

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 25, 2020 (10:30 am)
Presider: The Rev. Dr. John Schaefer
Preacher: The Rev. Robert Gross
Organist: Dr. Michael Bauer
Music Director: Ms. Susie Thorne

Prelude: "This Is Always"

Music by Harry Warren

Announcements

Opening Hymn: When morning gilds the skies (v. 1-3)

Hymnal #427

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart, a - wak - ing, cries,
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
 3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heaven is known
 4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, in this your con - cord find:
 5 Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face,

1 may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning sha - dows fall,
 2 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
 3 than, Je - sus Christ be praised! There to the e - ter - nal Word
 4 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
 5 sing, Je - sus Christ be praised! God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,

1 this rings my cur - few call, may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 2 hath none that can com - pare with: Je - sus Christ be praised!
 3 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 4 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 5 both now and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

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

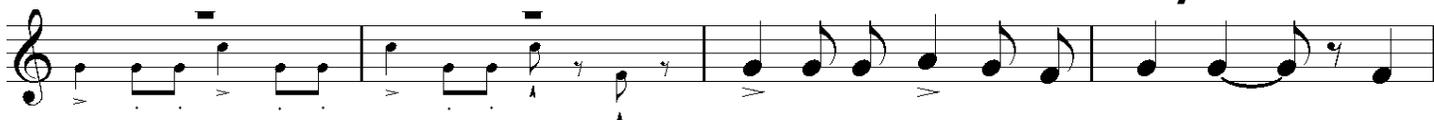
People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

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-278



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -



might - y 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.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

**1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.**

**2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.**

**3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."**

**4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.**

- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.**
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**
- 13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.**
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.**
- 16 Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.**
- 17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.**

The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: "Build My Life" Words & music by Brett Younker, Karl Martin, Kirby Kaple, Matt Redman, & Pat Barrett



Wor - thy of ev - 'ry song ___we could ev - er sing. Wor - thy of all the praise
 Je - sus the name a - bove ___ev - 'ry oth - er name. Je - sus the on - ly one ___



___we could ev - er bring. Wor - thy of ev - 'ry breath ___we could ev - er breathe We live for you.
 ___who could ev - er save. Wor - thy of ev - 'ry breath ___we could ev - er breathe. We live for you,



we live for you. ___



¹¹ Ho - ly there is no - one like you, there is none be - side you. O - pen up my eyes in won - der and



¹⁵ show me who you are and fill me, with your heart and lead me in your love to those a - round me.



¹⁹ I will build my life up - on your love, it is a firm foun - da - tion.



²³ I will put my trust in you a - lone, and I will not be shak - en.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

**'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet"?'"**

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

**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: "Love the Lord Your God"

Words & music by Lincoln Brewster

**Love the Lord your God
With all your heart
With all your soul
With all your mind
And with all your strength
(Repeat)**

(Chorus)

**With all your heart
With all your soul
With all your mind
And with all your strength
Love the Lord your God
With all your heart
With all your soul
With all your mind
And with all your strength**

**I will serve the Lord
With all my heart
With all my soul
With all my mind
And with all my strength (Repeat)**

Chorus 2: With all my heart.....

(Repeat after Tom!)

I will love You	(I will love You)
I will praise You	(I will praise You)
I will serve You, Lord	(I will serve You)
I will trust You, Lord	(I will trust You)

With all my heart	(with all my heart)
With all my soul	(with all my soul)
With all my mind	(with all my mind)
And with all my strength	(all my strength)
With all my heart	(with all my heart)
With all my soul	(with all my soul)
With all my mind	(with all my mind)
With all my strength	(and all my strength)

**I will love You Lord
With all my heart
With all my soul
With all my mind
And with all my strength**

(Repeat)

Prayers of the People

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop(s) especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Scott, our Bishop. In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for our The Balancing the Scales of Justice Task Force, St. Luke's in Plattsburgh, The Rev. Mavis Hall, and Deacon Ellen Olson. I ask your prayers for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

**Reader: Lord in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; we pray especially for Donald, our President; Pete, our Governor; and Jean, our Mayor; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

Reader: Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. We pray especially for Terry and Sharon, Kenner, Betty, Albert, Richard, Douglas, Corrine, Alyxandra, Phyllis and Roger, Nelson, Steve and Piper, Aaron and those we pray for now (pause, people may add their own petitions, please write petitions in the comment section of Facebook) We pray for those dealing with natural disasters, especially those in the paths of hurricanes and fires. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

Reader: Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

Reader: Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

**I ask your prayers for the departed.
Pray for those who have died.**

Silence

Reader: Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

I ask your prayers for ourselves, our families, and those we love. We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays, especially Gretchen, Keenan, Susan, Finley, Carol and for those celebrating anniversaries, especially Monty and Tish, Gut and Nyadeng, Frank and Grace. In our parish cycle of prayer, we give thanks for the Ponec, Pratt, two Pugsley, and Puls families. Please add any additional thanksgivings.

Silence

**Reader: Lord in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.**

I ask you prayers for everyone affected by Covid 19. We pray for all healthcare and essential workers. We pray especially for our youth, college students, and teachers returning to school settings.

Silence

**Reader: Lord in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *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: As those of old their first fruits brought

Hymnal #705

Unison or harmony

1 As those of old their first fruits brought of vine - yard, flock, and
*2 A world in need now sum - mons us to la - bor, love, and
3 With grat - i - tude and hum - ble trust we bring our best to

field to God, the giv - er of all good, the
give; to make our life an of - fer - ing to
thee to serve thy cause and share thy love with

source of bount-eous yield; so we to - day our
 God that all may live; the Church of Christ is
 all hu - man - i - ty. O thou who gav - est

first fruits bring, the wealth of this good land, of
 call - ing us to make the dream come true: a
 us thys - elf in Je - sus Christ thy Son, help

farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind, and heart, and hand.
 world re - deemed by Christ - like love; all life in Christ made new.
 us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

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Dismissal

Postlude: "Dialogue"

Francois Couperin

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Today's Musicians (band): Dan Cervený – keyboard/pedal bass; Tom Phillips – guitar/vocals; Darren Pettit – tenor sax; Joey Gulizia – drum set and steel drum; Susie Thorne -- vocals.

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