

St Andrew's Episcopal Church & School

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

for

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

17 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

Prelude

César Franck

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

Hanover

Hymnal 388

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 19*

BCP 233

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 14:19-31

All sit.

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



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1 Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of | Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange | speech,

2 Judah became God's | sanctuary *
and Israel his do | minion.

3 The sea beheld it and | fled; *
Jordan turned and went | back.

4 The mountains skipped like | rams, *
and the little hills like young | sheep.

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you | fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned | back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like | rams? *
you little hills like young | sheep?

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the | Lord, *
at the presence of the God of | Jacob,

8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of | water *
and flint-stone into a flowing | spring.

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 14: 1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who

abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

At the Sequence, a Hymn

Dickinson College

Hymnal 593

All stand and sing.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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

Each of us is finally accountable to God. So let us pray, saying, “Lord, we are in need of your mercy, have patience with us.”

Lord, we acknowledge that we all sin against our brothers and sisters in Christ. Forgive us even as we forgive each other. Help us to be merciful to each other in the Church. Lord, we are in need of your mercy; **have patience with us.**

Lord, we acknowledge that we desire to repay violence with violence. Open our hearts to forgive even those who commit evil acts towards us and those we love. Help us to live mercifully in our world. Lord, we are in need of

your mercy; **have patience with us.**

Lord, we acknowledge we do not always appreciate the diversity of your creation. Teach us to live in peace with each other and with your creation. Help us to live mercifully with our world. Lord, we are in need of your mercy; **have patience with us.**

Lord, we acknowledge that we do not love our neighbors as you love us. Forgive us for placing ourselves as judge over others when judgment belongs to you alone. Help us to accept the great mercy you choose to show others. Lord, we are in need of your mercy; **have patience with us.**

Lord, we pray for those whose lives are broken by evil. Because of your mercy we believe that whatever befalls them, they belong to you; you care for the brokenhearted. Help us to share your love with all those who are hurting. We pray for those on our parish prayer list, including Sarrah, Lynette, Gary, Patty, Li, Jerry, Diane, Stacy, Susan, Enrique, and John. Lord, we are in need of your mercy; **have patience with us.**

Lord, we remember those who die in violence. We remember those men and women of the armed services, innocent bystanders, first responders, and even those we have called enemies. The dead belong to you, O Lord. Even as we seek your mercy for ourselves, judge all those who have died with mercy. Lord, we are in need of your mercy; **have patience with 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

Giver of Every Perfect Gift

Giver of every perfect gift, You shape my life from womb to grave.
Reveal your good and gracious will that plants me in this time and place.
Display the gifts assigned to me. Make them a witness to your name.

You planned and know the gifts I have; creator God, from you they come,
Unique and special, from your heart, intended for a chosen role.
Thrill me to find and recognize the talents only you can give.

Revealing Word, sent Son of God, Proclaimer of the Kingdom's dawn,
It is for you, because of you, that every talent is bestowed.
You have a part for me to fill, a purpose for this life of mine.

Enabling Spirit, Gift of gifts, empower me, stir up my faith,
Make me an instrument of grace, of mercy, blessings, peace and joy.
Let me not miss another day in seeing what your gifts can do.
Giver of every perfect gift.

Words: Jaroslav J. Vajda

Music: K. Lee Scott

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

Sanctus et Benedictus

New Plainsong

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 361

Hymnal S124

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Agnus Dei

Plainsong

New Plainsong

Hymnal S172

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

*Rendez à Dieu
Halton Holgate*

Hymnal 302
Voices Found 155

1 Wis - dom freed a ho - ly peo - ple, blame - less, from op -
 2 Giv - ing them re - ward of la - bors, led the saints a -
 3 Through the Red Sea safe - ly brought them, led a - long the
 4 For sal - va - tion, Lord, the right - eous praised your name with

pres - sor's sword, and with - stood, with signs and won - ders,
 long her way, she was blaze of stars in dark - ness
 wat - ers steep, but their en - e - mies she swal - lowed,
 one ac - cord: song - filled tongues of new - born peo - ple

ru - lers' dread, to serve the Lord.
 and a shel - ter through the day.
 o - ver - whelmed them in the deep.
 ut - tered Wis - dom's migh - ty word.

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 Music: Halton Holgate, William Boyce (1711-1779).

The Post-Communion Prayer & Blessing BCP 366

In Procession, a Hymn *Cwm Rhondda* Hymnal 690

The Dismissal BCP 366

VOLUNTARY Allegro maestoso e vivace *from* Sonata No. 2
Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

*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 with our love and thanksgiving for the birthday of Niki Papazoglakis
by her family and friends;
and in memory of Chris Barker by Gary and Sarrah Mosely.

To dedicate flowers, please sign up using the flower dedication list on our bulletin board.



We kick off our 2024 Stewardship Campaign, "Come Together" on Sunday, October 1, from 9:30 until 10:15 AM in the Parish Hall. Our festive kick-off will feature face painting for kids (and courageous adults!), lots of donuts, refreshments, and most importantly - good parish fellowship. Come to the kick-off, pick up your stewardship packet, meet our stewardship committee members, and join us as we "Come Together" for St. Andrew's.

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH 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*
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*
Enrique Carrillo, *friend of Susan Peterson*
John Hammerschimdt, *friend of Susan Peterson*

We pray for the repose of the soul of:

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.

Youth Group: Welcome back from Summer Break! The youth meet tonight at 5pm in the Parish Hall. Bring a friend. Come for formation, stay for the nacho bar!

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.

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@saccheights](mailto:Cbrown@saccheights.org) 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@seacheights.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



**COME!
SIT!!
STAY!!**

20 BLESSING 23 OF THE ANIMALS

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