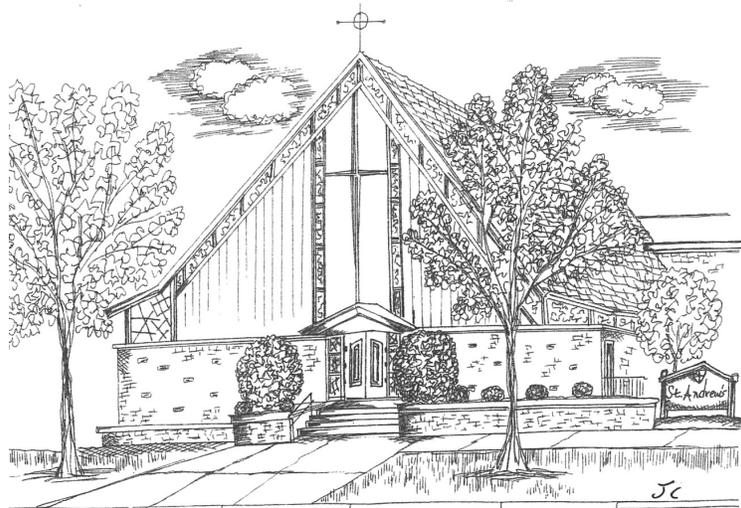


**September 1, 2019**

**10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Healing  
(Service drawn from the New Zealand Prayer Book)**



**ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Newport News, Virginia**

# Thanksgiving for Creation and Redemption

## The Ministry of Word and Prayer

### The Gathering of the People

Prelude *Andante*

G. F. Handel

Announcements

Processional Hymn

*Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!*

**Hymnal 437**

- 1. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word;  
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.*
- 2. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
his holy Name – the Lord, the Mighty One.*
- 3. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.*
- 4. Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore!*

Celebrant: In the name of God: Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life.  
**People:** *Amen.*

Celebrant: Grace to you and peace from God our Creator, the love at our beginning and without end, in our midst and with us.  
**People:** *God is with us, here we find new life.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks for the coming of God's reign of justice and love.  
**People:** *Jesus Christ is good news for the poor, release for the captives, recovery of sight for the blind, and liberty for those who are oppressed.*

Celebrant: Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned.  
**People:** *I will confess my sins to the Lord, I will not conceal my wrongdoings.*

*Silence*

Celebrant: God forgives and heals us.  
**People:** *We need your healing, merciful God: give us true repentance. Some sins are plain to us; some escape us; some we cannot face. Forgive us; set us free to hear your word to us; set us free to serve you.*

Celebrant: God forgives you. Forgive others; forgive yourself.

*Silence*

Celebrant: Through Christ, God has put away your sin; approach your God in peace.

## The Collect of the Day

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The Old Testament Lesson: **Jeremiah 2:4-13**

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, “Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?” I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, “Where is the Lord?” Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
Response: *Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm **81:1, 10-16**

- 1 Sing with joy to God our strength  
*and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.*
- 10 I am the Lord your God,  
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said,  
*“Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.”*
- 11 And yet my people did not hear my voice,  
*and Israel would not obey me.*
- 12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts,  
*to follow their own devices.*
- 13 Oh, that my people would listen to me!  
*that Israel would walk in my ways!*
- 14 I should soon subdue their enemies  
*and turn my hand against their foes.*
- 15 Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him,  
*and their punishment would last for ever.*
- 16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat  
*and satisfy him with honey from the rock.*

The New Testament Lesson **Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
Response: ***Thanks be to God.***

### Gradual Hymn

*Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord* (all sing twice)

*Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord.*

*Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord,*

*and he shall lift you up, higher and higher,*

*and he shall lift you up.*

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### The Gospel

Clergy: The Holy Gospel according to Luke  
Response before: ***Praise and glory to God.***

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

Clergy: This is the Gospel of Christ.

