

# St Andrew's Episcopal Church & School

*The Celebration & Administration of*

## **The Holy Eucharist: Rite II**

*for*

*The* **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

24 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**

*Panis Angelicus*

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**

*Abbot's Leigh*

Hymnal 379

*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 20*

BCP 234

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing

away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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**

**Jonah 3:10-4:11**

*All sit.*

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

At the Gradual, Psalm 145: 1-8

Simplified Anglican Chant



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- 1 I will exalt you, O God my | King, \*  
and bless your Name for ever and | ever.
- 2 Every day will I | bless you \*  
and praise your Name for ever and | ever.
- 3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be | praised; \*  
there is no end to his | greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to a | nother \*  
and shall declare your | power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your | majesty \*  
and all your marvelous | works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous | acts, \*  
and I will tell of your | greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great | goodness; \*  
they shall sing of your righteous | deeds.
- 8 The LORD is gracious and full of com | passion, \*  
slow to anger and of great | kindness.
- 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**

**Philippians 1:21-30**

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**At the Sequence, a Hymn** *Holy Manna* Wonder, Love, and Praise 761  
*All stand and sing.*

1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na  
 2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a  
 3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is

is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.  
 wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.  
 liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.

Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for  
 Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were  
 Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who

days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.  
 lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.  
 from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.  
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.  
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.

Taste and see that God is good.  
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**The Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 20:1-16**

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you

envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

*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**

Turn for help to the Lord your strength and constantly seek God’s presence. Let us pray to our generous God, saying, “Lead us with gladness, O God; cover us with shouts of joy.”

Generous God, you have chosen us to do the work of your kingdom; you have called us to labor in your vineyard. With grateful hearts, we offer to you the best of what we have. Lead us with gladness, O God; **cover us with shouts of joy.**

Generous God, you hear the cry of the hungry. Give bread to all those who face starvation. Use us, as you will, to relieve suffering in our world. Lead us with gladness, O God; **cover us with shouts of joy.**

Generous God, you make rivers run in dry places. You have blessed this earth with bountiful resources. Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Lead us with gladness, O God; **cover us with shouts of joy.**

Generous God, there is enough kingdom work for everyone. Give us eyes to see the opportunities in our own neighborhood. Guide us that we may live in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ. Lead us with gladness, O God; **cover us with shouts of joy.**

Generous God, you hear the cries of the desperate. Marvelous are your works, O God. May the sick and suffering rejoice in you. May the sorrowful call upon your name. We pray for those on our parish prayer list, including Sarrah, Lynette, Gary, Patty, Diane, Stacy, Susan, Enrique, John, Stanley, Louise, Kara, and Fernando. Lead us with gladness, O God; **cover us with shouts of joy.**

Generous God, living is Christ and dying is gain. May those who now rest from their labors find their comfort in you. Let light perpetual shine upon them. We pray for those who have died, including Daniel. Lead us with gladness, O God; **cover us with shouts of joy.**

*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 from the Organ Committee**

Mr. Michael Mergens  
*Organ Committee Member*

## 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.



Today is Theological Education Sunday, a day in which we give thanks for the formational work of Episcopal Seminaries. All loose plate collections will go to support the mission of Virginia Theological Seminary (Clint, class of 2020, and Jimmy, class of 2005) and Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas.

**At the Offertory, an Anthem**

*O Praise the Lord*

O praise the Lord, all ye people. Praise him all ye nations.  
For his merciful kindness is ever more towards us;  
and the truth of the Lord endureth forever and ever. Amen.

Words: Psalm 117

Music: Adrian Batten, arr. Thoburn

### 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

*St. Peter*

*Seek Ye First*

Hymnal 644

Hymnal 711

### The Post-Communion Prayer & Blessing

BCP 366

### In Procession, a Hymn

*Ora Labora*

Hymnal 541

### The Dismissal

BCP 366



**VOLUNTARY**

*Toccata Brevis*

Daniel Gawthrop

*Please join us for Coffee Time hosted by the Gibbs 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 Oscar Banta-Guevara's birthday by Bruce Banta-  
Guevara.

*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*  
Gary Moseley, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*  
Patty Mejia, *spouse of Frank Guevara*  
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 Hammerschmidt, *friend of Susan Peterson*  
Stanley Malbrough, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*  
Louise Ornelas, *mother of Margo Ornelas*  
Kara Mathis, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*  
Fernando Capdevila, *friend of Frank Guevara*

**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](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.



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.



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

# 20 BLESSING 23 OF THE ANIMALS

DATE

October 1,  
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## PARISH LIFE & NEWS

**Faith and Film:** Join us via Zoom on Tuesday, September 26th to discuss the film *The Green Mile*. Email Lisa at [lpuccio@saecheights.org](mailto:lpuccio@saecheights.org) for a Zoom link.

**Garden and Grounds Workday:** We need your help to clear old beds and prepare them for fall planting, as well as spreading soil, mulching, harvesting, and beautifying the grounds. Join us Saturday, September 30th from 9am until noon. For additional information or to volunteer, reach out to Susan Kelly or Rev. Clint Brown.

**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@saecheights.org](mailto:jgrace@saecheights.org)

**Sunday Story for Children in PreK through 5<sup>th</sup> 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@saecheights](mailto: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](mailto:stephanie.wisdom.wells@gmail.com)).

**Register to vote:** Need to register to vote or update your voter registration? Voter registrars will be manning a table at the Blessing of the Animals on October 1st -- you can complete the paperwork in less than five minutes and we'll even deliver it for you. This is one of the last opportunities to register before the November 7th election. Call or text Liz Dennis at 713-826-9765 if you need more information.

**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.

**Weekly Newsletter:** If you are not receiving our weekly newsletter and would like to please email Carrie at [cconti@saecheights.org](mailto: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](mailto:jgrace@saecheights.org)



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