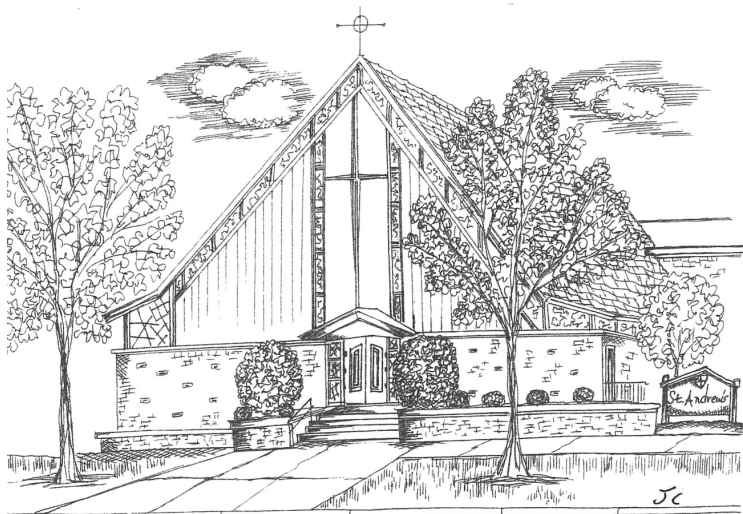


The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 2021

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist



ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Newport News, Virginia

10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist - Rite II

Prelude *Ciacona in D Minor*

Johann Pachelbel

Processional Hymn

Sing praise to God who reigns above

Hymnal 408

- 1. Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation; with healing balm my soul he fills, and every faithless murmur stills: to God all praise and glory.*
- 2. What God's almighty power hath made, his gracious mercy keepeth; by morning glow or evening shade his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth. Within the kingdom of his might, lo! all is just and all is right: to God all praise and glory.*
- 3. Let all who name Christ's holy Name give God all praise and glory; let all who know his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story! Cast each false idol from its throne, the Lord is God, and he alone: to God all praise and glory.*

THE WORD OF GOD

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

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

All: *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.*

Hymn of Praise *Goodness is stronger than evil*

*Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate;
light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.
Vic'try is ours, vic'try is ours through him who loved us.
Vic'try is ours, vic'try is ours through him who loved us.*

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The Collect of the Day

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lesson Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, “Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high.” And the king said, “Hang him on that.” So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm Psalm 124

- 1 If the Lord had not been on our side,
 let Israel now say;
- 2 If the Lord had not been on our side,
 when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive
 in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us
 and the torrent gone over us;

- 5 Then would the raging waters
have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the Lord!
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.

Gradual Hymn *Praise God for the Body*

vs. 1-2

1. *Praise God for the Body. Praise God for the Son.
Praise God for the life that binds our hearts in one.
Joy is the food we share. Love is our home, Christian.
Praise God for the Body. Shalom, shalom.*
2. *Guard your circle, Christian. Clasp your hand in hand.
Satan cannot break the bond in which we stand.
Joy is the food we share. Love is our home, Christian.
Praise God for the Body. Shalom, shalom.*

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The Gospel Mark 9:38-50

Response before: ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives

you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

The Word of the Lord

Response after: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. John W. Herbst

The 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.*

The Prayers of the People - **Form IV**

BCP 388

Leader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world, especially Michael, our presiding bishop; Susan, our bishop; Anne and Marc, our priests; Carol, John, and

Travis, our associate clergy; and parishioner Matt Deller, exploring a call to the diaconate.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray especially for Joseph, our president, and Ralph, our governor.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those we now name, silently or aloud...; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Patricia M. and Irving L. Griffin, in whose memory today's altar flowers are given, and for those we now name, silently or aloud...; that your will for them may be fulfilled, and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer. Amen.*

The Collect

Confession and Absolution

BCP 360

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: *Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

The Peace

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

*On your way to communion,
please drop off your offering in the plates located in the front pews.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Mandatum

Richard Proulx

The Great Thanksgiving; Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up 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.

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 and Benedictus

S-129

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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.

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."

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."

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.***

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 the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Administration of Communion

At the altar rail, clergy are serving wafers.

At the foot of the stairs, clergy are serving kits with bread and wine.

Gluten-free bread is available at both places.

In lieu of bread or wine, you may receive a blessing in either place.

Hymns for Choir and Congregation

Be known to us

Hymnal S-171

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

*The bread which we break, alleluia,
is the communion of the body of Christ.*

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

*One body are we, alleluia,
for though many we share one bread.*

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

Now the silence Now the peace

Hymnal 333

*Now the silence Now the peace Now the empty hands uplifted
Now the kneeling Now the plea Now the Father's arms in welcome
Now the hearing Now the power Now the vessel brimmed for pouring
Now the Body Now the Blood Now the joyful celebration
Now the wedding Now the songs Now the heart forgiven leaping
Now the Spirit's visitation Now the Son's epiphany
Now the Father's blessing Now Now Now*

Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing

Hymnal 334

- 1. Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing,
worship, thanks, devotion voicing; glory be to God on high!
Christ, your cross and passion sharing,
by this Eucharist declaring yours the final victory.*
- 2. Scattered flock, one shepherd sharing,
lost and lonely, one voice hearing, ears attentive to your word;
by your Blood new life receiving,
in your Body, firm believing, we are yours, and you the Lord.*
- 3. Sins forgiven, wrongs forgiving,
we go forth alert and living in your Spirit, strong and free.
Partners in your new creation,
seeking peace in every nation, may we faithful followers be.*

The Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 366

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: *Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food*

*of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

Hymnal 535

- 1. Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful Name;
the Name all victorious of Jesus extol:
his kingdom is glorious; he rules over all.*
- 2. God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
and still he is nigh: his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.*
- 3. Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.*

4. *Then let us adore, and give him his right:
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,
and honor and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.*

Dismissal

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Voluntary *Allegro Vivace*

G. F. Handel

*The flowers are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
Patricia M. and Irving L. Griffin
and in honor of
St. Andrew's Musicians*

Service Participants

The Rev. Anne R. Kirchmier
The Rev. Dr. John W. Herbst
The Rev. Marc Vance

Lector/Prayers: Fritz Horne, Vera Horne
Ushers: Corky Brooks, Cabell Sale, Ron Nixon, Danny Switzer
Acolyte: Bill Wilds
Greeters: Susan and Ron Nixon
Altar Guild: Mary Morgan Hunter, Sarah Findley, Rossie Hampton,
Jane Smola, Anne Edelblute, Allie Wittkamp
Flower Guild: Sandy Deans, Terry Arnold, Kate Horning,
Elizabeth Mayo

Announcements

This week at St. Andrews

Sunday, September 26	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist - Rite I
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:15 AM	Children's Chapel
	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist - Rite II
	4:00 PM	Choral Evensong
Wednesday, September 29	9:15 AM	Staff meeting
	11:00 AM	Holy Eucharist with Healing
	5:15 PM	Centering Prayer
	6:30 PM	Women of the Word
Thursday, September 30	7:30 AM	Centering Prayer
	10:00 AM	Bible Study

Adult Forum Next Sunday, October 3

The Adult Forum next Sunday at 9:15 AM will be Part 3 of *Love Is the Way*. Everyone is invited to participate.

Service of Choral Evensong

St. Andrew's is hosting Robert McCormick, from St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, at a Choral Evensong this afternoon at 4:00 PM. He will improvise the prelude and postlude as well as direct the choir. Three of the five other organists who will accompany the anthems have a connection to St. Andrew's.