

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, June 28, 2020 (10:30 am)
Presider: The Rev. Bob Gross
Preacher: The Rev. Bob Gross
Lector: Ron Dunic
Organist: Dr. Michael Bauer
Music Director: Ms. Susie Thorne

Prelude: Speak No Evil

Music by Wayne Shorter

Announcements

Opening Hymn: Morning has broken

Hymnal #8

Unison or harmony

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
born of the one light E - den saw play!

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

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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

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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



Presider: God be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; 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 22:1-14

God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 13

- 1 How long, O LORD?
will you forget me for ever? *
how long will you hide your face from me?**
- 2 How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,
and grief in my heart, day after day? *
how long shall my enemy triumph over me?**
- 3 Look upon me and answer me, O LORD my God; *
give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;**
- 4 Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," *
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.**
- 5 But I put my trust in your mercy; *
my heart is joyful because of your saving help.**
- 6 I will sing to the LORD, for he has dealt with me richly; *
I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.**

The Epistle: Romans 6:12-23

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: I the Lord of sea and sky (Here I Am Lord)

Words & music by Dan Schutte

I the Lord of sea and sky. I have heard my peo - ple cry.
I who made the stars of night. I will make their dark - ness bright.

5 All who dwell in dark and skin, my hand will save.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I _____ send?

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10 Here I am, Lord. It is I, Lord.

14 I have heard you calling in the night.

18 I will go, Lord. If you lead me.

22 I will hold your people in my heart.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Bob Gross

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: "The Man Upstairs"

Words & music by Jenny Lou Carson

**Have you talked to the Man upstairs
'Cause He wants to hear from you**

**Have you talked to the Man upstairs
He will always see you through**

**And if trouble ever troubles you
Now don't you run and hide
'Cause if you ever need a friend
He'll be there by your side**

**Just turn your eyes to heaven
And say a simple prayer
Through the clouds of lace
You'll see His face
No matter when or where**

**Have you talked to the Man upstairs
'Cause He wants to hear from you
If you talk to the Man upstairs
He will always see you through**

Prayers of the People

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 Trinity Memorial in Crete, Grace Church in Columbus, and Deacon Christine Grosh. 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 this holy gathering both near and afar and for those who come with faith and reverence of 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

For ourselves, our families, and those we love. We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays, especially Liz, Polly, Ramona, Sue, Shirley and for those celebrating anniversaries, especially Don and Bebe. In our parish cycle of prayer, we give thanks for the Frieling, Frink, Gabelhaus, Gambal, and Gardner families. Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

We pray for those who are sick or in need of our prayers. Especially for John Mabry 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.*

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)

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 Song: My Shepherd will supply my need

Hymnal #664



1 My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je - ho - vah
2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy pres - ence
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me



is his Name; _____ in pas - tures fresh he
is my stay; _____ one word of thy sup -
all my days; _____ oh, may thy house be



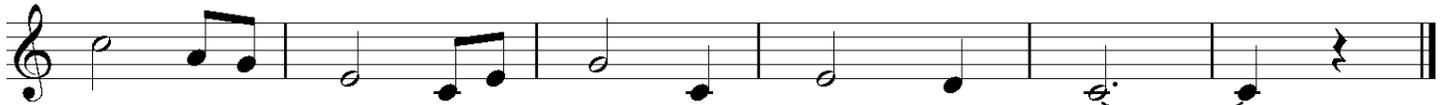
makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.____
port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.____
mine a - bode and all my work be praise.____



He brings my wan - dering spi - rit back when I for -
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my
There would I find a sett - led rest, while o - thers



sake his ways, _____ and leads me, for his
 ta - ble spread; _____ my cup with bless - ings
 go and come; _____ no more a stran - ger



mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace. _____
 o - ver - flows, thy oil a - noints my head. _____
 or a guest, but like a child at home. _____

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); para. of Psalm 23

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Dismissal

Postlude: "Fugue"

Durufle

Musicians (band): Dan Cerveny – keyboard/pedal bass; Darren Pettit – sax; Joey Gulizia – drums; - Susie Thorne, vocals.

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Vision Statement

***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