

St Andrew's Episcopal Church & School

The Celebration & Administration of **The Holy Eucharist: Rite II**

for

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

20 August 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 "...beside the still waters." *from* Windows of Comfort
Dan Locklair

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 *Lauda anima* Hymnal 410
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 15* BCP 232
Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin,

and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Genesis 45: 1-15

All sit.

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

At the Gradual, Psalm 133

Simplified Anglican Chant



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1 Oh, how good and pleasant it | is, *
when brethren live together in | unity!

2 It is like fine oil upon the | head *
that runs down upon the | beard,

3 Upon the beard of | Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his | robe.

4 It is like the dew of | Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of | Zion.

repeat second half of chant

†5 For there the LORD has ordained the | blessing: *
life for ever | more.

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 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

At the Sequence, a Hymn

Morning Song

Voices Found 94

All stand and sing.



1 In bold-ness, look to God for help, like wo - men folk who
2 In bold-ness, lean on God for strength, and heal - ing from dis -
3 In bold-ness, learn of God the truth of Ma - ry's bet - ter
4 In bold-ness, love, nor count the cost. Con - front the world's harsh



dared: to ask that Je - sus heal a child, that
ease, of mind and bod - y, heart and will, whose
part: by fear and cen - sure un - de - terred, de -
stare: like one who washed the feet of Christ, and



crumbs of grace be shared, that out - cast ones be
bond - age Je - sus frees. Reach out - and touch the
ter - mined in her heart to kneel at Je - sus'
wiped them with her hair, poured per - fume to a -



wel - comed to the feast God has pre - pared.
hem of Christ, and gath - er spi - rit's ease.
feet and learn the wis - dom he im - parts.
noint her Lord, and left love's fra - grance there.

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The Holy Gospel

Matthew 15:10-28

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not

planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. James M.L. Grace

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

All stand.

The Prayers of the People

There is a wideness in God’s mercy like the wideness of the sea. Therefore let us come before our loving God, saying, “Hear us, we humbly pray; Lord help us.”

Loving God, you have shown your church such great mercy. Through the witness of your Church, may those beyond our walls also experience the goodness of your mercy. Hear us, we humbly pray; **Lord, help us.**

Lord of all peoples, you have created us to live together. Help us to see that

our common life depends on each other's work and goodwill. Cause war to cease, especially in Ukraine. Hear us, we humbly pray; **Lord, help us.**

Abundant God, you make the earth bring forth good food. As you provided for the children of Israel, we pray you will also provide for all those suffering from famine or need. Hear us, we humbly pray; **Lord, help us.**

Caring God, how good and pleasant it is when your children live together in unity. Pour out a spirit of reconciliation in our community. Hear us, we humbly pray; **Lord, help us.**

Lord Christ, may those who call out to you in great faith find your heart open to their cries. We ask for healing for the sick and suffering, the desperate, and disturbed. We pray for those on our parish prayer list, including Sarrah, Lynette, Gary, Patty, Jerry, Armando, Barbara, Doug, and Li. Hear us, we humbly pray; **Lord, help us.**

God of blessing, bless your people with life forevermore. We pray for those who have died, including Seamus. Hear us, we humbly pray; **Lord, help us.**

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

The God of Love My Shepherd Is

The God of love my shepherd is,
And he that doth me feed:
While he is mine, and I am his,
What can I want or need?

He leads me to the tender grasse,

Where I both feed and rest;
Then to the streams that gently passe:
In both I have the best.

Or if I stray, he doth convert
And bring my minde in frame:
And all this not for my desert,
But for his holy name.

Surely thy sweet and wondrous love
Shall measure all my dayes;
And as it never shall remove,
So neither shall my praise.

Words: Psalm 23, para. George Herbert
Laura Mergens, alto

Music: Eric Thiman

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		Pew Booklet
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>Beecher</i>	Hymnal 470
The Post-Communion Prayer & Blessing		BCP 366
In Procession, a Hymn	<i>Mit Freuden zart</i>	Hymnal 408
The Dismissal		BCP 366
VOLUNTARY	<i>Postlude in F</i>	Eric Thiman

Please join us for Coffee Time in the Parish Hall, 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 Bruce's birthday by Oscar Banta-Guevara.

