

# St Andrew's Episcopal Church & School

*The Celebration & Administration of*  
**The Holy Eucharist: Rite II**  
*for*  
**The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**  
*Proper 12*

30 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** *Canzonetta* Eric Thiman

## 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. Magnus* Hymnal 447  
*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 12*

BCP 231

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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**

**Genesis 29: 15-28**

*All sit.*

Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?” Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.” So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**At the Gradual, Psalm 105**

**Simplified Anglican Chant**

*Sung by all.*



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- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his | Name; \*  
make known his deeds among the | peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to | him, \*  
and speak of all his marvelous | works.
- 3 Glory in his holy | Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD re|joice.
- 4 Search for the LORD and his | strength; \*  
continually seek his | face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has | done, \*  
his wonders and the judgments of his | mouth,
- 8 He has always been mindful of his | covenant, \*  
the promise he made for a thousand gene|rations:
- 9 The covenant he made with | Abraham, \*  
the oath that he swore to | Isaac,
- 10 Which he established as a statute for | Jacob, \*  
an everlasting covenant for | Israel.
- 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: 26-39**

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because

the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**At the Sequence, a Hymn**

*Bridegroom*

Hymnal 513

*All stand and sing.*

**The Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52**

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and

becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

*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**

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God’s name. Let us pray to God, saying, “Spirit, help us in our weakness. Intercede for us.”

God of the Church, may your people be as persistent as the mustard shrub.

May we spread your love and grace to all people in all places. May we do our kingdom work with confidence that nothing can separate us from your love. Spirit, help us in our weakness. **Intercede for us.**

God of the world, make known your deeds among the peoples. Bring peace in places of conflict and violence. Spirit, help us in our weakness. **Intercede for us.**

God of creation, all your works are marvelous. Everything in creation with which you have surrounded us speaks to your goodness. Give us eyes to see your fingerprints in our world. Spirit, help us in our weakness. **Intercede for us.**

Present God, you did not withhold your own Son, but gave him up for all of us. May we come to know and experience the depths of your love. By your love, transform hearts and change lives. Spirit, help us in our weakness. **Intercede for us.**

God of wholeness, neither hardship nor distress can separate anyone from your love. Assure the suffering and sick, the hurt and sorrowful, that you care for them. May they remember that you are God who does marvelous things. We pray for those on our prayer list, including Sarrah, Lynette, Gary, Patty, David, John, Shelby, Susan, and Stanley. Spirit, help us in our weakness. **Intercede for us.**

God of our ancestors, you have always been mindful of your promises. You promise that not even death can separate us from your love. May all those who have died grow in your eternal love. We pray for all who have died, including Betty and Lydia. Spirit, help us in our weakness. **Intercede for us.**

*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.*

## 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

*Balm in Gilead*

There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole;  
there is a balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,  
but then the Holy Spirit, revives my soul again.

If you can preach like Peter, if you can pray like Paul,  
go home and tell your neighbor, "He died to save us all."

Words: African-American Spiritual, based on Jeremiah 8: 22

Music: Spiritual, arr. H.T. Burleigh

## 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 -  
pan - ion, 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.*



<b>At the Distribution, a Hymn</b>	<i>Seek Ye First</i>	Hymnal 711
<b>The Post-Communion Prayer &amp; Blessing</b>		BCP 366
<b>In Procession, a Hymn</b>	<i>St. Flavian</i>	Hymnal 615
<b>The Dismissal</b>		BCP 366
<b>VOLUNTARY</b>	<i>Aria</i>	G.F. Handel

TODAY WE WELCOME GUEST ORGANIST HOWARD MAPLE. THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR GIFTS WITH US!

*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 Austin's birthday by Cathey Harrison.

*To dedicate flowers, please sign up using the flower dedication list on our bulletin board or by visiting [saecheights.org/giving](http://saecheights.org/giving).*

## **Happy Anniversary to the Capital Campaign!**

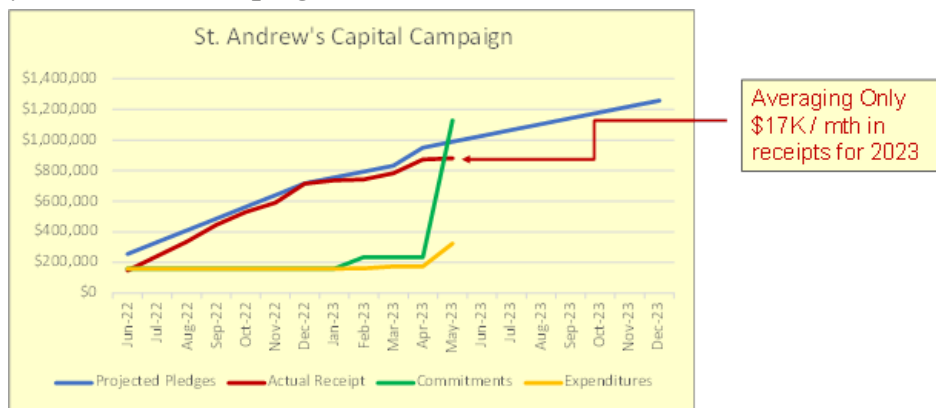
It's been approximately one year since St. Andrew's organized the Capital Campaign execution team and a lot of progress has been made in that year. To Recap:

- \$2.60 million in pledges, exceeding our goal of \$2.0 million!
- \$880K in receipts
- \$557K cash on hand (which is equal to receipts minus expenditures)
- \$1.13 million in committed projects to Date
- \$324K in expenditures to Date

These items are completed:

- New tables and chairs for the Parish Hall
- New (adult sized!) toilets in the upstairs and downstairs restrooms
- Scheduled installation of 37 new energy efficient windows in the church building, which will complete this phase of the window upgrade
- Replaced 4 failing HVAC systems, which serve the Parish Hall, the downstairs of St. Andrew's House, the Priest's Sacristy and Classrooms
- Awarded the contract for the new church organ
- Awarded contracts for a Master Site Plan and for the Interior Modifications Plan

In the first year of the Capital Campaign, we did extremely well! However, moving forward, our concern is that the pledge income trend has dropped below the level needed to maintain our momentum over the next few years. Since January 2023, average monthly receipts have been \$17K / month, about half of what is required to raise the balance of pledges in the remaining 4 years of the campaign.



Thank you very much for your continued support and please take a moment to review your pledge commitment to the Capital Campaign and help keep us moving forward so that we can continue to make progress toward the planned improvements to the Church.

Together, we are making a difference that will impact generations now and into the future.





## 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:**

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:**

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](mailto: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 through 3 years.

**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 wrap up this series and commemorate William White. 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@saccheights.org](mailto:jgrace@saccheights.org).



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