Response after: *Praise to Christ the Word.*

The Sermon

The Rev. Lorna H. Williams

The Affirmation of Faith

*You, O God, are supreme and holy.*

*You create our world and give us life.*

*Your purpose overarches everything we do.*

*You have always been with us. You are God.*

*You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure.*

*You came to us before we came to you.  
You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ,  
who lived and died and rose again.  
You are with us now. You are God.  
You, O God, are Holy Spirit.  
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.  
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.  
You are our God. We worship you.*

### The Prayers of the People

Leader: Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Jay, our bishop; Anne and Lorna, our priests; and Carol, John, and Travis, our associate clergy. Father, enliven the Church for its mission,

*People: that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.*

Breathe fresh life into your people.

*Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.*

We pray for the world and its leaders, especially Donald, our President, and Ralph, our Governor. Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace,

*that we may respect one another in freedom and truth.*

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

*Teach us to care creatively for its resources.*

We pray for the community: God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others,

*that all may act with integrity and courage.*

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

***May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.***

We pray for those in need, especially those whom we now name, either silently or aloud.... God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.

***May they know the power of your healing love.***

Make us willing agents of your compassion.

***Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.***

We pray for all who serve in the armed forces, especially those whom we now name, either silently or aloud....

We pray for those who have died, especially....

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.

***Father, into your hands we commend them.***

Give comfort to those who mourn.

***Bring them peace in their time of loss.***

We praise you for Andrew and all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

***May their example inspire and encourage us.***

We pray for ourselves and our ministries: Your word is a lamp for our feet.

***In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us, heavenly Father, to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

## The Ministry of the Sacrament

### The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of God be with you all.

**People:** *In God's justice is our peace.*

Celebrant: Brothers and sisters, Christ calls us to live in unity.

**People:** *We seek to live in the Spirit of Christ.*

### *A Word about Holy Communion...*

We invite all who wish to follow Jesus to be baptized,  
and we invite all baptized Christians to receive  
the gifts of Jesus' Body and Blood.

All are welcome at the altar rail:

the baptized for communion, everyone for a blessing.

*If you need gluten-free bread, just inform the clergy serving you at the altar.*

### Offertory Anthem

*Let All the World in Every Corner Sing*

Calvin Hampton

### Presentation of Alms and Oblations

**(Women begin the canon; men answer after "whom")**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

*praise him, all creatures here below;*

*praise him above, ye heavenly host:*

*praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Hymn

*My country 'tis of thee*

**Hymnal 717 (verse 4)**

*Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing;*

*long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;*

*protect us by thy might, great God, our King.*

## The Preparation of the Gifts

Celebrant: God of all creation, you bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. By your Holy Spirit this bread and wine will be for us the body and blood of Christ.

***People:*** *All you have made is good. Your love endures for ever.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Spirit of God be with you.

***People:*** *All also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift your hearts to heaven

***People:*** *where Christ in glory reigns.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God.

***People:*** *It is right to offer thanks and praise.*

Celebrant:

It is right indeed to give you thanks most loving God, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, the first born from the dead, the pioneer of our salvation, who is with us always, one of us, yet from the heart of God. For with your whole created universe, we praise you for your unfailing gift of life. We thank you that you make us human and stay with us even when we turn from you to sin.

***God's love is shown to us:***

*while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

In that love, dear God, righteous and strong to save, you came among us in Jesus Christ, our crucified and living Lord. You make all things new. In Christ's suffering and cross you reveal your glory and reconcile all peoples to yourself, their true and living God. You pour out your Spirit on all. You empower us to know your truth and fearlessly to proclaim your gospel among the nations. Your love

fires our hearts; and in your Spirit we hunger and thirst for justice in the world.

In your mercy you are now our God. Through Christ you gather us, new-born in your Spirit, a people after your own heart. We entrust ourselves to you, for you alone do justice to all people, living and departed.

*Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation.*

Therefore with saints and martyrs, apostles and prophets, with all the redeemed, joyfully we praise you and say:

*Holy, holy, holy: God of mercy, giver of life;  
earth and sea and sky and all that lives,  
declare your presence and your glory.*

Celebrant:

All glory to you, Giver of life sufficient and full for all creation. Accept our praises, living God, for Jesus Christ, the one perfect offering for the world, who in the night that he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; 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, to forgive sin. Do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

Therefore, God of all creation, in the suffering and death of Jesus our redeemer, we meet you in your glory. We lift up the cup of salvation and call upon your name. Here and now, with this bread and wine,

we celebrate your great acts of liberation, ever present and living in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come.

***Amen! Come Lord Jesus.***

May Christ ascended in majesty be our new and living way, our access to you, Father, and source of all new life. In Christ we offer ourselves to do your will. Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit, feed us with your life, fire us with your love, confront us with your justice, and make us one in the body of Christ with all who share your gifts of love.

***Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Creator God. Amen.***

As Christ teaches us, we pray

***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  
for ever. Amen.***

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

***We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.***

The cup of blessing for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

The Invitation

Celebrant: Bread and wine; the gifts of God for the people of God.

**People:**            *May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.*

## Communion Hymns for Choir and Congregation

*Peace Before Us* (please follow choir's lead)  
Cris Oman, recorder

David Haas

**Hymns: 665, 334, 333**

## Prayer after Communion

**Celebrant:**        Most loving God, creator and redeemer, we give you thanks for this foretaste of your glory.

**All:**                *Through Christ, and with all your saints, we offer ourselves and our lives to your service. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to stand with you in your world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the servant, our friend and brother. Amen.*

## The Blessing

Recessional Hymn        *Jesus, thou divine Companion*        **Hymnal 586**  
(for Labor Day, September 2)

- 1. Jesus, thou divine Companion, by thy lowly human birth thou hast come to join the workers, burden bearers of the earth. Thou, the carpenter of Nazareth, toiling for thy daily food, by thy patience and thy courage, thou hast taught us toil is good.*
- 2. Where the many toil together, there art thou among thine own; where the solitary labor, thou art there with them alone; thou, the peace that passeth knowledge, dwellest in the daily strife;*

*thou, the Bread of heaven, art broken in the sacrament of life.*

3. *Every task, however simple, sets the soul that does it free;  
every deed of human kindness done in love is done to thee.  
Jesus, thou divine Companion, help us all to work our best;  
bless us in our daily labor, lead us to our Sabbath rest.*

#### The Dismissal of the Community

Clergy: Grace be with you.

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

Clergy: Go in peace.

**People:** *Amen. We go in the name of Christ.*

Voluntary *in E-flat*

Georg Leyding

#### Service Participants

The Rev. Anne R. Kirchmier

The Rev. Lorna H. Williams

The Rev Carol Chamberlain

**Lector/Prayers**

Virginia Darden, Saint Lee

**Chalicists:**

Debi Nicolai, Saint Lee

**Ushers:**

John Wood, Malcolm Martin, Ted Hemmert, Philip Hatchett

**Acolytes:**

Libby Wharton, Roman Klinger, Rachel Klinger

**Greeters:**

Ted and Merrill Hemmert

**Children's Chapel:**

Elaine Marshall

**Lemonade Hosts:**

Ann and Saint Lee

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Today's Liturgy**

During worship this summer, we are exploring some prayers and liturgies that differ from what we typically use in our worship during the "program year" (September through May). Today we are using a service from the New Zealand Prayer Book.

### **Christian Formation**

- Children's Chapel begins following the reading of the Gospel during the 10:30 AM service in the Parish Library.
- The Adult Forum will resume on Sunday, September 15 at 9:15 AM in the Parish Hall. Come and learn more from our Building Discernment Team.

### **Healing Stations**

This morning healing stations will be available at the time of communion: two in front of the lectern, one in St. Nicholas Chapel, and one in the cloakroom. If you would like to receive the laying on of hands and anointing with oil on behalf of yourself or for someone else, please stand or kneel at a healing station.

### **Church Office Closed**

In observance of Labor Day, the church office will be closed Monday, September 2.

