

SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
SHIPPENSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA



November 20, 2022  
Christ the King Sunday

## Welcome to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

*We are called by faith to co-create with God and our community  
the resources and connections needed to rise above adversity.*

Dear Friends,

We welcome you today to our worship. We hope and pray the experience will be for you whatever your soul needs this day. May you enter the joy and comfort of our liturgy, be uplifted by the music, find friends to share your spiritual journey, and to allow your heart and soul to settle into our parish family.

Today we celebrate the Feast Day of Christ the King which is celebrated in the Roman Catholic, Lutheran, and Episcopal Churches on the last Sunday of the liturgical year. It celebrates Christ's messianic kingship and sovereign rule over all creation. For some of us who have been appropriately and joyfully brought to our knees in awe of the power of the divine goodness to shape our lives, these titles for Christ of King and Lord make sense to us, because we gladly give Christ's love and mercy dominion over our lives. For others, for whom this has not been their experience of God, they may bristle at these terms of Lord and King, which often mean to them and much of our world power, authority and intentional domination of one's individual interests, desires, or will. I encourage us all to listen closely to the words from our lessons today, especially Jeremiah, to hear the true nature of the Lord of lords, King of kings, who loves us tenderly and fiercely as shepherd of his flock.

We hope that whether this is your first visit to an Episcopal Church or if you have been worshiping with us for many years, you may experience the amazing love and grace of our savior Jesus Christ through our prayers, music, Holy Communion, and a sense of being a community gathered through God's love.

In Christ's amazing love, Mother Barbara

## 8 AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

Tolling Bell inviting Silence (7:55 a.m.)

Bell Calling us to Worship (8:00 a.m.)

Opening Acclamation

BCP 323

The Collect for Purity

BCP 323

The Gloria

BCP 324

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in thy well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson (*printed in the 10 AM service*)

Jeremiah 23:1-6

The Psalm (*printed in the 10 AM service*)

Canticle 4

The Second Lesson (*printed in the 10 AM service*)

Colossians 1:11-20

The Holy Gospel (*printed in the 10 AM service*)

Luke 23:33-43

The Sermon

Mother Barbara

The Nicene Creed

BCP 326

The Prayers of the People (*printed in the 10 AM service*)

The Confession & Absolution

BCP 330

The Peace

The Offertory

BCP 332

The Great Thanksgiving (*Prayer 2*)

BCP 340

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 336

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 337

The Prayer of Humble Access

BCP 337

The Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 339

The Blessing

BCP 339

The Dismissal

BCP 340

## 10 AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

### PRELUDE

### WORDS OF WELCOME

### BELL CALLING US TO WORSHIP

*(Standing)*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 688 1982 *Hymnal*

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er  
2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood  
los - ing; were not the right man on our side,  
do - us; we will not fear, for God hath willed  
bid - eth; the Spi - rit and the gifts are ours

of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing: for still our an - cient foe  
the man of God's own choos - ing: dost ask who that may be?  
his truth to tri - umph through us; the prince of dark-ness grim,  
through him who with us sid - eth: let goods and kin-dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great,  
 Christ Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sa - ba - oth his Name,  
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,  
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bo - dy they may kill:  
  
 and, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tele.  
 for lo! his doom is sure, one lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 God's truth a - bid - eth still, his king-dom is for ev - er.

Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546); tr. Frederic Henry Hedge (1805-1890); based on Psalm 46. Music: *Ein feste Burg*, melody Martin Luther (1483-1546); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

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

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

### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

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 IN EXCELSIS # S-280 1982Hymnal

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.

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*           **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in thy well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## OUR SHAPED BY FAITH PRAYER

*Be not forgetful to entertain strangers; for thereby some have entertained angels unawares  
(Hebrews 13:2)*

Oh Lord, we thank you for our parish family and the abundant blessings you have given us. You provide our daily needs, and you make our lives rich in friendship and opportunities to share your love and encouragement with each other.

Now, we ask your blessing upon a new venture. Help us reach beyond our parish walls and offer your love, encouragement, and healing to our neighbors. May we extend our hands in partnering to create a loving community, our hearts in listening to know and respond to the needs of our brothers and sisters. Be in our midst as we discover new ways to be your hands and feet, as we honor the dignity of each person.

