

# The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Holy Eucharist

September 17, 2023 • 10:30 am

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## Welcome to St. Andrew's.

We are grateful for your presence with us this morning. If you want to learn more about St. Andrew's or want us to contact you, sign the guest registry in the Narthex, our Foyer, or fill out a green pew card, which may be placed in the offering plate, given to a clergy person or mailed to the Parish Office. For more detailed information about our worship, ministry, outreach and community please visit our website: [www.standrews-madison.org](http://www.standrews-madison.org).

## About today's Liturgy

We enter a new program season using liturgical texts approved for use in the Episcopal Church, but not found in the Book of Common Prayer. The Confession, Absolution, and Post Communion Prayer are from *Enriching Our Worship*, and are texts we have used in the past. In this season, we are using the Expansive Language version of Eucharistic Prayer A, authorized for trial use. These texts seek to offer images of, and pronouns for, God that move beyond the predominantly male imagery found in the 1978 BCP. While we do not believe that these texts represent a fully inclusive understanding of God, they are at least a move in the right direction! The struggle is real. The work continues!

## Masks are welcome but not required.

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PRELUDE | Merciful and Kind is our Gracious Lord

David Lasky, b. 1957

## The Word of God

*The service follows the service for Holy Eucharist: Rite II, which begins on page 355 in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Music can be found in the blue Hymnal in your pew rack.*

***Congregational responses are printed in bold.***

HYMN | Father, we praise thee (Christe sanctorum)

hymnal 1

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

**Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

SONG OF PRAISE | The Gloria

S277, in front of the hymnal

## 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.**

## FIRST LESSON

Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

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

**Psalm 103:8-13** *The congregation joins in singing the verses in bold print.*



- 8 God is full of com | passion ■ and | mercy, \*  
slow to | anger ■ and of | great | kindness.
- 9 You will not | always ■ ac | cuse us, \*  
nor will you | keep your | anger ■ for | ever.
- 10 **You have not dealt with us ac | cording ■ to our | sins, \***  
**nor rewarded us ac | cording | to our | wickedness.**

- 11 For as the heavens are | high a<sup>u</sup>bove the | earth, \*  
so is your mercy | great u<sup>u</sup>pon | those who | fear you.
- 12 As far as the | east is <sup>a</sup> from the | west, \*  
so far have you re | moved our | sins | from us.
- 13 As a parent | cares <sup>a</sup> for a | child, \*  
so do you | care for | those who | fear you.

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SECOND READING

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:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

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

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

*Celebrant*      The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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.”

*Celebrant:*      The Gospel of Our Savior.

*People:*      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Andy Jones

*A brief silence follows the sermon.*

## 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:  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.  
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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Intercessor:* Risen Lord,  
*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

## CONFESSION

**God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

## ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

*All greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## CELEBRATIONS AND INVITATIONS

### Holy Communion

#### OFFERTORY

ANTHEM | Come down, O love divine arranged by Charles H. Giffen

1 Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

2 O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

3 Let holy charity mine outward vesture be - And lowliness become my inner clothing,  
True lowliness of heart, which takes the humble part,  
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

4 And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace, till Love create a place wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

AT THE PRESENTATION:

*The people stand as the offering is brought forward.*

THE DOXOLOGY (Old 100th)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God, for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ and Spirit One.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING      Eucharistic Prayer A

SURSUM CORDA *said*

The musical notation consists of six staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are as follows:

**Celebrant**      *May God* be with you.

**People**      And al - so 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 him 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. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant:* Holy and gracious God:

*People:* **In your infinite love you made us for yourself;**

*Celebrant:* 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.

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

*Celebrant:* 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.”

*Celebrant:* 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

*Celebrant::* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*People:* **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant:* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

*People:* **Recalling *Christ's* death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.**

*Celebrant:* 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.

*People:* **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.**

*Celebrant:* 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.**



*Celebrant:* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

THE LORD'S PRAYER, *said*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

THE FRACTION | Alleluia, Christ our Passover

S154 in front of the hymnal

*All people are invited to this table. If you would like to participate but not receive the bread or wine, come to the rail with your arms folded across your chest for a blessing. If you require a gluten-free host, please inform the server.*

MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION

HYMN | Come with us, O blessed Jesus (Werde munter)

hymnal 336

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

BLESSING

HYMN | Go forth for God; go to the world in peace (Litton)

hymnal 347

DISMISSAL

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*Response:* **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE | Finale from "Hambleton Suite"

Tim Knight

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## **The 2023 Annual Meeting will be held on November 19 at 9:00am in the nave**

The Nominating Committee has begun to develop a slate of candidates for leadership positions in the parish. Over the next 3 months, we will be reaching out to members of the parish, asking them to pray about running for election at the Annual meeting. We will also be receiving nominations from the congregation.

You will find all of the materials needed to nominate yourself or someone else on the back windowsills of the nave and on the parish web site at [www.standrews-madison.org](http://www.standrews-madison.org). Click on **2023 Annual Meeting**.

If you would like to run for Junior or Senior Warden, Vestry, Diocesan Convention Deputy, or the Endowment Committee, please use the materials below and submit a nominating form to Dylan in the office, in person, by snail mail, or by email!

Questions? Please contact a member of this year's nominating Committee: Fr. Andy – Rector, Casey Reiser – Sr. Warden, Jeff Ocwieja - Clerk of the Vestry; Stephanie Elkins, Andy Porter, Julia Stanley – members of the Vestry.

### **St. Andrew's 2023 Leadership Roster**

**Senior and Junior Warden are elected to a one-year term and may serve up to three consecutive terms.**

**Senior Warden** serving through 2023 Casey Reiser (completing second term)

**Junior Warden** serving through 2023 David Polet (completing second term)

**Members of the Vestry are elected to a three-year term and may not hold consecutive terms**

**Serving through 2025:** JoAnne Lehman, Dennis Lloyd, Jeff Ocwieja

**Serving through 2024:** Stephanie Elkins, Andy Porter, Julia Stanley

**Serving through 2023:** Erin Gasser, John Mullen, Katie Terry

**Deputies to Diocesan Convention serve a one-year term and may serve for up to four consecutive terms.**

**Serving through 2023:** Carolyn Chadderdon, Stephanie Elkins, Karen Evans-Romaine, Casey Reiser

**Members of the Endowment Committee serve a three-year terms and may serve for two consecutive terms.**

**Serving through 2025** - Judy Mills, **through 2024** -Leanne Puglielli, **through 2023** - Sherry Reames

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

**Tuesday, September 19**

8:00am Morning Prayer (Zoom)  
9:45am Women's Bible Study (Zoom)  
6:45pm Hymn Study (Zoom)

**Wednesday, September 20**

6:30am Dawn Patrol Bible Study  
8:00am Morning Prayer (Zoom)  
7:30pm Benedictine Cell Group

**Thursday, September 21**

6:15pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

**8:00am Eucharist**  
Spoken Eucharist

**10:30am Eucharist**  
Choral Eucharist



Altar flowers can be given in celebration of an anniversary, to honor someone, or to remember a loved one who has died. To sign up, call the office at (618) 233-3249, or email at [general@standrews-madison.org](mailto:general@standrews-madison.org).

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