

St Andrew's Episcopal Church & School

The Celebration & Administration of

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

for

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10 September 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

Elegy

George Thalben-Ball

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

Westminster Abbey

Hymnal 518

All stand and sing.

THE WORD OF GOD

The Opening Acclamation & Responses

BCP 355

Gloria in excelsis

New Plainsong

Hymnal S277

The Collect of the Day: *Proper 18*

BCP 233

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; 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

Exodus 12:1-14

All sit.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

At the Gradual, Psalm 149

Simplified Anglican Chant



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- 1 Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a | new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the | faithful.
 - 2 Let Israel rejoice in his | Maker; *
let the children of Zion be joyful in their | King.
 - 3 Let them praise his Name in the | dance; *
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and | harp.
 - 4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his | people *
and adorns the poor with | victory.
 - 5 Let the faithful rejoice in | triumph; *
let them be joyful on their | beds.
 - 6 Let the praises of God be in their | throat *
and a two-edged sword in their | hand;
 - 7 To wreak vengeance on the | nations *
and punishment on the | peoples;
 - 8 To bind their kings in | chains *
and their nobles with links of | iron;
- Repeat second half of chant*
- †9 To inflict on them the judgment de | creed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people.
Halle- | lujah!

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 13: 8-14**

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

At the Sequence, a Hymn*Detroit*

Hymnal 674

*All stand and sing.***The Holy Gospel****Matthew 18:15-20**

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Canon Joann Saylor

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

All stand.

The Prayers of the People

Our Lord Jesus has promised us that, when we gather in his name, he is here among us. Let us pray, saying, “We are gathered in your name, accept our prayers.”

O Lord, you take pleasure in your people: may your Church be a community of honesty and humility. Help us to love each other—especially when love is a challenge. We are gathered in your name; **accept our prayers.**

O Lord, you adorn the poor with victory: be with the hungry and the oppressed. Comfort the grieving. Give peace to all whose lives have been upset by natural disaster and war. We are gathered in your name; **accept our prayers.**

O Lord, you have caused grapes to grow on the vine and wheat to grow in the fields, that we might celebrate this festival today. Bless the land to grow enough that all people may celebrate its bounty. We give thanks for St. Andrew’s garden, those who care for it, and those fed from its harvest. We are gathered in your name; **accept our prayers.**

O Lord, your Law is summarized, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Help us to love our neighbors so that we might do no wrong by anyone. We are gathered in your name; **accept our prayers.**

O Lord, may all those who now lament see the day when they shall sing to you a new song—a song of joy and praise. May those who weep, dance for joy. May the anxious rest on their beds in peace. And may all know that it was you, the Lord, who did this. We pray for those on our parish prayer list including Sarrah, Lynette, Gary, Patty, Armando, Barbara, Doug, Li, Jerry, Diane, Stacy, and Susan. We are gathered in your name; **accept our prayers.**

O Lord, care for the dead as they await the great day of resurrection. May all who have died rest in your peace, especially Seamus and Daniel. We are gathered in your name; **accept our prayers.**

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.

An Update on Memorial Area Ministries

Sonja Gee

Executive Director, Memorial Area Ministries

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.



All loose plate collection proceeds will go to Memorial Area Ministries (<https://www.mamhouston.org/>). MAM's mission is to build stable families, a dynamic workforce and vibrant communities across Houston. MAM accomplishes this through providing basic needs and public benefits enrollment, disaster assistance, employment services, financial empowerment, immigration legal services, literacy services, and mental health services.

At the Offertory, an Anthem

Sing Praises Unto the Lord

Sing praises to the Lord O ye saints of God:
And give thanks unto him
for a remembrance of his holiness.
For God's wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye,
and in his pleasure is life.
Heaviness may endure for a night:
yet joy cometh in the morning

Words: Psalm 30

Music: Henry Ruthven

At The Presentation, a Hymn

Gardiner

All stand and sing as the offering is brought forward.



All things are thine; no gift have we, Lord of all gifts, to
of - fer thee; And hence with grate - ful hearts to
day Thine own be - fore thy feet we lay.

Words: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)

Music: *Gardiner*, from *Sacred Melodies*, 1815; arr. William Gardiner (1770-1853)

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Sanctus et Benedictus

New Plainsong

Hymnal S124

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Plainsong

Hymnal S172

Agnus Dei

New Plainsong

Hymnal S161

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

Song 1

Hymnal 617

Land of Rest

Hymnal 304

The Post-Communion Prayer & Blessing

BCP 366

In Procession, a Hymn

Jerusalem

Hymnal 597

The Dismissal

BCP 366

VOLUNTARY

Nun lob, mein Seel, den Herren Johann Gottfried Walther
(Now praise, my soul, the Lord)

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 by the Hardwicks.

