

The Collect of the Day: *Proper 6*

BCP 230

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7

All sit.

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son

Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

At the Gradual, Psalm 116: 1, 10-17

Simplified Anglican Chant



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1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my suppli | cation,*
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called up | on him.

10 How shall I repay the | LORD *
for all the good things he has done for | me?

11 I will lift up the cup of sal | vation *
and call upon the Name of the | LORD.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the | LORD *
in the presence of all his | people.

13 Precious in the sight of the | LORD *
is the death of his | servants.

14 O LORD, I am your | servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my | bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanks | giving *
and call upon the Name of the | LORD.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the | LORD *
in the presence of all his | people.

(repeat second half of chant)

17 In the courts of the | LORD'S house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Halle | lujah!

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 4: 13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

At the Sequence, a Hymn *Dunedin* Hymnal 455
All stand and sing.

The Holy Gospel **Matthew 9: 35—10:23**
All stand as able for the proclamation of the Gospel.

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

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.”

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, “Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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

The Sermon
The Nicene Creed
All stand.

The Rev. James M.L. Grace
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The Prayers of the People

My sisters and brothers, worship the Lord with gladness. Let us pray with joyful hearts, “We give you thanks! We bless your name!”

O Lord, you are good; while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Send us out to share your love. Send your Church out to gather in a plentiful harvest. We pray volunteers would step forward for our parish garden. We give you thanks! **We bless your name!**

O Lord, you are good; your faithfulness endures to all generations. To those who suffer, give hope. And visit the lonely with your peace. We give you thanks! **We bless your name!**

O Lord, you are good; all the earth praises you with joyful noise. And we join the song of creation: you are worthy to be praised! We give you thanks! **We bless your name!**

O Lord, you are good; you offer us your peace. We pray, Jesus, that you would go about our city—speak a word of good news and healing. We give you thanks! **We bless your name!**

O Lord, you are good; while we were still weak, Christ died for us. Touch us in our weakness even now. And heal those afflicted with disease or sickness. We pray for those on our prayer list, including Sarrah, Lynette, Gary, Patty, Armando, Barbara, and John. We give you thanks! **We bless your name!**

O Lord, you are good; hope placed in you does not disappoint. We hope for the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. We pray for those who have died, including John and Bruce. We give you thanks! **We bless your name!**

The priest adds a concluding collect.

The Confession of Sin
All kneel.

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The Peace

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

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

How Can I Keep From Singing?

My life flows on in endless song;
Above earth's lamentation
I hear the sweet though far-off hymn
That hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife
I hear the music ringing;
It finds an echo in my soul;
How can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die,
The Lord, my Saviour, liveth!
What though the darkness gather round,
Songs in the night he giveth!
No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that refuge clinging;
Since Christ is Lord of Heaven and earth
How can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble, sick with fear,
and hear their death knells ringing:
when friends rejoice both far and near,
how can I keep from singing?
In prison cell and dungeon vile
our thoughts to them are winging:
when friends by shame are undefiled,
how can I keep from singing?

Words: attr. Anna Bartlett Warner (1820-?);
vs.3 Doris Plenn (1950)

Music: Robert Lowry (1866–1899);
arr. John Scott (1956–2015)

At The Presentation, a Hymn

Pleading Savior

All stand and sing as the offering is brought forward.



1 Je - sus, thou di - vine Com - pan - ion, by thy low - ly
3 Ev - ery task, how - ev - er sim - ple, sets the soul that



hu - man birth thou hast come to join the work - ers,
does it free; ev - ery deed of hu - man kind - ness



bur - den - bear - ers of the earth. Thou, the car - pen - ter of
done in love is done to thee. Je - sus, thou di - vine Com -



Naz - areth, toil - ing for thy dai - ly food, by thy pa - tience
pan - ion, help us all to work our best; bless us in our



and thy cour - age, thou hast taught us toil is good.
dai - ly la - bor, lead us to our Sab - bath rest.

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The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP 369

Sanctus et Benedictus

Powell

Hymnal S129

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Plainsong

Hymnal S152

Agnus Dei

Powell

Hymnal S163

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>Let Us Break Bread Summer</i>	Hymnal 325 Hymnal 654
The Post-Communion Prayer & Blessing		BCP 366
In Procession, a Hymn	<i>Cwm Rhondda</i>	Hymnal 594
The Dismissal		BCP 366
VOLUNTARY	<i>Processional March</i>	William Henry Harris

*Please join us for Coffee Time in the Parish Hall on the 2nd floor, 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 Uchenna Odi by Ike and Polina Odi
and in memory of Devon Moore by Lisa and Contessa Moore.

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

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*

Rachel Schevtz, *granddaughter of DeAnna Bosch*

Gary Moseley, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*

Patty Mejia, *spouse of Frank Guevara*

Armando Basarrate, *friend of Nancy Greenwood*

Barbara Brim, *friend of Nancy Greenwood*

John Ibanez, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*

We pray for the repose of the soul of:

John Breckinridge O'Sullivan, *cousin of Jimmy Grace*

Bruce Steinhauer, *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@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

The church office will be closed on Monday, June 19 in observance of the Juneteenth holiday.

Houston Pride Parade: The 45th Annual Official Houston Pride Parade® will take place downtown on Saturday, June 24, 7-11 pm. St. Andrew's is once again partnering with other affirming Episcopal congregations in the city to sponsor a float. (There is no festival this year.) If you are interested in walking in the parade, please reach out to Clint and let him know so he can provide you with more information. This year's theme is "Queerly Beloved."

Faith and Film: Join us for a Zoom discussion of the 1989 film *Driving Miss Daisy* on Monday, June 26th at 7 PM. Email Lisa Puccio, lpuccio@saecheights.org for a Zoom invite.

Church Nursery: The nursery is open from 8:30 AM to 12:30 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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