

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist: Rite II
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
September 27, 2026 10:00 AM



Welcome! We are glad you are here. No matter where you are on your faith journey, there's a place for you here. If you are interested in learning about the Episcopal Church and St. Andrew's, brochures are available on the shelf in the Narthex (foyer).

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. You will be given a piece of bread, and you may either consume it and drink from the chalice or dip your bread into the chalice of wine (intinction). You can always choose to receive communion in one kind only by receiving the bread and then crossing your arms over your chest when offered the wine. Gluten-free communion wafers are available – simply notify the priest. Please notify an usher if you wish to have Holy Communion brought to you at your seat. **Note: Communion will be at the rail; you may stand or kneel.** If you desire individual prayer during communion, someone is available to pray with you at the back of the sanctuary in the Chapel area.

Children are welcome in Worship!

Coloring pages & clipboards with crayons are available in a basket by the table in the back of the Sanctuary. **A Nursery is also available for ages 2 months to 5 years, from 9:45 AM to 11:30 AM.** (*Nursery is located across from the doors to the Sanctuary*).

Introduction

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

Prelude

Pastoral Welcome

Please stand as you are able.

Processional Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the One who creates all things. †

People The Holy One's love is new every morning.

Hymn of Praise

Glory to God



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly



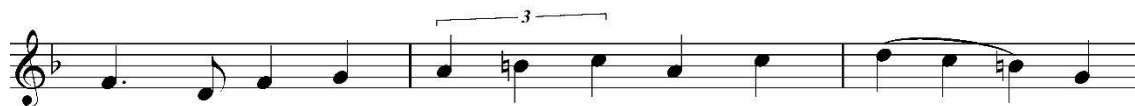
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we



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.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Creator be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you show your glory throughout your Creation, calling it very good: Grant us the fullness of your blessing, that we, stewarding your garden, may become partakers in your joy; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

The Word of God

First Reading Exodus 17:1-7

Reader: A Reading from the book of Exodus.

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to

them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s People.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

¹Hear my teaching, O my people;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

**²I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.**

³That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us,
we will not hide from their children.

**⁴We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord,
and the wonderful works he has done.**

¹²He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers,
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

**¹³He split open the sea and let them pass through;
he made the waters stand up like walls.**

¹⁴He led them with a cloud by day,
and all the night through with a glow of fire.

**¹⁵He split the hard rocks in the wilderness
and gave them drink as from the great deep.**

¹⁶He brought streams out of the cliff,
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

Second Reading Philippians 2:1-13

Reader A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi.

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or

conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able

Sequence Hymn

O Master, Let Me Walk with You

Vs 1-2

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly;
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.

Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

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

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

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

Sequence Hymn

O Master, Let Me Walk with You

Vs 3-4

3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Please be seated for the sermon.

The Homily

Pastor Sally Cook

Faith Formation Creation Message

Each prayer petition will end with "Lord, in your mercy"

Congregation Response will be:

"Where water flows, Lord, let everything live."

Please stand as you are able.

Profession of Faith (South Indian)

**WE BELIEVE in God, who creates all things,
 who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
 who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.**

**WE BELIEVE God as the source of all life,
 who baptizes this planet with living water.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,
 the malnourished one, the climate refugee,
 who loves and cares for this world
 and suffers with it.**

**And we believe in Jesus Christ, the see of life,
 who came to reconcile and renew this world
 and everything in it.**

**WE BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who moves with God
and who moves among and with us today.
We believe in everlasting life in God.
And we believe in the hope that one day
God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.**

The Prayers of the People

We join with Christians far and near to worship God the Creator, praying for the earth and for all in need, responding to each petition with the words “Your mercy is great.”

A brief silence.

Strengthen our tongues to declare you as Lord of our lives. Give us humility as we strive to follow in your way. Help us listen to the cries of those who have been unfairly hurt by the church and dare to name difficult truths. Show all your love.

Hear us, O God

Your mercy is great.

Christ Jesus, you rule the world with love and compassion. Give to our local leaders compassion and vision that the people of our region might live as neighbors, looking out for each other’s interests.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Comfort those who come before you in fear and trembling. Calm troubled hearts with your forgiveness. Help all those in need *especially those we name before you now....*

Grant us your salvation.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the following parish families: Evan Patterson, Arden and Elijah; Maureen Patterson; Ralph Perry; Bakoly, Adrien and Ben Ratsimanohatra; and John & Sharon Reelhorn. We ask for safety and protection for Emmanuella Owolabi who is in Texas with the Army Reserves.

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Christ Church, Springfield; St. James, Westwood; and the Ohio Council of Churches.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Your steadfast love holds all the saints who have finished their work and are at rest. We remember those who have died that *we name before you now....*As we grieve, remind us of your mercy so we may also give thanks.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

The Priest adds a concluding collect

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Celebrant:

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
1 John 1:8,9

Let us confess our sins against God and God's creation.

Please stand or kneel as you are able. Silence is kept.

Minister and People

**Holy and merciful God,
we confess that we have failed to honor you
by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures.
We have walked heavily on your earth,
overused and wasted its resources,
taken for granted its beauty and abundance,
and treated its inhabitants unjustly,
holding future generations hostage to our greed.
Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin.
Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as
you desire and intend,
with grateful and compassionate hearts,
through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The priest stands and says.

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 God of heaven has made a home on earth.
People **Christ dwells among us and is one with us.**

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

*The People may greet one another with a sign of peace.
Please be seated.*

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

The Celebrant says

O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.

Revelation 4:11

The offering is collected to support the mission and ministry of St. Andrew's.