Let there be joy and laughter rising up from new vegetable gardens and produce stands that will feed everyone who is hungry; smiles and warm welcomes as we pass each other on the street; thanksgiving as we see friends who have been in need, find ways to rise out of difficulty. May your light of love shine upon us as we become your church beyond the walls and grow your beloved community.

*(Please join in for this final paragraph of the prayer.)*

**All that we have belongs to you, oh Lord.  
May we use it to your glory.  
In the name of Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

*(Sitting)*

## A READING FROM THE PROPHET JEREMIAH

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So, I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

*Lector*                    Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People*                **Thanks be to God.**

## CANTICLE 4 *Song of Zechariah (Prayed responsively by whole verse)*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.

**He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \***  
**born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.

**He promised to show mercy to our fathers \***  
**and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**Free to worship him without fear, \***  
**holy and righteous in his sight**  
**all the days of our life.**

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

**To give his people knowledge of salvation \***  
**by the forgiveness of their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \***  
**and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE COLOSSIANS**

Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

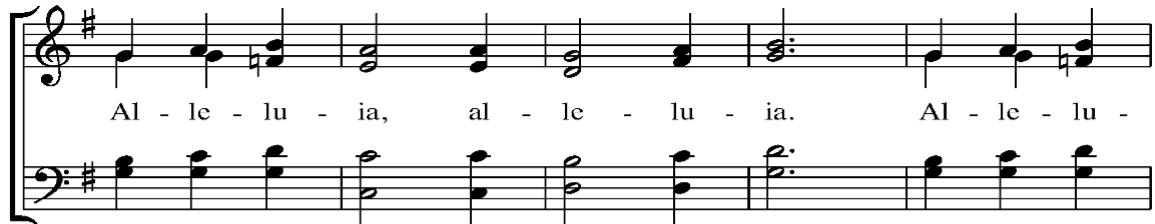
He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the

dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

*Lector*      Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

*(Standing)*

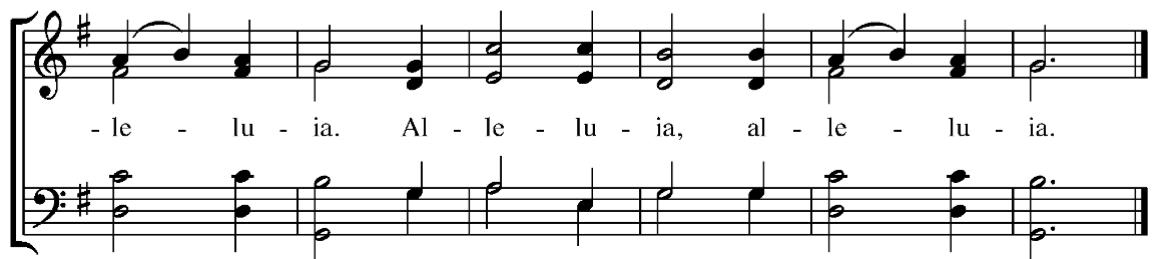
### GRADUAL HYMN



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



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le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 23:33-43

*Celebrant*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, according to Luke.  
*People*      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

*Celebrant*      The Gospel of our Lord.  
*People*      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*(Sitting)*

## THE SERMON

Mother Barbara

*(Standing)*  
**NICENE CREED**

BCP 358

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

Sisters and brothers, God has raised up for us a righteous king: Jesus our Christ. Let us lift our prayers to him, saying, “We praise you, Christ the King, you have come to your people and set us free!”

King Jesus, remember your body, the Church. You have rescued us from the power of darkness and have transferred us into your kingdom. Make us strong with all the strength that comes from your glorious power.

*Silence*

We praise you, Christ the King:                   **You have come to your people and set us free!**

King Jesus, remember this nation. Guide our feet into the way of peace. Raise up leaders who govern their people wisely and justly.

*Silence*

We praise you, Christ the King:                   **You have come to your people and set us free!**

King Jesus, all things in heaven and on earth are created through you and for you. May we who care for your creation do so with all due respect.

