St Andrew's Episcopal Church & School

The Celebration & Administration of

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

for

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

29 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 Fidelis Percy Whitlock
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 St. Anne Hymnal 680 All stand and sing.

THE WORD OF GOD

The Opening Acclamation & ResponsesBCP 355 **Gloria in excelsis**Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr
Hymnal 421

The Collect of the Day: Proper 25

BCP 235

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.

The First Lesson

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

All sit.

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

At the Gradual, Psalm 90:1–6,13–17

Simplified Anglican Chant



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- 1 Lord, you have been our | refuge * from one generation to a | nother.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were | born, * from age to age you are | God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and | say, * "Go back, O child of | earth."
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is | past * and like a watch in the | night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a | dream; * we fade away suddenly like the | grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and | flourishes; * in the evening it is dried up and | withered.
- 13 Return, O LORD; how long will you | tarry? * be gracious to your | servants.
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the |morning; * so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you af | flicted us * and the years in which we suffered ad | versity.
- 16 Show your servants your | works * and your splendor to their | children.

(repeat second half of chant)

†17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be up on us; * prosper the work of our hands; prosper our | handiwork.

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

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring

from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

At the Sequence, a Hymn

Sharpthorne

Hymnal 605

All stand and sing.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:34-46

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet"?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

The Sermon The Rev. Bob Merrill

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

All stand.

The Prayers of the People

Friends, the Lord has been our refuge from one generation to another. Let us pray to our God, saying, "Show your servants your works, O Lord, and be gracious to us."

We pray for the leaders of the Church. Give bishops, priests, deacons, and lay leaders gentle and loving hearts. Empower us to share the gospel and ourselves with those in need. Show your servants your works, O Lord; and be gracious to us.

We pray for all humankind. Prosper the work of our hands. May all those who work earn a fair wage. May those without work find strength and encouragement in your love. Give us hearts to respect the dignity of every human being. Show your servants your works, O Lord; and be gracious to us.

We pray for all creation. You brought forth the mountains. You gave birth to the land and the earth. Give us the desire and will to care for all you have made. Show your servants your works, O Lord; and be gracious to us.

We pray for the areas in which we live. O God, we want to obey what you command. Help us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Show your servants your works, O Lord; and be gracious to us.

We pray for the afflicted and the suffering. And we pray for those who weep and mourn. Nurse them back to health as a mother tenderly nurses her children. We pray for those on our parish prayer list, including Sarrah, Lynette, Gary, Patty, Stacy, Susan, Lisa, Jeanne(pronounced John), Dante, Kathy, Karen, Patty, Don, Lily, Karena, Clorinda, Steve, Andrea, and the

Grace family. Show your servants your works, O Lord; and be gracious to us.

We pray for those who have died, especially David. Though we are swept away like a dream in this mortal life, you promise to raise us to life immortal through your Son. May your graciousness, O Lord, be upon us. Show your servants your works, O Lord; and be gracious to us.

The priest adds a concluding collect.

The Confession of Sin The Peace

BCP 360

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

A Reflection on Stewardship

Ms. Cristen Reat St. Andrew's Parishioner

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

If Ye Love Me

If ye love me, keep my commandments.

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

Even the Spirit of truth;

but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

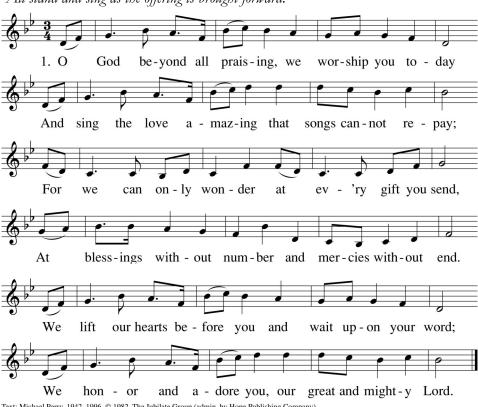
I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

Words: John 14:15–18 Music: Phillip Wilby

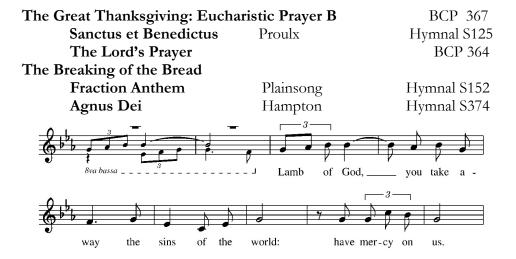
At The Presentation, a Hymn

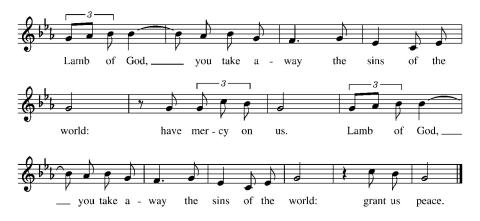
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All stand and sing as the offering is brought forward.



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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.

Canticum refectionis Hymnel 316

At the Distribution, a Hymn	Canticum refectionis St. Agnes	Hymnal 316 Hymnal 343
The Post-Communion Prayer & Blessing		BCP 366
In Procession, a Hymn	Ein feste Burg	Hymnal 688
The Dismissal		BCP 366

VOLUNTARY Ein Feste Burg Johann Pachelbel

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 the first wedding anniversary of Heather and Jake Gertner by Sheila Herr.

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

THE READING OF THE NECROLOGY

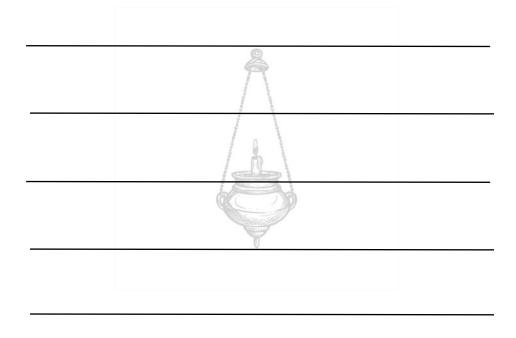
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Evensong for All Souls' Day

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@saecheights.org. The deadline is Sunday, October 29.



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:

Sarrah 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 Stacy Jenkins, parishioner at St. Andrew's Susan Peterson, parishioner at St. Andrew's 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 Lily Menconi, grandmother of Lara Arsola Karena Kelly, parishioner at St. Andrew's Clorinda Peterson, family of Susan Peterson Steve Peterson, family of Susan Peterson Andrea Peterson, family of Susan Peterson The Grace Family

We pray for the repose of the soul of:

David Bartecchi, 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.

PARISH LIFE & NEWS

All Hallows Eve: Join us today, 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.

"What to know about...": 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.

All Souls Day: 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. The deadline for contributing names to the reading of the necrology is today.

Family Friday: Join us on November 3rd at 6:30 pm for Family Friday at Preslee's at 1430 W 19th St.

All Saints Day: Next Sunday, November 5th, is All Saints Sunday, one of the major feasts of the church. There will be baptisms at both services. Parish Potluck: Stewardship wraps up next Sunday, November 5th, and to mark the occasion we will have an old-fashioned potluck. Bring a dish to share and "come together" to celebrate our community and God's blessings.

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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