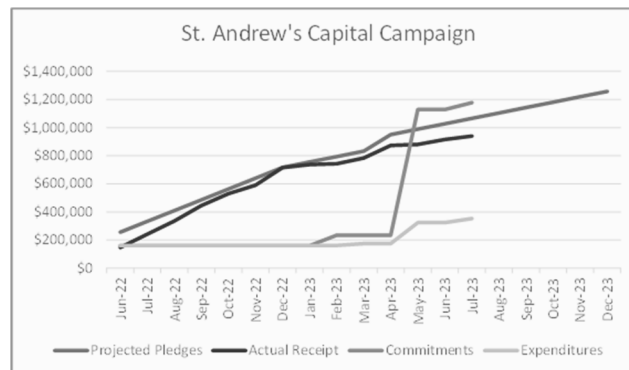
To dedicate flowers, please sign up using the flower dedication list on our bulletin board or by visiting saecheights.org/giving.

EXTERIOR SPACES REPORT TO CONGREGATION

The exterior spaces subcommittee is pleased to report that we now have a contract with the firm Ziegler-Cooper to develop a master site plan for the entire St. Andrew's campus. We have spent the last several months interviewing 4 firms and then evaluating their proposals using a set of criteria that included price, suitability for our needs and overall experience. We considered ourselves fortunate that we had several firms to choose from. Over the next few months, the Ziegler-Cooper staff will work with our committee to develop the final product which will include site plans and rendering drawings for all major exterior spaces including the Memorial Garden Area, the Front Lawns, both school playgrounds, garden beds and irrigation, and the Parish Garden area. We expect to have the final deliverables by December.

Financial Review

Total Pledges
\$2.64 mln
(110 pledges)
Receipts \$939K
Cash on Hand
\$586K (Receipts
–Expenditures)
Commitments \$1178K
Expenditures \$353K



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*
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*
Jerry Gallagher, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*
Diane McCormick, *friend of St. Andrew's*
Stacy Jenkins, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*
Susan Peterson, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*

We pray for the repose of the soul of:

Seamus White, *cousin of Thomas Cronin*
Daniel Baker III, *nephew of Laurie Hardwick*

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

New Fall Service Times: Our 8 AM Rite I service has moved to 8:30 AM. Our Rite II service remains at 10:30 AM and our Rhythms of Grace service remains at 2:30 PM.

Rector's Book Club: On Sunday mornings this Fall (beginning September 10) 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@saccheights.org

Sunday Story for Children in PreK through 5th Grade: A committed group of adults lead Sunday School during the 9:30 am Education Hour Sunday Story, for children in Pre K through 5th grade, incorporates stories from the Bible, lessons on church traditions and seasons, interactive play, and art experiences to offer children the opportunity to explore our faith. Children in this large age range find ways to help and learn from one another, encouraging them to become ministers to their friends. We hope your child will become a part of this community of young learners.

Episcopal 101: Join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 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.

Organ Recital: On Friday, September 15 at 7pm, John Kirk will offer a free organ recital in Belin Chapel at Houston Christian University. Among other works, he'll be presenting a triptych of pieces based on the 23rd Psalm and *A Hiker's Gear*, an organ demonstration piece with a narrated guide of the organ. All are welcome to attend!

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.

Blessing of the Animals: Please join us on October 1st at 4 PM on the front lawn for our annual Blessing of the Animals. We will have live music, hot dogs and treats for people and pets. All animals are welcome at this fun event for the whole family. We will be collecting dog and cat food to donate to Ani-meals on Wheels. If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Stephanie Wells (stephanie.wisdom.wells@gmail.com).

Bible Study Resumes: Our weekly bible studies have resumed on Zoom. Men's Bible Study will be at 6 AM and Women's Bible Study will now be at 12 PM.

“From Consort to Quartet” Concert: Local string quartet *La Speranza* presents their opening season concert at St. Andrew's on Saturday, September 23 at 5pm. *La Speranza* is in residence at St. Andrew's for the 2023-24 season, so you'll see them in church throughout the year. For tickets to this or any of their concerts, visit la-speranza.com/concert-series.

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: The nursery is open from 8:15 AM to 12:15 PM for infants though 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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