

St Andrew's Episcopal Church & School

The Celebration & Administration of

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

for

The **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

1 October 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 *St. Francis and the Sermon to the Birds* Carson Cooman
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 *King's Weston* Hymnal 435 vs. 1-5
All stand and sing.

THE WORD OF GOD

The Opening Acclamation & Responses BCP 355

Gloria in excelsis *Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr* Hymnal 421

The Collect of the Day: *Proper 21* BCP 234

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 17: 1-7

All sit.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

At the Gradual, Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16 Plainsong, arr. Kirk BCP 694

Sung by the choir.

The Second Lesson

Philippians 2: 1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

At the Sequence, a Hymn

Kingsfold

Hymnal 292

All stand and sing.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another--

er, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. James M. L. Grace

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

All stand.

The Prayers of the People

People of God, in humility regard others as better than ourselves. Humbly then, let us approach our God, saying, "To will and work for your good pleasure, **O Lord, enable us.**"

Christ Jesus, strengthen our tongues to declare you as Lord of our lives. May we, your Church, glorify our Heavenly King in word and deed. To will and work for your good pleasure, **O Lord, enable us.**

Christ Jesus, you chose not to exploit your equality with God, but humbled yourself to be with us. Give us your heart for the marginalized and the poor. And may all people, especially those in power, follow your example of humility. To will and work for your good pleasure, **O Lord, enable us.**

Christ Jesus, by your birth in human likeness you blessed all of creation. Remind us that your feet have trod our soil and tasted our waters. Give us

the will to care for this precious planet. To will and work for your good pleasure, **O Lord, enable us.**

Christ Jesus, you rule the world with love and compassion. Give to our local leaders compassion and vision that the people of our region might live as neighbors, looking out for each other's interests. To will and work for your good pleasure, **O Lord, enable us.**

Christ Jesus, you became obedient to the point of death that we might have abundant life. Work marvels in the lives of the sick and sorrowful. May they recount to generations the wonderful deeds you have done in their lives. We pray for those on our parish prayer list, including Sarrah, Lynette, Gary, Patty, Stacy, Susan, Enrique, John, Stanley, Louise, Kara, Fernando, Maged, and the Bartecchi family. To will and work for your good pleasure, **O Lord, enable us.**

Christ Jesus, you are the source and author of all life. We commend to you those who have died, entrusting them into your care. We pray for those who have died. To will and work for your good pleasure, **O Lord, enable 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.

A Reflection on Stewardship

Ms. Jennifer Perry

2024 Stewardship Campaign Chair

A Collect for Stewardship

Said by all.

Loving God, you have given us everything we possess. Grant us wisdom that we would honor you with our substance, and remembering the account which we must one day give, find us faithful stewards of your bounty. In Jesus Christ's name we pray. Amen.

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 "Badgers and Hedgehogs" from *Benedicite*

O ye badgers and hedgehogs, bless the Lord.
O ye badgers and squirrels and hedgehogs, bless the Lord.
O ye badgers and squirrels and ferrets and foxes and hedgehogs,
bless the Lord.
O ye parakeets and pelicans and porcupines and penguins,
guillemots and guineapigs and gallinules and godwits
and badgers and hedgehogs, bless the Lord.

O ye weasels and warthogs and wallabies and wombats,
chipmunks and chuckawallas and kookaburras and caterpillars
and badgers and hedgehogs, bless the Lord.

O ye dromedaries and ye dragonflies and diddy little daddy long legs,
budgerigars and bumblebees and bandicoots and
bullfrogs and badgers and hedgehogs, bless the Lord.

Words & Music: Andrew Carter

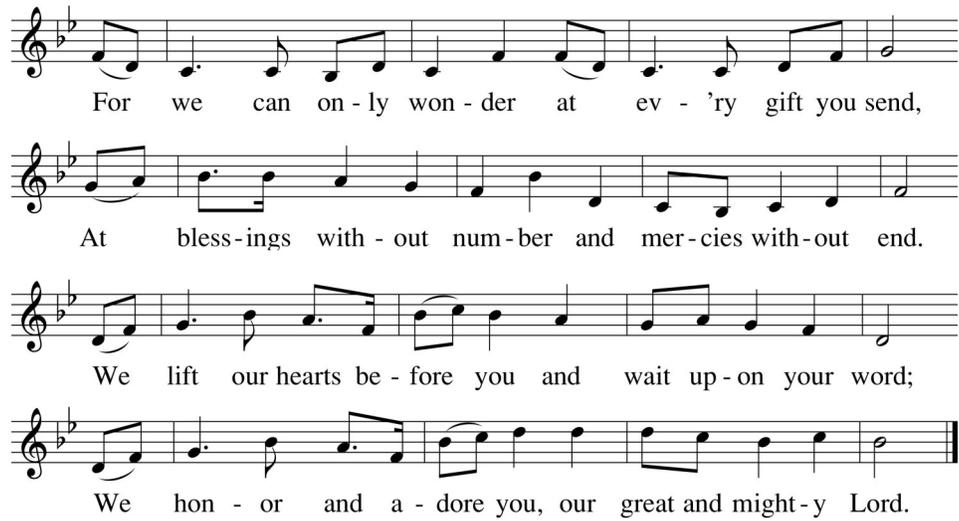
The Junior Choristers & Choristers Choirs
Mr. Quinton Parmenter, conductor

At The Presentation, a Hymn

Thaxted

All stand and sing as the offering is brought forward.

