SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH SHIPPENSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA



PROPER 25 October 25, 2020 The 21th Sunday after Pentecost 8 am

Welcome to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Dear Friends,

We welcome you today, whether you have been here many times, or this is your first time worshiping with us. We hope that each one of you feels the draw of God, pulling you deeper into the mystery and communion with Christ, which we experience through our shared worship, prayer, song, silence, and community.

We are currently in the season of Pentecost which is often described as the "long green growing season", for it is one of the longest liturgical seasons of the church year (beginning with the Feast Day of Pentecost, often at the end of May and extending through The Feast Day of Christ the King, immediately before Advent in early December). We refer to this church season as the "green growing season" for we are prompted to focus on our "growth in Christ" as the scripture lessons we read during this time relate the stories of the ministry and life of Jesus and the abiding culture of loving one another, in the midst of challenges and differences in the early church.

On All Saints' Day, we will again remember those whom we love who have gone before us, for we are all drawn together in the communion of saints, which connects all of us into the everlasting love of God. I invite you to share the names with us of those whom you would like to be read during our All Saints' service. You may email Melanie (office@standrewsship.org) or me (rector@standrewsship.org) the name(s) of those to be remembered as well as your name. It is a gift and honor to raise up to God's continual love the ones with whom you have shared life and love.

To prepare our hearts and minds for worship, we seek to share quiet and silence before our services. We invite you to join us in this spiritual practice.

Faithfully, Mother Barbara

TOLLING BELL INVITING SILENCE TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS (7:55 a.m.)

BELL CALLING US TO WORSHIP (8:00 a.m.)

THE WORD OF GOD

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 323

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

THE SONG OF PRAISE

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sins of the world,

have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,

have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ,

with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR UNITY

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth in our nation, to support one another without hatred or bitterness, that, being bonded in love, we may live in unity with you and one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Sitting)

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY

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 unequaled 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.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

(Prayed responsively by whole verse.)

- 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.

A READING FROM PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE THESSALONIANS 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.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34-46

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE HOMILY Mother Barbara

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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.

(Kneeling or standing)
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (RITE 1)

Celebrant Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, Audrey our Diocesan Bishop and other ministers that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

Today we pray for the Church in Wales, on our Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer. We pray for the people and clergy of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Hawk Run on the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer. And we pray for the Orrstown United Brethren Church on our Shippensburg Area Cycle of Prayer.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We offer our thanksgiving for the ministry of healing and love offered at the Episcopal Home for these many years. May God continue to bless those whose lives were shaped in faith by this ministry. Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant We be seech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor Melissa, Katherine, Kathy, Deb, Paula's nephew Cameron, Jan McCrory, Emma Jean

Bankson, Shirley Glick, Chuck Bloom, Frank, Richard, Evan, Roseann, Jack, Kathleen, Amy, Ellen, Tabitha, the Williams Family, Alice, Samantha, Wanda, Margaret, Brian Rotz, Brian Helman, the Watts Family and Pedro, Rachel Mooney, Laura and Brian, Stan and Dottie, and those who are grieving the loss of a loved one: Laura and Pat, Deanna, Kathy, Jeanine, Ellen, Fred, Tom, Susan, Connor and Matthew, Blake and Katherine, and those whom we name, either silently in our hearts or aloud.

We also pray for God's peace and protection to be upon those who are in active duty in our military: Andrew Harkins, Kelley Williams, Caleb Reeder, Levi Nelson, Tawney White, Brad Arnold, Kyle Hubert, Brent Welch, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially remembering Betty Bonanni, who died this week, and Ted Scheaffer in whose memory altar flowers are given, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Andrew and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator

and Advocate.

People Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God. Silence is kept.

Ministers and People

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Standing)

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Please see announcements toward the end of the bulletin.

THE OFFERING SENTENCE

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loves us, and gave himself to us, as an offering and

sacrifice to God.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

(Standing)

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world. Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

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

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence may be kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant and People

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and ever living God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace that we may continue in that holy fellowship and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING BCP 339

Celebrant

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

The altar flowers are given today by Annette Feie in loving remembering Ted Scheaffer.

