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St. Andrew's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church
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Come as you are!

Gathering Song Take My Life and Let It Be *Worship & Rejoice 466*
Worship & Rejoice is the blue book in the pew rack.

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

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 Lessons

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 26 *Read responsively by verse.*

1 Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity; *

I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

2 Test me, O Lord, and try me; *

examine my heart and my mind.

3 For your love is before my eyes; *

I have walked faithfully with you.

4 I have not sat with the worthless, *

nor do I consort with the deceitful.

5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *

I will not sit down with the wicked.

6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, *

that I may go in procession round your altar,

7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *

and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

8 Lord, I love the house in which you dwell *

and the place where your glory abides.

Second Lesson

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

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.

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The Gospel

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

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Roberto Maldonado

The Creed



1. We be-lieve in___ God al - might - y,___
 2. We be-lieve in___ God's Son,___ Je - sus,___
 3. We be-lieve that___ Je - sus___ suf - fer'd,
 4. We be-lieve that___ on the___ third day___
 5. We be-lieve in___ God's own___ Spir - it,___
 6. In the bod - y's___ res - ur - rec - tion,___



au - thor of all___ things that be, ma - ker___ of the
 now for us both Lord and Christ, of the___ Spir - it
 scourg'd and scorn'd and cru - ci - fied; tak - en___ from the
 Christ was rais'd up___ from the grave, then as - cend - ed
 bond - ing all the___ saints with - in, one church cath - 'lic,
 for the break - ing of death's chain gives the___ life that's



earth and___ heav - ens,___ keep - er___ of the___ sky and sea.
 and___ of___ Ma - ry___ born to___ bring a - bun - dant life.
 cross, was bur - ied___ True life there had tru - ly died.
 to___ God's right hand. He will come to___ judge and save.
 one___ church ho - ly,___ where for - give - ness frees from sin;
 ev - er - last - ing.___ This the faith that we have claim'd.

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The Prayers of the People

Holy Spirit, intoxicate us with visions and dreams that will align us with you. Jolt us from our inertia into action. Come into our lives with power.

Come, Holy Spirit, and stay with us.

Transform our melancholy into joy, our worry into peace, our despair into hope. We pray for healing for those who suffer from any distress or illness. Come into our lives

with healing.

Come, Holy Spirit, and stay with us.

Shape our weary and wounded souls into souls on fire for God's mission.

Come, Holy Spirit, and stay with us.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to our Comforter.

Come, Holy Spirit, and stay with us.

For our president, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, that they might be granted compassion and insight, let us pray to our Sustainer.

Come, Holy Spirit, and stay with us.

For Mother Earth and for the foresight and will to conserve her, let us pray to Holy Wisdom.

Come, Holy Spirit, and stay with us.

For the strength to bear all manner of adversity, let us pray to our Deliverer, for those who have asked for our prayers, especially Balewa Kwalar, Charles Rus, and those we now name in our hearts or aloud (*pause*).

Come, Holy Spirit, and stay with us.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, meeting our passage with grace and dignity, let us pray to the Lover of our souls, and especially for those we now name in our hearts or aloud (*pause*).

Come, Holy Spirit, and stay with us.

Ever present and eternal God, hear the prayers and praises of your people. Help us to live in hope, to build your community, and to be vessels of grace to all. **Amen.**

Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

Deacon: Let us confess our sins to God.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

The Offertory

Let us walk in love as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

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standrewspb.org/give-to-st-andrews

or scan this QR code to go straight to our giving page. Thank you!



Offertory Hymn

The Wonderful Cross

Verses

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2. See from His head, His hands, His feet, sor - row and
3. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an
6 Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I count but
love flow - min - gled down; Did e'er such love and sor - row
of - fring far too small. Love so a - maz - ing, so di -
12 loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown.
vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

17 Refrain

O the won-der-ful cross, — O the won-der-ful cross — bids me come
 — and die — and find — that I — may tru - ly live. — O the
 won - der - ful cross, — O the won - der - ful cross; — All who gath-
 - er here by grace — draw near and bless — Your name. —

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When the offering is brought to the front, we stand and sing together:

Praise God, whose im - age we all — bear; Praise Christ, whose
 mer-cy we all share; Praise Spir-it, mak-ing jus - tice
 grow; One God, from whom all bless - ings flow! A - men!

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The Eucharistic Prayer

Please stand, as able.

God be with you.

And also with you.

