



**St. Andrew's
Episcopal Church
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Celebration of Holy Eucharist and Holy Baptism
Sunday, September 13, 2020 (9:00 am)
Presider: The Rev. LaClaire Atkins**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opening Song: "Your Love Feeds My Soul"

Sung by a soloist

Words & music by Grant Birchard

The Liturgy of the Word

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

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

Presider: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: There is one hope in God's call to us;

Presider: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: One God and Father of all.

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.*

Presider: Lord have mercy.

People: Christ have mercy.

Presider: Lord have mercy

Presider: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Epistle: Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

**"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."**

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times."

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon:

The Rev. Dr. John Schaefer

THE RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM

Brynn Griffin Danburg & Roman Stewart Danburg

Parents: Stewart Wayne Danburg and Catherine Westfall Danburg

Sponsors: R. Todd Arndt, Susan J. Rowland, Kelly Wenz, David R. Westfall

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Presider: The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents & Godparents: I present Brynn Griffin Danburg to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Presider: Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate (Brynn): I do.

**Presider: The second Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
*Parents & Godparents: I present Roman Stewart Danburg to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.***

Presider: Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate (Roman): I do.

Presider: Will you be responsible for seeing that these children you present are brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents & Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you by prayers and witness help these children to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents & Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Question (Presider): Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer (Parents , Godparents, & Candidates): I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer (Parents , Godparents, & Candidates): I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer (Parents , Godparents, & Candidates): I renounce them.

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer (Parents , Godparents, & Candidates): I renounce them.

Question: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer (Parents , Godparents, & Candidates): I renounce them.

Question: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer (Parents , Godparents, & Candidates): I renounce them.

After the candidates have been presented,

Presider: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Brynn and Roman in their lives in Christ?

People: We will.

The Baptismal Covenant (*All stand*)

Presider: Let us join with Brynn and Roman who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Presider: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Presider: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Presider: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Presider: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you persevere in resisting evil and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

Presider: Let us now pray for Brynn and Roman who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving over the Water

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

Presider: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Baptism

Presider: Brynn Griffin Danburg, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Presider: Brynn Griffin, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

Presider: Roman Stewart Danburg, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Presider: Roman Stewart, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

Presider: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Presider: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People: *We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.*

The Peace

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

People: *And also with you.*

Song: "You Have Been Baptized"

St. Andrew's Choir a cappella

The Liturgy of the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Presider: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Savior who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Presider and People:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Presider continues:

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Presider and People: Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Presider says:

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion All who call upon Jesus as their Savior are welcome to partake. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Communion Music: "Christ Be Magnified"

Words & music by Cody Carnes, Cory Asbury, & Ethan Hulse

After Communion, the Presider says: Let us pray.

Presider and People:

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

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

Blessing

Closing Song: "Your Love Feeds by Soul" recap

Sung by a soloist

Dismissal

Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Musicians today are: Tom Phillips – guitar/vocals; Joey Gulizia - cajon; Susie Thorne – vocalist.

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