

# St Andrew's Episcopal Church & School

*The Celebration & Administration of*

## The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

*for*

### The Fourteenth Sunday *after* Pentecost

3 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**                      *Meditation on Brother James' Air*                      Harold Darke

#### 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**                      *Regent Square*                      Hymnal 368  
*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 17**                      BCP 233

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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

Exodus 3:1-15

*All sit.*

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**At the Gradual, Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26,**

Simplified Anglican Chant



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- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his | Name; \*  
make known his deeds among the | peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to | him, \*  
and speak of all his marvelous | works.
- 3 Glory in his holy | Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD re|joice.
- 4 Search for the LORD and his | strength; \*  
continually seek his | face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has | done, \*  
his wonders and the judgments of his | mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his | servant, \*  
O children of Jacob his | chosen.
- 23 Israel came into | Egypt, \*  
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of | Ham.
- 24 The LORD made his people exceedingly | fruitful; \*  
he made them stronger than their | enemies;
- 25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his | people, \*  
and dealt unjustly with his | servants.
- 26 He sent Moses his | servant, \*  
and Aaron whom he had | chosen.

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 12: 9-21**

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**At the Sequence, a Hymn**

*Hollingside*

Hymnal 707

*All stand and sing.*

**The Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 16:21-28**

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?”

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

*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**

People of God, be kindly affectioned one to another with love. And let us come before God, saying, “We glorify your holy name, and offer to you our prayer, O Lord.”

Lord Jesus, you bid your disciples take up their cross and follow you: may your holy Church desire, above all, the things of God that we might overcome evil with good. We glorify your holy name, **and offer to you our prayer, O Lord.**

Lord God of our forebears, you know the sorrows of the afflicted: Deliver those who are being oppressed. And grant your peace to all the world. We glorify your holy name, **and offer to you our prayer, O Lord.**

Good Lord, you make known your wondrous works: reveal yourself in the works of your hands as you did to Moses our forebear on the holy mountain. We glorify your holy name, **and offer to you our prayer, O Lord.**

O Lord, grant that the people of our land be given to hospitality. May we abhor that which is evil and cleave to that which is good and, in so doing, may we live peaceably with one another. We glorify your holy name, **and offer to you our prayer, O Lord.**

Strong Lord, make us weep with those who weep. Reveal your strength to the weak and lowly that they may rejoice in all your marvelous works. We pray for those on our parish prayer list, including Sarrah, Lynette, Gary, Patty, Armando, Barbara, Doug, Li, Jerry, Diane, Stacy, and Susan. We glorify your holy name, **and offer to you our prayer, O Lord.**

Almighty God, you reward each one according to their works: Give to the dead rest from their labors and life everlasting. We pray for those who have died, including Seamus and Daniel. We glorify your holy name, **and offer to you our prayer, O Lord.**

**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** *With a Voice of Singing*

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!  
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.  
The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia!  
O be joyful in God, all ye lands.  
O sing praises to the honor of His name, make His praise to be glorious.  
With a voice of singing, declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!

Words & Music: Martin Shaw

### 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** Plainsong  
**Agnus Dei** *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

*Go Down, Moses*

Hymnal 648

### The Post-Communion Prayer & Blessing

BCP 366

**In Procession, a Hymn**      *Intercessor*      Wonder, Love and Praise 734



1. You laid a - side your right - ful rep - u - ta - tion  
 2. You touched the lep - er, ate with those re - ject - ed,  
 3. Help us to fol - low, Je - sus, where you lead us  
 4. Draw us to you and with your love trans - form us;



and gave no heed to what the world might say;  
 re - ceived the wor - ship of a wo - man's tears;  
 to love, to serve, our own lives lay - ing down;  
 the love we've seen, the love we've touched and known;



served as a slave and laid a - side your gar - ments  
 You shed the pride that keeps us from the free - dom  
 to walk your way of hum - ble, cost - ly ser - vice,  
 en - large our hearts and with com - pas - sion fill us



to wash the feet of those who walked your way.  
 to love our neigh - bor, lay - ing down our fears.  
 a cross its end, a ring of thorns its crown.  
 to love, to serve, to fol - low you a - lone.

Words: Rosalind Brown (b. 1953);  
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 Music: *Intercessor*, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

**The Dismissal**  
**VOLUNTARY**

*Fanfare*

BCP 366  
 William Mathias

*Please join us for our Potluck in the Parish Hall on the 2nd floor,  
 which can be accessed by the stairs or elevator.*





The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God  
by the Sullivan family  
and in memory of Elaine “Sissy” Massey by Cathey Harrison.

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

### 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 (through end of July)

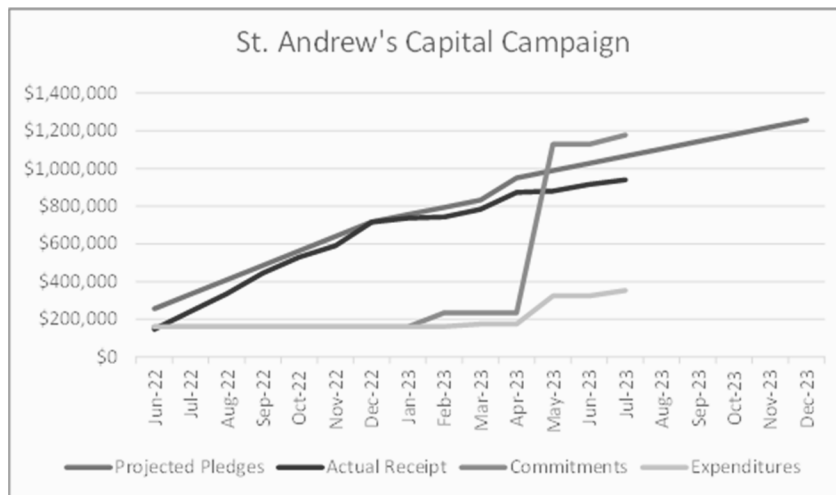
Total Pledges – \$2.64 mln (110 pledges)

Receipts - \$939K

Cash on Hand - \$586K (Receipts – Expenditures)

Commitments - \$1178K

Expenditures - \$353K



## PARISH LIFE & NEWS

*\*In observance of Labor Day, our church office will be closed Monday,  
September 4th.*

**Loose Plate Collections:** The first Sunday of each month, the loose plate collection goes towards St. Andrew's clergy discretionary accounts. Clergy use their discretionary accounts to help people in need of assistance.

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

**Youth Group:** There will be no Youth Sunday today.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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)

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







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