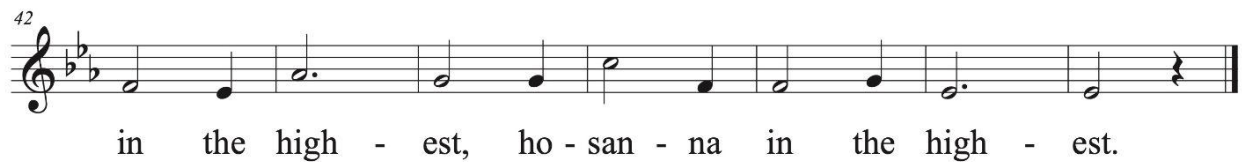
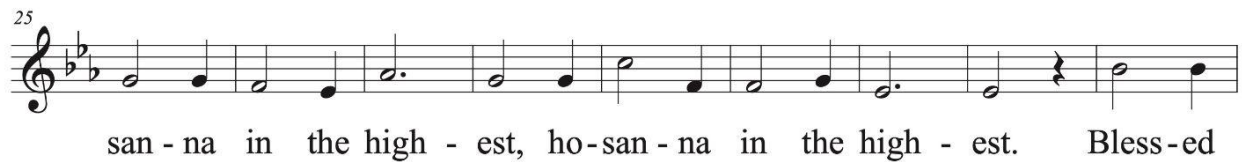
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We offer you praise and hearts lifted high, O God, whose light enlightens every human being, and whose love offers to all hope for new life. And so with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea, and sky, with the light of sun and stars, with angels of light, with saints of heaven and earth, we join in the song of your unending greatness:



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We thank you, loving God, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and showed us the way to live. As you sent your Spirit to the disciples on the day of Pentecost, now send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood, and that we may be united as one body in Christ.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: **"This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me."**

After they had eaten, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: **"This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins."**

So God, with this bread and this cup we celebrate Christ's love, death, and risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Savior.

Help us, God, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.
AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven,	as we forgive those who trespass
hallowed be thy Name,	against us.
thy kingdom come,	And lead us not into temptation,
thy will be done,	but deliver us from evil.
on earth as it is in heaven.	For thine is the kingdom, and the
Give us this day our daily bread.	power, and the glory,
And forgive us our trespasses,	for ever and ever. Amen.

A period of silence follows as the Bread is broken.

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Invitation to Communion

This is the banquet table, not of the church, but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who have not been here for a long time or never before; you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, not because the Church invites you, but because it is Christ who invites you to meet God here.

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Please kneel or be seated.

Wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith you are welcome to receive the bread and wine made holy. Please come forward to receive communion. The minister will dip the bread into the wine and then place it in your hands. If you need gluten-free wafers, please say "gluten free" to the person distributing bread. If you prefer to receive the bread only (and not wine), please come forward and say "bread only." Let an usher know if you would like a minister to bring communion to you in your seat. If you prefer not to receive communion, we invite you to come forward with your hands crossed at your shoulders, and the minister will offer a blessing for your presence with us today.



The Rev'd Sarah West | visiolectio.com

Communion Music

Take My Life

Chris Tomlin



1. Take my life and let ___ it ___ be ___ con - se - crat - ed, Lord, ___ to Thee.
2. Take my voice and let ___ me sing ___ al - ways, on - ly, for ___ my King.
3. Take my will and make it ___ Thine, it ___ shall be ___ no long - er mine.



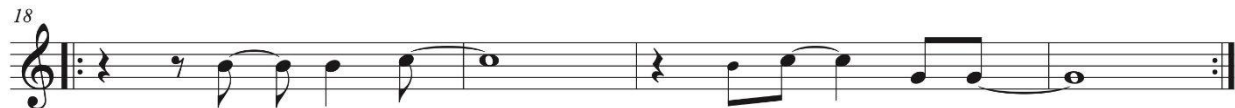
Take my mo - ments and my ___ days, let ___ them flow in cease - less praise.
 Take my lips and let ___ them be ___ filled with mes - sag - es ___ from Thee.
 Take my heart, it ___ is ___ Thine own, it ___ shall be ___ Thy roy - al throne.



Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of ___ Thy love.
 Take my sil - ver and my gold not a mite would I ___ with - hold.
 Take my love, my Lord, I ___ pour at your feet its treas - ure store.



Take my feet and let ___ them be ___ swift and beau - ti - ful ___ for Thee. ___
 Take my in - tel - lect ___ and use ev' - ry pow - er as ___ You choose. ___
 Take my-self and I ___ will be ___ ev - er, on - ly, all ___ for Thee. ___



Here am I, ___ all ___ of me. ___
 Take my life, ___ it's all ___ for Thee. ___

Blessings and Celebrations

If you're celebrating a birthday, an anniversary of a wedding or sobriety, or another event, you are invited to come forward for prayer. We hold space to pray for joyous occasions as well as difficult milestones.