### **Bishop Candidate Walk Aabouts**

The four walk about opportunities are:

Thursday, September 5 at 7:00 PM - Hungars Parish, Eastern Shore

Friday, September 6 at 7:00 PM - Galilee, Virginia Beach

Saturday, September 7 at 1:00 PM - Chanco on the James

Sunday, September 8 at 3:00 PM - Johns Memorial, Farmville

If you would like for St. Andrew's to provide a video showing of the recorded walk about, please let Rachel Roby ([saec0371@gmail.com](mailto:saec0371@gmail.com)) know by September 6. If we have at least five parishioners interested, we will arrange to show the video.

### **Electing our Next Bishop: Your Role**

As a congregation, we have been praying for months for our bishop search process. A few weeks after the walkabouts, our next bishop will be elected at a special Diocesan Council on September 21. Those from our parish who will be voting are Anne Kirchner, Lorna Williams, Al Roby, Bob Lord, Bill Wilds and Rachel Roby.

#### ***Will the St. Andrew's delegation all vote the same way?***

There is no expectation that the voters from St. Andrew's must all vote for the same person. Each person will be voting according to his/her prayerful discernment and individual conscience, informed by reading about the candidates, meeting them at the Walkabouts, and listening thoughtfully to the views of others, including fellow parishioners.

#### ***Can I share my thoughts about the candidates with the St. Andrew's delegation?***

Absolutely! All of us welcome your input. Please call, email, or speak to us in person and let us know your reflections about the candidates. To elect a bishop is a big responsibility, and we welcome your prayerful input.

### **School supplies needed for Mission of the Holy Spirit**

The Mission of the Holy Spirit, Norfolk, is collecting backpacks and school supplies for their youngsters for the new school year. They need backpacks, pens, pencils, markers, highlighters, glue sticks, notebook paper, notebooks, scissors. If you would like to help the youngsters, please bring supplies for the Mission by September 8 to the Main Street Lobby.

### **Centering Prayer**

David Lilley has graciously consented to lead a Centering Prayer class at 5:15 PM every Wednesday beginning September 4. It will be held in the

parish library. You may also consider joining us for choir practice at 6:00 PM.

### **Decision Made!**

Our Hilton Churches 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on September 8 will be held at Hilton Baptist Church. The service is at 10:00 AM followed by an inside picnic. This was the overwhelming recommendation of the committee in view of parking, possible weather, and space. Here are some details for that day:

- we are anticipating between 325 and 350 in attendance.
- you no longer need to bring a chair!
- the dress is still casual as though we were going to be outside.
- there will be volunteers to receive your salads, vegetables, and desserts. Please bring desserts already pre-sliced.
- we are asking those who are more able to walk to park on the side streets around Hilton Baptist or at the lots beside and behind First Methodist so that those who need to park closer may do so in the Hilton lot.

### **Snapchat**

As part of our 100<sup>th</sup> celebration, we are celebrating with a personalized, geo-specific Snapchat filter. On Sunday when you are at Hilton Baptist Church, take a selfie through Snapchat and apply the “Hilton Churches Celebrate 100!” filter. Share it with your friends and download it to use on other social media too! (If you are at Hilton Baptist setting up on Saturday, you can do the same thing. This filter is available for two days only.)

### **Seeking Team Members...**

St. Andrew’s is in the process of establishing two teams to help us move forward in coming months with two different ministries.

- Following up on the recommendation of our Building Discernment Team, the *Building Implementation Team* will plan and oversee the practical and logistical tasks involved in turning our former school spaces into a multiuse community outreach facility.

- Recognizing that Christendom has ended and the Church is now in uncharted territory, the *Engaging the Climb Team* will develop and implement projects outside the doors of St. Andrew's, with a goal of developing new Christian community for people who are not currently, nor may ever be, parishioners of a traditional church.

Detailed descriptions of each team can be found on our parish website, [www.standrews-episcopal.org](http://www.standrews-episcopal.org). You can also learn more about the Building Implementation task by attending the Adult Forum on September 15. Interested in serving on one of the teams?? Wonderful! Contact Rachel Roby at [saec0371@gmail.com](mailto:saec0371@gmail.com) by September 22 to let her know. Thanks!