*Silence*

We praise you, Christ the King:                   **You have come to your people and set us free!**

King Jesus, remember this region in which we live and work and worship. Drive far from us all fear and dismay. Rescue the missing, find the lost. May all your children live in safety.

*Silence*

We praise you, Christ the King: **You have come to your people and set us free!**

King Jesus, you know intimately the experience of pain and suffering in your own body. May all those suffering know that you are with them in all their pain.

Today, we especially pray that you comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those who have asked for our prayers: Bev and Bob, Buddi Tiwari, the Bikrim family, Chris and Kathy, Lorenzo, Erik, Kathy, Chester, Randy and family, Gary, Samantha, Sharon, Sassy and Pierre, Lisa, Ruth and Teddy, Stan, Gardner Lane, Dorothy Nichols, Berk and Carol, Drustan and family, Melanie and Kent, Rachel and Joshua, Jan, Ellen, Frank, Brandon, Susan and Robert, Roseann and Jack, Kathleen, Amy, Wanda, Susan and Dan, Kevin and Karen, and Brian.

We also pray for God's peace and protection to be upon those who are in active duty in our military: Joshua Watkins, Ryan Bane, Anna Murphy, Brooke Callaway, Andrew Harkins, and Kyle Hubert.

*Silence*

We praise you, Christ the King: **You have come to your people and set us free!**

King Jesus, accept those who have died into your kingdom. Give all the departed peace through the blood of your cross and, and in the fullness of time, raise them to newness of life.

*Silence*

We praise you, Christ the King: **You have come to your people and set us free!**  
**Amen.**

## CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

BCP 360

*(Kneeling)*

*Celebrant*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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.**

*Celebrant*

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.**

*(Standing)*

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON: Christ the King Sunday –

## THE OFFERTORY

*Celebrant*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

## OFFERTORY MUSIC

(Standing)

## PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS #380 vs3 1982 *Hymnal*

1 From all that dwell be thy - low mer - the skies  
2 E - ter - nal are whom thy all - cies, Lord, let  
\*3 Praise God, from whom bless - ings flow; and praise

the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's  
truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from  
him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!  
shore to shore till suns shall rise and ev - ery more.  
heaven-ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Eucharistic Prayer A*)

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

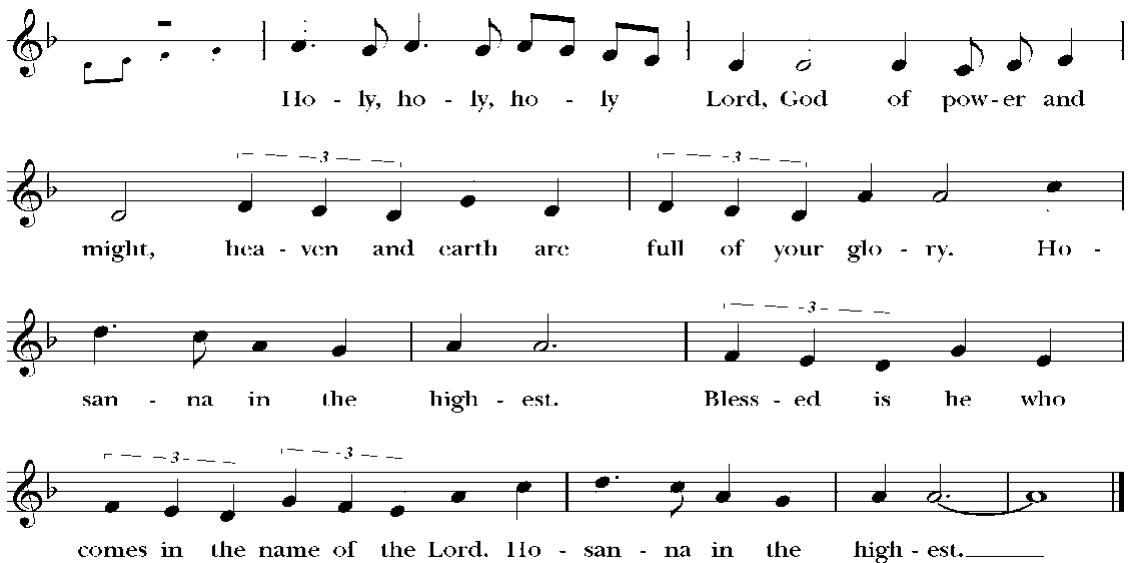
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; 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:

