

St Andrew's Episcopal Church & School

The Celebration & Administration of

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

for

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

15 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 *A Meditation on "Draw Us in The Spirit's Tether"*

Gerre Hancock

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

Ratisbon

Hymnal 7

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 23

BCP 234

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Exodus 32: 1-14

All sit.

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, “Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD.” They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth?’ Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to

your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.” And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

At the Gradual, Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23 Plainsong BCP 741
Sung by the choir.

The Second Lesson **Philippians 4: 1-9**

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

At the Sequence, a Hymn *St. Bees* Hymnal 467
All stand and sing.

The Holy Gospel **Matthew 22:1-14**

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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

Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, Rejoice. Let us humbly approach our God, saying, “Remember us with favor, O Lord; visit us with your saving help.”

God our Savior, strengthen your Church to stand firm in your love. May we struggle not with one another, but instead struggle beside one another in

the work of the gospel. Remember us with favor, O Lord; **visit us with your saving help.**

God our Savior, you make happy those who act with justice. May the leaders and people of the nations dedicate themselves to pure and honorable dealings. Let your justice reign on this earth. Remember us with favor, O Lord; **visit us with your saving help.**

God our Savior, you are good to us. You have blessed us with a rich creation and a beautiful planet for our home. May we cherish the gifts you have given us. Remember us with favor, O Lord; **visit us with your saving help.**

God our Savior, deliver our community from worry. Make us a people of prayer, a congregation who intercedes for our neighbors. Remember us with favor, O Lord; **visit us with your saving help.**

God our Savior, you are always near. Assure the lonely; heal the sick; do mighty acts in the lives of the downcast. With thankful hearts, trusting in your mercy, we make our requests known to you. We pray for those on our parish prayer list, including Sarrah, Lynette, Gary, Patty, Stacy, Susan, Stanley, Louise, Kara, Fernando, Maged, the Bartecchi family, Lisa, Jeanne, Dante, Kathy, Karen, Patty, and Don. Remember us with favor, O Lord; **visit us with your saving help.**

God our Savior, your mercy endures forever. May those who have died glory in your inheritance and feast at your heavenly banquet for all eternity. Remember us with favor, O Lord; **visit us with your saving help.**

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

Addison Perry and Cayden Reed

St. Andrew's Youth

A Collect for Stewardship

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

Birabus

All who love and serve your city, all who bear its daily stress,
all who cry for peace and justice, all who curse and all who bless,

in your day of loss and sorrow, in your day of helpless strife,
honor, peace and love retreating, seek the Lord, who is your life.

In your day of wealth and plenty, wasted work and wasted play,
call to mind the word of Jesus, "I must work while it is day."

For all days are days of judgment, and the Lord is waiting still,
drawing near a world that spurns him, offering peace from Calvary's hill.

Risen Lord! shall yet the city be the city of despair?
Come today, our Judge, our Glory; be its name, "The Lord is there!"

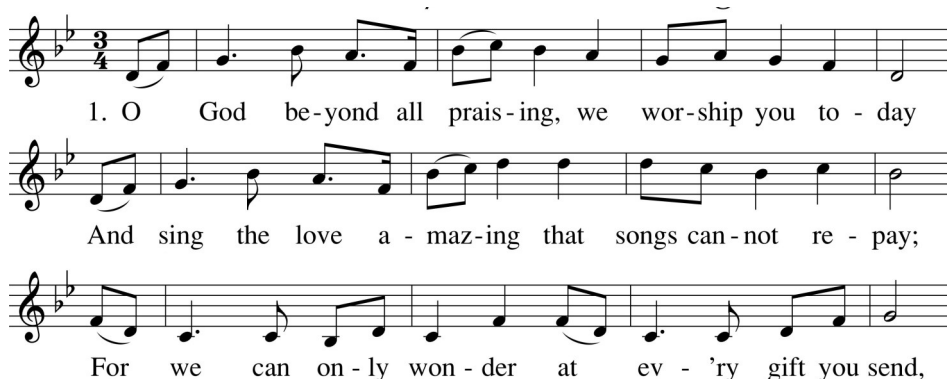
Words: Eric Routley

Music: Peter Cutts

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.

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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 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.

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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	<i>The Call</i>	Hymnal 487
	<i>Jesu dulcis memoria</i>	Hymnal 650
The Post-Communion Prayer & Blessing		BCP 365
In Procession, a Hymn	<i>Hymn to Joy</i>	Hymnal 376
The Dismissal		BCP 366
VOLUNTARY	Toccata on Old Hundredth	Michael Burkhardt

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 Kathy Greenwood Armer.

To dedicate flowers, please sign up using the flower dedication list on our bulletin board.

THE READING OF THE NECROLOGY


at

Evensong for All Souls' Day

2 November 2023 at 7pm

Each year, All Souls' Day celebrates the lives of all the faithful departed, the hundreds of millions of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have died over the last two millennia; and while the names of the vast majority are to us unknown, the names of those we knew are dear to our hearts. As such, St. Andrew's will honor all the faithful departed during a service of Evensong at 7pm on All Souls Day, Wednesday, November 2 by reading aloud the names of those whose souls are now in the hand of God.

Please print clearly the name(s) you would like to be read at this service, tear this sheet out, and place it in the alms basin during the Offertory. You may also email Carrie, cconti@saccheights.org. The deadline is Sunday, October 29.



A decorative illustration of a hanging oil lamp with a lit candle, centered over a set of five horizontal lines for writing.

PARISH LIFE & NEWS

Youth Sunday: Join us tonight in the parish hall at 5 pm for formation and fellowship with a special focus on the meaning of the Eucharist. The youth group is open to all youth in the sixth grade and up. Dinner is from Raising Cane's!

Faith and Film: On Monday, October 23 the Faith & Film group will discuss the 2021 documentary, **Mission: JOY**. Join the conversation! Email lpuccio@saecheights for a Zoom invite.

“What to know about...”: The Revised Common Lectionary, followed by the Episcopal Church, the Roman Catholic Church, and other mainline denominations, is arranged in a three-year cycle – Year A, Year B, Year C. Each year is distinctive in that it draws predominately from a single gospel – Matthew (Year A), Mark (Year B), and Luke (Year C). In this class we will look ahead to Year B (starting just around the corner on the First Sunday of Advent) to explore the Gospel According to Mark. It is significant that this was the first Gospel to be written. This brief survey will introduce you to its background, structure, and major themes so you can get the most out of hearing it read through the coming year. Sundays at 9:30 am in the Oak Table Room. Begins October 22.

Four Parishes Festival Choral Evensong: The St. Andrew's Choir will join forces with the parish choirs from St. Mark's, Bellaire; Trinity, Midtown; and St. Thomas', Meyerland on Sunday October 22 at 5pm for the Four Parishes Festival Choral Evensong at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church. There is a reception following the Evensong. This is a great opportunity to connect with parishioners outside of our church and to hear some inspiring music in a beautiful space.

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.

Church Nursery: The nursery is open from 8:15 AM to 12:15 PM for infants through 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

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*
Diane McCormick, *friend of St. Andrew's*
Stacy Jenkins, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*
Susan Peterson, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*
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*
Lisa Cunningham, *sister of Helen Sestak*
Jeanne Ingraham, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*
Dante Marzetta, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*
Kathy Griffith, *sister of Jamie Martin-Currie*
Karen Webb, *sister in law of Laura Mergens*
Patty Borel, *grandmother of Joshua Borel*
Don Chevalier, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*

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@saccheights.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.



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