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Greeter: Steve Smith **Verger:** Mike Stitt

Celebrant & Preacher: Mother Barbara

Lector: Susan Davis

Prayers of the People: Mother Barbara

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us this morning, Sharing community and communion together is a holy honor for which we are all grateful.

We invite you to complete the enclosed **Necrology** form if there are loved ones whom you would like to be remembered during our All Saints' Celebration. This is a time to recall and celebrate the glory they are resting in and to acknowledge and affirm the communion of saints, that thread of holiness that extends between all God's faithful people, throughout all time. You may also email Melanie, our Parish Secretary (office@standrewsship.org) with this information. Please provide your name as well, in case we have any questions regarding spelling. May the souls of our loved ones continue to rest in peace and rise in glory.

We invite you to contribute to the Mary Grace Shearer MSW for the Advancement of Social Work Scholarship offered in gracious recognition of the nearly 40 years of faithful service Mary Grace offered to the ministry of The Episcopal Home. We are so grateful for her amazing work and the legacy of love which she is leaving behind. The parish will be making a gift and we invite you to make individual gifts as well. If you would like to contribute by check, you can either send a check to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and earmark it as the Mary Grace Shearer Scholarship or you can mail the check directing to TFEC (The Foundation for Enhancing Communities) at the following address: 200 N. 3rd Street, 8th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101. If you would like to make an online donation, please do so by going to https://www.tfec.org. We thank you for your generosity.

We invite you to join us as we engage in meditation or centering prayer on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. You are welcome to come into the church and meditate in person with us (wearing

a mask) or connect with us by Zoom. Please email Mother Barbara for the Zoom link. This is a time when your soul can rest and be restored through the loving presence of God.

Our Community Meal program has expanded due to increased need in our community. We have picked up one additional time of preparing and serving the meal, thanks to the generous hearts of our members. We will now be serving the community meal to our hungry neighbors on the 4th Monday of the month. If you would like to join our community meal teams, please let Mike Stitt know. There is increased need for meal preparation because there are more hungry people in our area now. We are currently serving "to go" meals due to the COVID precautions.

Our food pantry is empty again. We ask for your help in providing food for our neighbors. This offering is just one of the many parts of the safety net our community offers to those who are in need. You can drop food off directly into the pantry and/or you can write a check to St. Andrew's and earmark it "Food Pantry" and someone will do the shopping for you. This is a wonderful ministry we can provide for those in need.

We continue with our **book group conversation** of *The Universal Christ* by Richard Rohr this coming Thursday at 2 p.m. Please email Mother Barbara for the Zoom link.

We will worship next week at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

We invite you to come to our next **Contemplative Eucharist** which will be on November 7th at 5 p.m. This is a service designed to restore your soul with evocative music, silence, Holy Eucharist, and beauty through our gorgeous sanctuary filled with candlelight.

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We are a Christ-centered community dedicated to living authentically, thinking inclusively, and opening our hearts to the movement of the Holy Spirit among us.

Leadership
Diocesan Bishop The Rt. Rev. Audrey Scanlan
Rector The Rev. Barbara Hutchinson
Parish Secretary Melanie Varner
Sexton Brett Erickson
Church Musician Brian Helman
Interim Church Musician Kevin Gorman
Head Verger Mike Stitt, FVGEC
Verger Mike Rhodes, FVGEC
Verger Jane Offner, Susan Sanders

Vestry Members

Christina Luo, Senior Warden
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Jean Shepherd, Treasurer
Brett Erickson
Ken Dotson
Larry Shillock
Steve Smith
Lisa Turchi
Susan Tyler
Laurel White

Mary Beth Williams

Worship Services

Sunday 8:00 AM Worship Services Rite 1 In Sanctuary (Every week) Sunday 10:00 AM Worship Service Rite 2 Outdoors – (Next service is 10/18) Saturday Evening 5:00 PM In Sanctuary, Contemporary Eucharist– (Next service is 11/7)

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