SANCTUS 1982 *Hymnal #129*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly      Lord, God of pow-er and  
might,      bea - ven and earth are      full of your glo - ry.      Ho -  
san - na in the high - est.      Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_\_

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. (*Sanctus bells are rung.*)

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord 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." (*Sanctus bells are rung.*)

After supper he 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." (*Sanctus bells are rung.*)

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now as our Savior Christ has 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 BREAD

*Bishop*      Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People*      **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## FRACTION ANTHEM 1982 Hymnal #S-154

## THE INVITATION

*Celebrant*

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.

*All baptized persons, regardless of their former or present denomination, are welcome to receive Communion. Anyone who desires a blessing instead, please come forward, kneel, and cross your arms across your chest.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

*Standing or kneeling*

## PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* Dearest Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we all cannot receive communion in the consecrated bread and wine, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with our hearts, souls, and minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

*(Standing or sitting)*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

## THE BLESSING

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

(Standing)

## RECESSATIONAL HYMN #707

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;  
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.  
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879), alt. Music: *Hollingside*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

## THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold onto what is good, return no one evil for evil, strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor everyone, love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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

## POSTLUDE

### ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

#### 8:00 am

Celebrant & Preacher—Mother Barbara  
Verger—Mike Stitt  
Greeter—Sue Davis  
Crucifer & Prayers of the People—Nichol Free  
Lector—Angie Schneider  
Chalice Assistant—Sue Davis  
Altar Guild—Sue Davis, Jan Rose

#### 10:00 am

Celebrant & Preacher—Mother Barbara  
Verger—Mike Stitt  
Junior Verger—Ayden Leininger  
Altar Assistant – Ford Brooks  
Musician—Kevin Gorman  
Greeter—Edna Guido  
Crucifer—Peter Seiler  
Acolyte—  
Lectors—Donna Harpster, Kathy Smith  
Chalice Assistant—Ford Brooks  
Technical Support—Bill Hutchinson  
Counter(s)—  
Altar Guild—Edna Guido & Kathy Smith

Altar flowers are offered by Jan Rose to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for my family and friends.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today we ask for your contribution to our feeding ministry.** Each month we donate \$75 to SPO, our local food pantry to help them provide food for our hungry neighbors. If we receive more than \$75 to cover our donation each month, the remaining funds are placed in the designated account for our “little free food pantry” or our community meal fund. All the money donated is always used to support our community feeding program.

**Our Quilters did it again!** They continue to be busy faithful people and have created a beautiful quilt which they are raffling off. The proceeds will go to support our Community Meal Program here at St. Andrew's. The raffle tickets are only \$1.00, so feel free to buy many tickets! The goal is to sell 500 tickets, and they have sold 350 so far, so let's do our part and buy them out! The drawing will be on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

**In gratitude** for everyone who made last Sunday with the bishop's visit so totally wonderful! Thank you to those who confirmed or reaffirmed their baptismal vows and your dedication to the journey of faith you are on; to those who presented and will continue to support all those persons in their walk toward a closeness with God; for those who provided delicious food for the reception; those who decorated, set up, and cleaned up from the reception; and for those who joined us in love, hospitality, and community! It was so amazing to see the church full and to know so many people hold faith deeply in their hearts and proclaim it in their lives. Thanks be to God!

### **What's happening today-- Sunday November 20th**

**8 and 10 a.m. Worship, with Children's Sermon at 10 a.m.**

**9:00 AM Discovery Hour in the Parish Life Center**

Topic: We continue our scripture exploration. As the holy season of Advent approaches, we will read through all the gospels of Advent to see what themes speak to us, what questions arise, and ponder how God may be speaking to our hearts in this upcoming holy season of Advent. It can be helpful to view the entirety of the scriptures for a season to get a long view of the purpose of the season and to set a framework when we settle into the readings week by week.

