

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 26, 2020 (10:30 am)
Presider: The Rev. Bob Gross
Preacher: Dr. Michael Bauer
Lector: The Rev. Dr. John Schaefer
Organist: Dr. Michael Bauer
Music Director: Ms. Susie Thorne

Prelude: "The Good Life"

Sacha Distel

Announcements

Opening Hymn: "The Lord is God"

Presbyterian Hymnal #63

1 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise
2 With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might,
3 At night or day, at home, a - way, to - geth - er and a - part,
4 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise

to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.
O peo - ple, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.
O chil - dren, take these ho - ly words and keep them in your heart.
to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "The Lord is God" in G major and 3/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the final four lines. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords that support the melody.

Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria:

Hymnal #S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy



on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,



you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the



glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Presider: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 29:15-28

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

- 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 rejoice.**
- 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.**
- 7 He is the LORD our God; *
his judgments prevail in all the world.**
- 8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, *
the promise he made for a thousand generations:**
- 9 The covenant he made with Abraham, *
the oath that he swore to Isaac,**
- 10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, *
an everlasting covenant for Israel,**
- 11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan *
to be your allotted inheritance."**

45b Hallelujah!

The Epistle: Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

**“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”**

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: "Day by Day"

Words & music by Stephen Schwartz

Day by ___ day Day by ___ day.

5 Oh, dear Lord, three things I pray. _____

9 To see thee ___ more clear - ly, love thee more dear - ly,

13 fol - low thee more near - ly ___ day by day. ___ day by ___ day. _____

Rock

19 Day by ___ day. Day by ___ day.

23 Oh, dear Lord, three things I ___ pray. _____

27 To see thee more clear ly. ___ Love thee more dear ly. ___

31 fol - low thee more near - ly ___ Day by ___ day. _____ D.S.

35 Day by ___ day ___ by day by ___ day ___ by day.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon: "A Good Day"

Dr. Michael Bauer

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Song: "Today Will Be A Good Day"

Spiritual

**In the sweet light of the morning
When the sun begins to rise
I was awakened by some singing
Of birds just flying by
Now they was telling one another
Today will be a good day
I'm gonna make it that way**

**I got myself up, to greet the day
Thank the Good Lord for what he made
Made my bed up – had myself some coffee
Read the newspaper to see what they have to say
Now, whether it's good news, or it's just blues
Today will be a good day
I'm gonna make it that way**

**My God gave me a wheel, ooh and a voice
I can make a difference - with just one choice
You see the King of all heaven
Is at hand
As long as I'm living - I'm gonna take a stand
I'm gonna do my best
Hear me when I say
Because today will be a good day
I'm gonna make it that way!**

**Gonna be a good day, yes a good day
Good day, I'm gonna make it that way
Gonna be a good day
Lord a good day
Good day – I wouldn't have it any other way
Now, whether it's good news, or it's just blues
Today will be a good day
I'm gonna make it that way**

Prayers of the People

O Most mighty and merciful God, in this time of grievous sickness, we flee unto thee for comfort. Deliver us, we beseech thee, from our peril; give strength and skill to all those who minister to the sick; prosper the means made use of for their cure; and grant that, perceiving how frail and uncertain our life is, we may apply our hearts unto that heavenly wisdom which leadeth to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (From the 1928 BCP)

Bound together in Christ in the communion of the Holy Spirit, let us pray with one heart and mind to God: Holy Trinity, your Church is splintered and sorrowful. We hunger for the bread only you can give; we long for the solace of an absent embrace from our friends. Gather us close, hide us under the shadow of your wings, and strengthen us to be your ministers amidst the uncertainties that lie ahead, Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

We pray that the Holy Spirit might shield those who work who work in health care, grant healing in the lives of those affected and, by the power of God, bring this pandemic to a quick end. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

For this holy gathering, and for those who come with faith and reverence for God. We pray especially for those who in these days feel isolated or alone, and for those with little access to healthcare. We pray for all who have lost their jobs, are in financial insecurity, hungry, or feeling hopeless. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

Lord, Jesus Christ, who reached across the ethnic boundaries between Samaritan, Roman and Jew, who offered fresh sight to the blind and freedom to captives, help us to break down the barriers in our community, enable us to see the reality of racism and bigotry, and free us to challenge and uproot it from ourselves, our society and our world. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

For the welfare of the holy churches of God, and for the unity of all. In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Paul's in Ogallala, The Rev. JA Welsh, and Non-Parochial and Retired Clergy, and Surviving Clergy Spouses. Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

Bless and guide all leaders and ministers, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Scott, our Bishop; and for the presbyters, the deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people. Lead all those who govern and judge, especially Donald, our President; Pete, our Governor; and Jean, our Mayor. Forgive us for our hatred and divisions. Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

For ourselves, our families, and those we love. We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays, especially Connor, Scott, Liz, Cathy, Sahara and for those celebrating anniversaries, especially Andy and Kim, Lance and Jamie, Stephen and Melanie. In our parish cycle of prayer, we give thanks for the Hawekotte, Henry, Hewlet, and two Hill families. Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

We pray for those who are sick or in need of our prayers. Especially for Peggy, Terry and Sharon, Jeanette, Pam, Rinda, David, Wendy, Kenner, Betty, Bob and those we pray for now (pause, people may add their own petitions, please write petitions in the comment section of Facebook) Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

For all those in need, the suffering and the oppressed, travelers and prisoners, the dying and the dead. Grant to all who have died a dwelling place in your house forever, (pause, people may add their own petitions, please write petitions in the comment section of Facebook) Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

Remembering the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Andrew and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord our God.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The priest says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**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.**

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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

Peace:

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Prayer for St. Andrew's Parish

Gracious God, who called the Apostle Andrew to follow Jesus; give each of us at St. Andrew's parish the same grace to follow Jesus without delay. Through our worship, work and daily lives may we bring others into your gracious presence. Grant that each of us be guided and directed by the Holy Spirit so that our lives will reflect your love in the world. Through Christ our Savior. Amen

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

People and Celebrant

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

Officiant and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all people.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,**

**by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.***

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Blessing:

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Closing Hymn: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

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1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Dismissal

Postlude: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Johann Gottfried Walther

Musicians (band): Dan Cerveny – keyboard/pedal base; Tom Phillips – guitar/vocal; Darren Pettit – tenor sax; Joey Gulizia – drums; Susie Thorne -- vocals.

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***We are a Christ-centered community,
joyfully making a difference by....***

Worshipping, Loving, Welcoming, Including, Supporting

The Rt. Rev. Scott Barker-----Bishop, Diocese of Nebraska

The Rev. Dr. John Schaefer-----Rector

The Rev. Robert A. Gross-----Assisting Priest

The Rev. LaClaire Atkins-----Bishop's Society Curate