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase. Bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand. Comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful. Raise them up if they fall. And in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Community Announcements

The Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray. **God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life
and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

God's Blessing be with you,
Christ's peace be with you,
the Spirit's outpouring be with you,
now and always. **Amen.**

The Sending Song: *O Christ, Who Called the Twelve*
See next page.

The Dismissal

Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God!

The Sending Song: *O Christ, Who Called the Twelve*



1. O__ Christ, who called the Twelve To__ rise and fol - low you,
2. O__ Christ, who led the Twelve A - mong the des - o - late__
3. O__ Christ, who sent the Twelve On__ roads they'd nev - er trod__



For - sak - ing old, fa - mi - liar ways For ven - tures bold and
And broke as bread of life for all Your love com - pas - sion -
To__ serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim The near - er reign of



new: Grant us to hear your call To__ risk se - cu - ri -
ate: Lead us a - long the ways Where hope has near - ly
God: Send us on ways where faith Tran - scends ti - mi - di -



ty__ And,__ bound in heart and will to you, Find
died And__ help us climb the lone - ly hills Where
ty,__ Where love in - forms and hope sus - tains Both



per - fect lib - er - ty__ O__ Christ, who called the Twelve.
love is cru - ci - fied. O__ Christ, who led the Twelve.
life and min - is - try__ O__ Christ, who sent the Twelve.

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*If this is your first time at St. Andrew's, we are glad you're here!
We are a church community rooted in Jesus, and committed to these core values:
joyful authenticity, radical inclusion, grounded curiosity, and loving justice.*

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Community Announcements

Stay in touch: Sign up for the e-news

Want to get involved at St. Andrew's? The best way to stay up-to-date is to subscribe to our weekly e-news. We share information about upcoming social events, formation opportunities, and more. Scan the QR code to subscribe.



Recruiting Caring Sunday School Teachers

If you enjoy working with funny, clever, curious children and can commit to leading a pre-planned Sunday School lesson once a month October-May, please reach out to Family Minister, Kari Robinson at family@standrewspb.org.

St. Andrew's Appreciation Luncheon, TODAY, after the service

We will host a luncheon to bring together the St. Andrew's family for an end-of-summer get-together. In appreciation of the spirit and gifts of the St. Andrew's community as we continue in our transition journey.

A time to visit after many have been off on vacations, and start into the fall season.

Applications Open: Johnson-Wong Scholarship

If you are preparing to enter a full-time college or university this fall, you are eligible to apply for the Johnson Wong Scholarship! This fund is generously provided by St. Andrew's members who are committed to the education of our young people. It is awarded to St. Andrew's members or children of members who plan to attend an accredited college full-time in the next school year. Fill out the application (link in the enews) due TODAY.

Register for our Parish Retreat: September 25-27

We'll enjoy 2 nights in Bergstrom lodge, 5 delicious meals, outdoor morning prayer and time getting to connect with our church family. Optional activities include:

hiking, swimming, bonfire, and family craft time. Indoor accommodations: private rooms with private bathrooms; scratch-made delicious meals made by camp staff.

Camp Stevens is a place of beauty with over 250 acres of wild land for hiking, listening and being with God.

Registration is CLOSED for overnight stays, we have reached capacity! Join us for the day on Saturday or come up for breakfast on Sunday by going to standrewspb.org/families/parish-retreat!

Preschool Sunday and BBQ Save-the-Date: September 13th

ListenWifi

Do you find it difficult to hear the service clearly due to the echo in our sanctuary? We are excited to introduce a new assistive listening system! To join:



1. Make sure your wifi and bluetooth are on. Scan the QR code (open the camera on your smartphone, focus on the symbol to the right, and click on the link that pops up) to connect to our local wifi or find the St. Andrew's by-the-Sea wifi. The password is: amordedios
2. Download the app "ListenWifi" on your smartphone in your App Store (it is free!).
3. It will ask you a series of questions. Say yes to everything! For the question, "Allow 'ListenWIFI' to use your location?" You can click on "allow once" or "allow while using app".
4. Plug in your own headphones or borrow a pair from the piano at the back of the church.
5. Click on Channel 01. Adjust the volume to your desired level.

If you have trouble, please ask a neighbor before the service.