To dedicate flowers, please sign up using the flower dedication list on our bulletin board or by visiting saechights.org/giving.

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*
Gary Moseley, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*
Patty Mejia, *spouse of Frank Guevara*
Jerry Morrison, *brother in law of Dianne Yeomans*
Armando Basarrate, *friend of Nancy Greenwood*
Barbara Brim, *friend of Nancy Greenwood*
Doug Pecore, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*
Bao Li, *grandmother-in-law of Justin Kenney*

We pray for the repose of the soul of:

Seamus White, *cousin of Thomas Cronin*

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.

Names remain on Parish Prayer List for four Sundays unless the request is renewed.

Parish Life & News

Houston Faith Votes: Texas Impact's Houston Faith Votes (HFV) campaign is bringing together mainstream Houston faith groups to build faith-based civic participation throughout our region. This is a non-partisan effort, and any policy discussions will focus on voting rights and our current voting regulations and processes. To galvanize participation in this effort, Texas Impact is facilitating a Kick-Off event on Sunday, August 20th from 2:30—5pm at Congregation Beth Israel, 5600 N Braeswood Blvd, Houston, TX 77096. The Rev. Jimmy Grace will participate as a panelist at Congregation Beth Israel.

New Fall Service Times: Starting August 27th, our 8 AM Rite I service will move to 8:30 AM. Our Rite II service will remain at 10:30 AM and our Rhythms of Grace service will remain at 2:30 PM.

Save the Date: Blessing of the Backpacks will be Sunday, August 27th at 4 PM. Kick off the school year with blessings and snow cones on the Front Lawn.

Episcopal 101: Join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 beginning August 27 for Episcopal 101! This class explores the basic beliefs of the Episcopal Church, what makes Episcopalians unique, and what it means to live a life of faith in the Episcopal way. This class also serves as a “confirmation class” for anyone wishing to be confirmed. We meet in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd.

Great Gatherings: Great Gatherings is a casual supper club made up of groups of 12 to 16 people (singles and couples). Last year 69 parishioners participated in a group that met monthly in homes, restaurants, parks, etc. It's time to register for this year's Great Gatherings (between August 27 and September 27). Email Cbrown@saecheights with questions or to sign up. There will be a Kick-off Reception at Harold's Restaurant, Bar & Terrace, Saturday, September 30, 3 PM.

MAM Back to School Fundraiser: Memorial Assistance Ministries is holding their annual back to school clothing drive. As a member church of MAM we are helping to raise funds to provide clothing for children heading to school. Please donate at givebutter.com/mambacktoschool/waltercameron

Bible Study Resumes: Starting on August 30th, our weekly bible studies will resume on Zoom. Men's Bible Study will be at 6 AM and Women's Bible Study will now be at 12 PM.

Labor Day Parish Potluck: Join us at noon on September 3rd for our Potluck in the Parish Hall. Bring something good to share with your fellow parishioners.

Rector's Book Club: On Sunday mornings this Fall (beginning September 11) we will read, discuss, and learn from Richard Rohr's book *Falling Upward*. The class will meet in the Youth Room Sunday mornings at 9:30. In *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*, Richard Rohr helps us to understand the tasks of the two halves of life and teaches us that those who have failed, or gone down, are the only ones who can really understand "up." Those who have somehow fallen, and fallen well, are the only ones who can grow spiritually and not misuse "up." What looks like falling down can largely be experienced as "falling upward!" To sign up for this class, please email the Rector at jgrace@saecheights.org

Weekly Newsletter: If you are not receiving our weekly newsletter and would like to please email Carrie at cconti@saecheights.org to be added to the email distribution list.

Church Nursery: This summer the nursery is open from 7:45 AM to 11:45 AM for infants through 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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