St Andrew's Episcopal Church & School

The Celebration & Administration of

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

for

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 11

23 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 Du Friedefürst, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV 1102 J.S. Bach (Prince of Peace, Lord Jesus Christ)

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 Christe sanctorum Hymnal 1
All stand and sing.

THE WORD OF GOD

The Opening Acclamation & ResponsesBCP 355Gloria in excelsisPowellHymnal S280

The Collect of the Day: Proper 11

BCP 231

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son 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 28: 10-19a

All sit.

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

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

At the Gradual, Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23

BCP 794

Chanted by the cantor with the congregation singing the refrain.



- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; * you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places * and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, * but you, O LORD, know it altogether.



- 4 You press upon me behind and before * and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; * it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? * where can I flee from your presence?



- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; * if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning * and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me * and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, * and the light around me turn to night,"
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you;

the night is as bright as the day; * darkness and light to you are both alike.



- 22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; * try me and know my restless thoughts.
- 23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me * and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

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. Amen.

The Second Lesson

Romans 8: 12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

Hymnal 510

All stand and sing.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."'

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field."

He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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

The Sermon
The Nicene Creed
All stand.

The Rev. Francene Young BCP 358

The Prayers of the People

Surely the Lord is in this place. Let us cry out to God, saying, "Abba! Father! Hear our prayer."

O Great Parent, you have adopted us as your own children. You have made us joint heirs with Christ. You love us. Lead us by your Spirit and strengthen our hope. Abba! Father! **Hear our prayer.**

God our King, you have planted us in a complex and often confusing world. Give us patience to live with each other, not judging our neighbors but trusting in your wisdom. Abba! Father! **Hear our prayer.**

Present God, even creation groans as it waits on you for freedom. Forgive us for the times in which we have subjected it to futility. Give us eyes to see your presence in the heavens, on the earth, and in the seas. Abba! Father! **Hear our prayer.**

God of Light, darkness is not dark to you. Brighten the places in our city where darkness serves as a cover for crime and violence. Redeem all who are lost. Abba! Father! **Hear our prayer.**

God of Glory, we wait in hope for the day when we will be set free from the bondage of decay. Even now, free the suffering from pain and the sorrowful from heartache. We pray for those on our prayer list, including Sarrah, Lynette, Gary, Patty, David, John, Shelby, Susan, and Stanley. Abba! Father! **Hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, may the righteous shine like the sun in your kingdom. We trust that, even in the grave, you are with us. In hope, save the dying and the dead. We pray for all who have died, including Austin, Betty, and Lydia. Abba! Father! **Hear our prayer.**

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.

Capital Campaign Update

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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

As The Father Has Loved Me

And Jesus said, "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love.

If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."

Words: John 15:9–12

Music: David Ashley White

Sharon Klander, soprano

At The Presentation, a Hymn

Pleading Savior

All stand and sing as the offering is brought forward.



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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, an Anthem Come, Pure Hearts from Frontier Songs

Come, pure hearts, in joyful measure sing of those who spread the treasure in the holy Gospels shrined; blessed tidings of salvation, peace on earth their proclamation, love from God to lost mankind.

See the rivers four that gladden, with their streams, the better Eden planted by our Lord most dear; Christ the fountain, these the waters; drink, O Zion's sons and daughters, drink, and find salvation here.

Words: Latin, 12th cent., tr. Robert Campbell

Music: David Ashley White

At the Distrubtion, a HymnJacob's LadderHymnal 453The Post-Communion Prayer & BlessingBCP 366

In Procession, a Hymn Paderborn Hymnal 535

The Dismissal BCP 366

VOLUNTARY

Prelude on a Theme of Orlando Gibbons (Song 22) Sir Charles Villiers Stanford

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 celebration of their engagement anniversary by Kirstie Valverde and Joshua Borel.

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
Gary Moseley, parishioner at St. Andrew's
Patty Mejia, spouse of Frank Guevara
David Smith-Malbrough, parishioner at St. Andrew's
John Luciani, son of Margaret Day
Shelby Edwards, granddaughter of Alan and Lynette Edwards
Susan Peterson, parishioner at St. Andrew's
Stanley Smith-Malbrough, parishioner at St. Andrew's

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.

Faith and Film: The Rev. Jimmy Grace calls *The Road* one of the most important movies he's ever seen. We will use his discussion questions for our Zoom conversation on Monday, July 24 at 7 PM. Email Lisa, lpuccio@saecheights.org, for an invite.

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 Brother Lawrence of the Resurrection. For more information, reach out to Clint.

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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