**11:30 a.m. Social Justice Advocacy Meeting.** At our last meeting, we shared our ideas on the definitions of God's justice and Social Justice, shared the bible stories which inform us about justice and ignite our passions, identified the justice issues the Episcopal Church has been addressing in the past and current days, and shared our individual passions, all of which fall under the umbrella of God's justice. Today, we will look at what supports our holy work in terms of our prayer life, spiritual disciplines, books, or experiences and begin the conversation about what things we need this group to do or be for our passions to make a difference in this world. This is an amazing group of people who are exploring and imagining together how we in our parish can create a more just world in our neighborhood and beyond.

**Our next community meal will be held Monday November 28th** We are grateful for this ministry where community and relationships continue to grow. This is a ministry that always can use more people – there is a role for you, however small or large you may be able to do, but we hope everyone will find a way to be involved in this cornerstone ministry. For more information on how you can support this ministry, please contact Mike Stitt, [mcsverger@gmail.com](mailto:mcsverger@gmail.com) or Angie Schneider, [schneiderangelica9@gmail.com](mailto:schneiderangelica9@gmail.com).

**December 3<sup>rd</sup> -- Cookie Church.** We will begin our cookie church service in our church, noticing the differences, now that we will be in Advent. We will continue with an activity (probably making an Advent wreath for home) and then we'll decorate an outdoor Christmas tree on the porch of Grace Place, just in time for the Shippensburg Community Christmas parade. I think hot cocoa and cookies will be in order! Please do join us. It's always an amazing time of worship, community, and lots of joy!

**December 5<sup>th</sup> – Christmas for Causes** – the Quilters will have beautiful Christmas items for sale. Please come and shop. All proceeds from the sale of their items will be contributed to our Community Meal program. Event is held at Messiah United Methodist Church, 30 W. Penn St., Shippensburg, from 5-8 p.m.

**December 17<sup>th</sup> – Lessons & Carols Contemplative Service 5 p.m.** We will be blessed by the presence of the Cantate Carlisle, offering us a contemplative Lessons & Carols again this year. Please mark your calendars now for this extraordinary musical offering.

**December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Services.** We will worship on Christmas Eve at 4 p.m., which will include the Children's Christmas Pageant, and then at 7 p.m. This schedule worked out well last year, so we thought we'd try it again.

**December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day Service.** Especially since Christmas is on a Sunday, we will worship on Christmas Day, but only in one service at 10 a.m. We invite you to come and celebrate the Incarnation of our Lord and Savior on this holiest of days.

#### **Christmas Day Dinner – December 25<sup>th</sup>.**

This is by far one of the very best things we do! We open our doors and hearts to our neighbors on Christmas Day for a delicious meal, prepared by all of us. It is a time of making real the love of Christ, which came into our world many years ago. There are many ways you can help – both before Christmas with baking pies, or helping prepare the rest of the meal, baking loaves of bread to give away, creating goodie bags, especially for the children who will come to be with us, and on Christmas Day, serving the meal, and of course, cleaning up. Please consider how you can help with this extraordinary event.

# ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## **Leadership**

*Diocesan Bishop* the Rt. Rev. Audrey Scanlan

*Rector* The Rev. Barbara Hutchinson

*Church Musicians*: Kevin Gorman & Brian Helman

*Garden Coordinator & Lay Assistant* Dr. Ford Brooks

*Garden Consultant* Jessica Larkin

*Office Assistant* Jennifer Segeda

*Head Verger* Mike Stitt, FVGEC

*Verger* Bill Gawors

## **Vestry Members**

Christina Luo, Senior Warden

Susan Tyler, Junior Warden & Secretary

John Boyle

Ford Brooks

Nichol Free

Jim Holt

Larry Shillock

Steve Smith

Kathy Varner

## **Shaped by Faith Task Force**

### **Members**

Ann Baker

Ford Brooks

Barbara Hutchinson

Christina Luo

Steve Smith

Keith Tyler

Susan Tyler

## **Worship Services**

Sunday 8:00 AM and 10 AM In-Person Worship Services

Live Stream Services each Sunday beginning at 10 a.m.

Contemplative Services Monthly, Saturday evenings at 5 p.m.

Children's "Cookie Church", Monthly on 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday at 5 p.m.

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