Wir danken dir, Gott, wir danken”  
*We thank you, God, we thank you*  
Johann Sebastian Bach, trans. Marcel Dupré

*Please join us for Coffee Time in the Parish Hall, which can be accessed by the stairs or elevator.*



The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God  
and in memory of Betty and Ernest F. Simpson by Nancy Simpson.

*To dedicate flowers, please sign up using the flower dedication list on our bulletin board or by visiting [saecheights.org/giving](http://saecheights.org/giving).*



## ST. ANDREW'S PRAYER LIST

*“Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, bear our prayers for this parish family.”*

### **Please keep these individuals in your prayers this week:**

Sarra Moseley, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*  
Lynette Edwards, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*  
Gary Moseley, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*  
Patty Mejia, *spouse of Frank Guevara*  
Jerry Morrison, *brother in law of Dianne Yeomans*  
Armando Basarrate, *friend of Nancy Greenwood*  
Barbara Brim, *friend of Nancy Greenwood*  
Doug Pecore, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*  
Bao Li, *grandmother-in-law of Justin Kenney*  
Jerry Gallagher, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*

### **We pray for the repose of the soul of:**

Seamus White, *cousin of Thomas Cronin*  
Daniel Baker III, *nephew of Laurie Harwick*

As part of their work the Daughters of the King offer prayers daily for those on our parish prayer list. If you would like to add someone to the published parish prayer list above, please notify Carrie Conti, Office Manager, at [cconti@saecheights.org](mailto:cconti@saecheights.org). If you would like your prayer request to be confidential, please let Carrie know.

Names remain on Parish Prayer List for four Sundays unless the request is renewed.

## PARISH LIFE & NEWS

**New Fall Service Times:** Starting today, August 27th, our 8 AM Rite I service will move to 8:30 AM. Our Rite II service will remain at 10:30 AM and our Rhythms of Grace service will remain at 2:30 PM.

**Church Nursery:** Beginning today, the nursery is open from 8:15 AM to 12:15 PM for infants through 3 years.

**Blessing of the Backpacks:** Blessing of the Backpacks is today, Sunday, August 27th at 4 PM. Kick off the school year with blessings and snow cones on the Front Lawn.

**Episcopal 101:** Join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 beginning today, August 27 for Episcopal 101! This class explores the basic beliefs of the Episcopal Church, what makes Episcopalians unique, and what it means to live a life of faith in the Episcopal way. This class also serves as a “confirmation class” for anyone wishing to be confirmed. We meet in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd.

**Great Gatherings:** Great Gatherings is a casual supper club made up of groups of 12 to 16 people (singles and couples). Last year 69 parishioners participated in a group that met monthly in homes, restaurants, parks, etc. It's time to register for this year's Great Gatherings (between August 27 and September 27). Email [Cbrown@saecheights](mailto:Cbrown@saecheights) with questions or to sign up. There will be a Kick-off Reception at Harold's Restaurant, Bar & Terrace, Saturday, September 30, 3 PM.

**MAM Back to School Fundraiser:** Memorial Assistance Ministries is holding their annual back to school clothing drive. As a member church of MAM we are helping to raise funds to provide clothing for children heading to school. Please donate at [givebutter.com/mambacktoschool/waltercameron](https://givebutter.com/mambacktoschool/waltercameron)

**Bible Study Resumes:** Starting on August 30th, our weekly bible studies will resume on Zoom. Men's Bible Study will be at 6 AM and Women's Bible Study will now be at 12 PM.

**Labor Day Parish Potluck:** Join us at noon on September 3rd for our Potluck in the Parish Hall. Bring something good to share with your fellow parishioners.

**Rector's Book Club:** On Sunday mornings this Fall (beginning September 11) we will read, discuss, and learn from Richard Rohr's book *Falling Upward*. The class will meet in the Youth Room Sunday mornings at 9:30. In *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*, Richard Rohr helps us to understand the tasks of the two halves of life and teaches us that those who have failed, or gone down, are the only ones who can really understand "up." Those who have somehow fallen, and fallen well, are the on-

ly ones who can grow spiritually and not misuse "up." What looks like falling down can largely be experienced as "falling upward!" To sign up for this class, please email the Rector at [jgrace@saecheights.org](mailto:jgrace@saecheights.org)

**Weekly Newsletter:** If you are not receiving our weekly newsletter and would like to please email Carrie at [cconti@seacheights.org](mailto:cconti@seacheights.org) to be added to the email distribution list.

**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA):** Meetings are offered at St. Andrew's every week. Primary Purposes Group meets Tuesday nights at 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Tradition 5 Group meets Wednesday nights at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. Friday Night Survivors Group meets at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. Al-Anon Group meets at 11 AM Saturday mornings in the Parish Hall. We are Not Saints Group meets at 7 PM Saturday nights in St. Andrew's House. For questions about these groups, contact the Rector at [jgrace@saecheights.org](mailto:jgrace@saecheights.org)

### EXTERIOR SPACES REPORT TO CONGREGATION

The exterior spaces subcommittee is pleased to report that we now have a contract with the firm Ziegler-Cooper to develop a master site plan for the entire St. Andrew's campus. We have spent the last several months interviewing 4 firms and then evaluating their proposals using a set of criteria that included price, suitability for our needs and overall experience. We considered ourselves fortunate that we had several firms to choose from.

Over the next few months, the Ziegler-Cooper staff will work with our committee to develop the final product which will include site plans and rendering drawings for all major exterior spaces including the Memorial Garden Area, the Front Lawns, both school playgrounds, garden beds and irrigation, and the Parish Garden area. We expect to have the final deliverables by December.

### Financial Review

*Total Pledges*

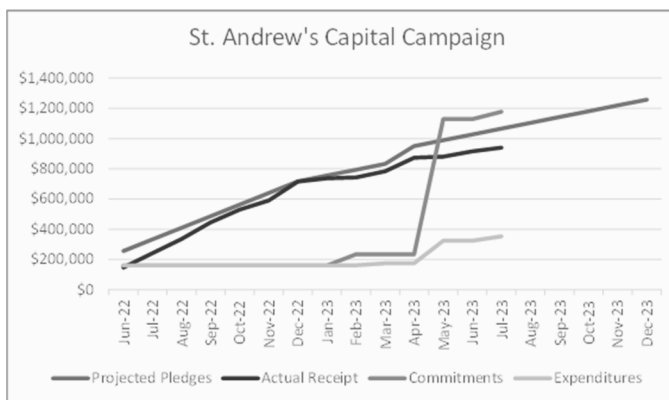
\$2.64 mln  
(110 pledges)

*Receipts* \$939K

*Cash on Hand*  
\$586K (Receipts  
–Expenditures)

*Commitments* \$1178K

*Expenditures* \$353K





**ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH & SCHOOL**

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