1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - day
And sing the love a - maz-ing that songs can - not re - pay;



For we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
 At bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end.
 We lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word;
 We hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.

Text: Michael Perry, 1942–1996, © 1982, The Jubilate Group (admin. by Hope Publishing Company)
 Tune: THAXTED, 13 13 13 13 13 13; Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

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| The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B | | BCP 367 |
| Sanctus et Benedictus | Proulx | Hymnal S125 |
| The Lord's Prayer | | BCP 364 |
| The Breaking of the Bread | | |
| Fraction Anthem | Plainsong | Hymnal S152 |
| Agnus Dei | Hampton | Hymnal S374 |



Sua bassa ———— 3
 Lamb of God, you take a -
 way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
 world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, —
 — you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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, an Anthem

O Gracious Light

O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ, in you the Father's glory shone.
Immortal, holy, blest is he, and blest are you, his holy Son.

Now sunset comes, but light shines forth,
the lamps are lit to pierce the night.
Praise Father, Son, and Spirit: God who dwells in the eternal light.

Worthy are you of endless praise, O Son of God, Life-giving Lord;
wherefore you are through all the earth and in the highest heaven adored.

Words: 3rd century Greek, tr. F. Bland Tucker

Music: Thomas Tallis

At the Distribution, a Hymn

St. Michael

Hymnal 601

St. Columba

Hymnal 645

The Post-Communion Prayer & Blessing

BCP 365

In Procession, a Hymn

Engelberg

Hymnal 477

The Dismissal

BCP 366

VOLUNTARY

Toccata *from* Diptych for New Life

Carson Cooman

“He is beautiful and radiant in all his splendor!” - St. Francis of Assisi

*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 celebration of Parker Harrison's birthday by Cathey Harrison.

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

ST. ANDREW'S PRAYER LIST

“Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear 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*
Diane McCormick, *friend of St. Andrew's*
Stacy Jenkins, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*
Susan Peterson, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*
Enrique Carrillo, *friend of Susan Peterson*
John Hammerschimdt, *friend of Susan Peterson*
Stanley Malbrough, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*
Louise Ornelas, *mother of Margo Ornelas*
Kara Mathis, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*
Fernando Capdevila, *friend of Frank Guevara*
Maged Kamel, *uncle of Sally Kirk*
The Bartecchi Family, *family of Lisa Moore*

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. 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.



**COME!
SIT!!
STAY!!**

20 BLESSING 23 OF THE ANIMALS

DATE

October 1,
2023
4PM-6PM

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PARISH LIFE & NEWS

Loose Plate Collections: The first Sunday of each month, the loose plate collection goes towards St. Andrew's clergy discretionary accounts. Clergy use their discretionary accounts to help people in need of assistance.

Blessing of the Animals: Please join us on today at 4 PM on the front lawn for our annual Blessing of the Animals. We will have live music, hot dogs and treats for people and pets. All animals are welcome at this fun event for the whole family. We will be collecting dog and cat food to donate to Ani-meals on Wheels.

Register to vote: Need to register to vote or update your voter registration? Voter registrars will be manning a table at the Blessing of the Animals on October 1st -- you can complete the paperwork in less than five minutes and we'll even deliver it for you. This is one of the last opportunities to register before the November 7th election.

Youth Group: There will be no youth group today.

All Hallows Eve: Join us on Sunday, October 29th, at 5:30 PM in the church for a liturgy and spooky music followed by pizza and trick-or-treating in the Parish Hall.

Rector's Book Club: No meeting today On Sunday mornings this Fall (beginning September 10) 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 only 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@saccheights.org

Sunday Story for Children in PreK through 5th Grade: No meeting today A committed group of adults lead Sunday School during the 9:30 am Education Hour Sunday Story, for children in Pre K through 5th grade, incorporates stories from the Bible, lessons on church traditions and seasons, interactive play, and art experiences to offer children the opportunity to explore our faith. Children in this large age range find ways to help and learn

from one another, encouraging them to become ministers to their friends. We hope your child will become a part of this community of young learners.

Episcopal 101: No meeting today Join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 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.

Bible Study Resumes: Our weekly bible studies have resumed on Zoom. Men’s Bible Study will be at 6 AM and Women’s Bible Study will now be at 12 PM.

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

Church Nursery: The nursery is open from 8:15 AM to 12:15 PM for infants though 3 years.

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



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