

St Andrew's Episcopal Church & School

The Celebration & Administration of
The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
for
The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 9

9 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 "Will You Come and Follow Me?" *Kelvingrove,*
arr. Charles Callahan
Sally Kirk, violin

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 *Bunessan* Hymnal 8
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 9*

BCP 230

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

All sit.

The servant said to Laban, “I am Abraham’s servant. The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master’s wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, ‘You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father’s house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.’

“I came today to the spring, and said, ‘O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, “Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,” and who will say to me, “Drink, and I will draw for your camels also” —let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master’s son.’

“Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, ‘Drink, and I will also water your camels.’ So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.”

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

At the Gradual, Psalm 45: 11-18

Simplified Anglican Chant



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- 11 "Hear, O daughter; consider and listen | closely; *
forget your people and your father's | house.
- 12 The king will have pleasure in your | beauty; *
he is your master; therefore do him | honor.
- 13 The people of Tyre are here with a | gift; *
the rich among the people seek your | favor."
- 14 All glorious is the princess as she | enters; *
her gown is cloth-of- | gold.

15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the | king; *
after her the bridesmaids follow in pro | cession.

16 With joy and gladness they are | brought, *
and enter into the palace of the | king.

17 "In place of fathers, O king, you shall have | sons; *
you shall make them princes over all the | earth.

18 I will make your name to be remembered
from one generation to a | nother; *
therefore nations will praise you for ever and | ever."

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 7: 15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

At the Sequence, a Hymn

Kingsfold

All stand and sing.

1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;
and in your wea - ri - ness lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, stoop down and drink, and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun;
I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk, till pil - grim days are done.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889), alt.
Music: *Kingsfold*, English folk melody; adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and

have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Clint Brown

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

All stand.

The Prayers of the People

Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! With grateful hearts we pray to our Loving God, saying “We thank you, Father; you hear the voice of your beloved.”

Loving God, you call your church “my love” and “my beauty.” Look upon your Church with eyes of great compassion and love. May we generously share the love with which we have been so greatly blessed. We thank you, Father, **you hear the voice of your beloved.**

Loving God, you have blessed our nation with great freedoms. Grant us, and all the people of this land, the grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace. We thank you, Father, **you hear the voice of your beloved.**

Loving God, all that you have created tells of your love for us. May flowers and birds, but even more so our human relationships, remind us of your great care and presence. We thank you, Father, **you hear the voice of your beloved.**

Loving God, you promise to give rest to all those who carry heavy burdens. Lift up those who are weighed down by the burdens of violence, depression, and despair. We thank you, Father, **you hear the voice of your be-**

loved.

Loving God, your Son Jesus revealed your heart to be gentle and humble. We pray for those who have restless souls. We pray that all the sorrowful and the suffering may find their rest in you. We pray for those on our prayer list, including Sarrah, Lynette, Gary, Patty, John, Stacey, Louise, Marilyn, Jack, Deborah, Leslie, Natalia, the staff and families of St. Andrew's School, David, John, and Shelby. We thank you, Father, **you hear the voice of your beloved.**

Loving God, you rescue us from death. We pray for all who have died, including Austin. We pray that all who have strived for freedom and peace, that they may come to know that heavenly comfort you have prepared us. We thank you, Father, **you hear the voice of your beloved.**
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, a Reflection

Let Us Break Bread Together
arr. Charles Callahan

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.

At the Distribution, a Hymn	<i>Slane</i>	Hymnal 482
The Post-Communion Prayer & Blessing		BCP 366
In Procession, a Hymn	<i>Sicilian Mariners</i>	Hymnal 708
The Dismissal		BCP 366
VOLUNTARY	<i>Hornpipe (from <i>Water Music</i>)</i>	G.F. Handel

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



The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God.

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*
John Ibanez, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*
Stacey Parker-Mustacchia, *friend of PJ Arendt-Ford*
Louise Ornelas, *mother of Margo Ornelas*
Marilyn Newman, *friend of Debbi Van 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*

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@saccheights.org. If you would like your prayer request to be confidential, please let Carrie know.

Parish Life & News

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

Summer Event for Children: On Sunday, July 16 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.

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 week we celebrate Argula von Grumbach, scholar and church reformer, c. 1554. 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@saccheights.org.



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