St Andrew's Episcopal Church & School

The Celebration & Administration of

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

for

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Proper 10

16 July 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 Largo *from* Concerto in G for Viola Georg Philipp Telemann

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	Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein	Hymnal 48
All stand and sing.		

THE WORD OF GOD

The Opening Acclamation	& Responses	BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis	Powell	Hymnal S280

The Collect of the Day: Proper 10

BCP 231

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; 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

Genesis 25: 19-34

All sit.

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her,

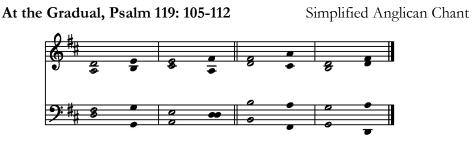
> "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

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



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- 105 Your word is a lantern to my | feet * and a light upon my | path.
- 106 I have sworn and am de | termined * to keep your righteous | judgments.
- 107 I am deeply | troubled; * preserve my life, O LORD, according to your | word.
- 108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my | lips, * and teach me your | judgments.
- 109 My life is always in my | hand, * yet I do not forget your | law.
- 110 The wicked have set a trap for | me, * but I have not strayed from your com | mandments.
- 111 Your decrees are my inheritance for | ever; * truly, they are the joy of my | heart.
- 112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your | statutes * for ever and to the | end.
- 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 8: 1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

At the Sequence, a Hymn

Munich

Hymnal 632

The Holy Gospel

All stand and sing.

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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

The Sermon The Nicene Creed All stand. The Rev. Clint Brown BCP 358

The Prayers of the People

You are in the Spirt, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. By that same Spirit let us pray, saying, "Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips, and teach us your judgments."

Great God, may the word of your kingdom find good soil in your Church. Cause your word to grow in our hearts and bear an abundance of fruit. Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips, **and teach us your judgments.**

God of our ancestors, we pray that divided nations be united and warring nations find peace. May we recognize that we are created by your will and are all members of one human family. Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips, **and teach us your judgments**.

God of the harvest, bless the seeds and the soil of St. Andrew's Garden. We pray for garden volunteers. We pray that all people may have enough to eat. Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips, and teach us your judgments.

Caring God, we are deeply troubled by the gun violence in our city. May all who set their minds on death, even now, be converted to the Spirit of life and peace. Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips, **and teach us your judgments.**

Healing God, preserve the lives of the suffering and sick, according to your word. Spread joy into the hearts of the sorrowful. We pray for those on our prayer list, including Sarrah, Lynette, Gary, Patty, Marilyn, Jack, Deborah, Leslie, Natalia, the staff and families of St. Andrew's School, David, John, and Shelby. Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips, and teach us your judgments.

Eternal God, you preserve all who are in Christ Jesus from condemnation. By the resurrection of your Son we trust, that in the fullness of time, you will give life to our mortal bodies through the Spirit that dwells in us. We pray for all who have died, including Austin, Betty, and Lydia. Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips, **and teach us your judgments**. *The priest adds a concluding collect*.

The Confession of Sin	BCP 360

The Peace

BCP 360

BCP 440

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

A Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child

THE HOLY COMMUNION

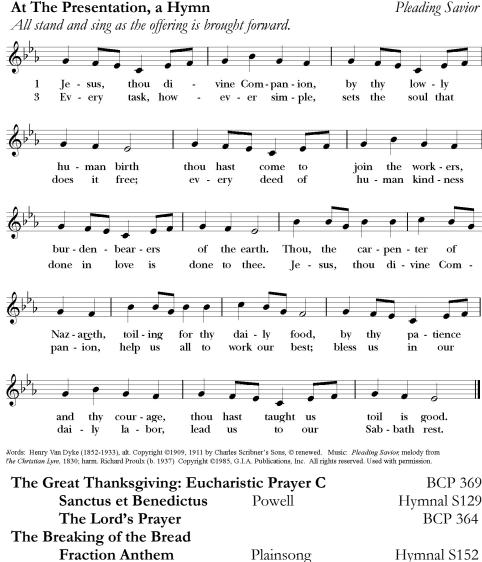
Giving to St. Andrew's

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, a Reflection Allegro *from* Concerto in G for Viola G.P. Telemann

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

Agnus Dei

brought to you, please let the usher know.

Powell

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The Post-Communion Prayer & Blessing		BCP 366
In Procession, a Hymn	Woodlands	Hymnal 438
The Dismissal		BCP 366
VOLUNTARY	Make a Joyful Noise	Alan Viner

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



The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Charles Deutsch by Terry and Barbara Hirsch.

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:

Sarrah 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 Marilyn Newman, friend of Debbi V an Etten Jack Veasey, uncle of Megan Gibbs Deborah Smith, friend of Kay Lynn Jenkins Leslie Benitez, friend of Kay Lynn Jenkins Natalia Terry and all the staff and families of St. Andrew's Episcopal School David Smith-Malbrough, parishioner at St. Andrew's John Luciani, son of Margaret Day Shelby Edwards, granddaughter of Alan and Lynette Edwards

We pray for the repose of the soul of:

Austin Smith, *father of Mikie Tannous* Elizabeth "Betty" Hayes, *parishioner at St. Andrew's* Lydia, *aunt of Ike Odi*

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

Church Nursery: New nursery hours started July 2nd. The nursery is now open from 7:45 AM to 11:45 AM for infants though 3 years.

Summer Event for Children: Today, July 16th at 9:30 AM there will be a special summer story time in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd. Children are invited to come and hear (and help tell) the story of Samaritan the cat. Lego Sunday returns on July 23rd from 9:30 until 10:15 AM in the Godly Play classroom on the 2nd floor. Children are invited to come and create! There will be a Bible story challenge and fun surprises.

Youth Sunday: All youth 6th grade and up are encouraged to attend at 5 PM today in the Parish Hall.

Summer Saints: By popular request, Summer Saints returns! Wednesdays at 6 pm, July 5-August 2. A casual Eucharist with a unique liturgy will be followed by pizza. This Wednesday we commemorate Sojourner Truth. For more information, reach out to Clint.

Food Pantry Volunteers Needed: Summer is a great time to volunteer at the HIM Food Pantry. Lend a hand at Thursday evening or Saturday morning distributions or during prep shifts Wednesday through Friday. Teens age 16 and older can earn community service hours and youth ages 13-15 accompanied by an adult can serve on Friday afternoons. No prior experience needed—just a willingness to help others! Choose your shift and sign up to serve at https://tinyurl.com/4fhwzr8t

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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