Offertory Music

Light Dawns on a Weary World

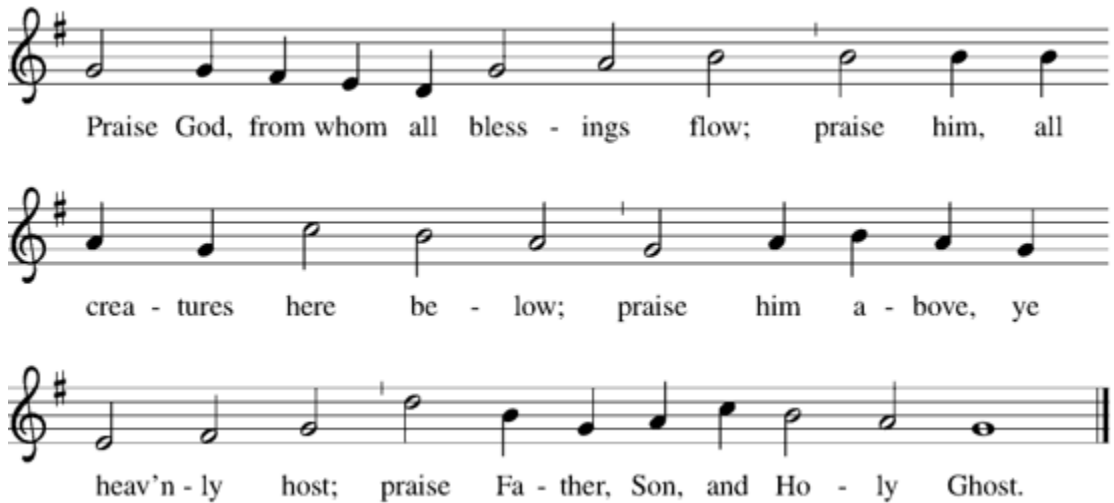
Arr. David Chewien

Flute: Laurie Whitacre

As the offering is brought forward, all stand and sing:

Offertory Hymn

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow



Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation.
 You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty.
 Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son,
 who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Creator be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to our loving God.

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

Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
 source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.
 Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being:
 sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters;
 and every living thing.

You made us in your image,
 and taught us to walk in your ways.
 But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;
 and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.
 Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels
 in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,
 lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' and a bracket) over the words 'ly', 'ry.', and 'na'.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, hea - 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. _____

The people stand or kneel as able.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
 To deliver us from the power of sin and death
 and to reveal the riches of your grace,
 you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
 that she might conceive and bear a son,
 Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us.
 He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
 healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.
 He yearned to draw all the world to himself
 yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
 Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
 the sacrifice of his life,

and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:

“Take, eat:

This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he gave thanks to you,
gave it to them, and said:

“Drink this, all of you:

This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,
with St. Andrew and all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. **AMEN**



The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

People and Celebrant

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**



The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant This is Living Bread, given for all Creation.
People All who eat this bread share in Christ's Body.

Invitation to Communion

The Celebrant says
The gift of God for the people of God.

Please be seated.

Distribution

Communion Hymn

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

Refrain / Estribillo



Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.
1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -
Refrain / Estribillo
walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

Communion Song

Praise the Father, Praise the Son

Verse 1 O sov'reign God O matchless King
The saints adore the angels sing
And fall before the throne of grace
To You belongs the highest praise

Verse 2 These sufferings this passing tide
Under Your wings I will abide

**And ev'ry enemy shall flee
You are my hope and victory**

**Chorus 1 (Oh) praise the Father praise the Son
(And) praise the Spirit Three in One
Clothed in power and in grace
The name above all other names**

**Verse 3 To the valley for my soul
Thy great descent has made me whole
Your word my heart has welcomed home
Now peace like water ever flows**

**Bridge Yours is the kingdom Yours is the power
Yours is the glory forever
Yours is the kingdom Yours is the power
Yours is the glory forever**

**Chorus 2 Praise the Father praise the Son
And praise the Spirit Three in One
Clothed in power and in grace
The name above all other names
The name above all other names**

Please stand as you are able.

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**God of our salvation,
we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.
Through the body and blood of your Son,
may we become Christ's body in the world,
bearing witness to your love for all creation,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

Creator God bless you and keep you.
Creating Christ shine through you with grace and mercy.
Creative Spirit nourish you and give you peace. ✠ **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Praise the Spirit in Creation

**Praise the Spirit in creation, breath of God, life's origin:
Spirit, moving on the waters, quickening worlds to life within,
source of breath to all things breathing, life in whom all lives begin.**

**All creation sings your praises, mammals, insects, black snakes, dogs,
Hummingbirds and wrens and spiders, fish and ferrets, finches, frogs,
Cats and chickens, sheep and rabbits, goats, alpacas, turkeys, hogs.**

**We forget our sibling creatures, thinking humans are the best:
But our egos make us blind to God's compassion for the rest.
Rend our hearts toward active caring, for in you we all are guest.**

**Praise, O praise the Holy Spirit, praise the Father, praise the Word,
Source, and Truth, and Inspiration, Trinity in deep accord:
through your voice which speaks within us we, your creatures, call you Lord.**

Dismissal

Celebrant Tend the earth, care for God's good Creation;
as you have received freely, so give freely.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



Celebrant:	Serving Today	Serving Next Week
Assisting Priest:	Pastor Sally Cook	The Rev. Tom Hawkins
Music Minister:	The Rev. Marie Mulford	-----
Choir Accompanist:	Eric Saupe	Eric Saupe (at Procter)
Crucifer:	Steve Chichester	-----
	Steve Knorr	Erica Hays

Acolytes:	Steve Knorr/Weah Wisseh	Mary Hood/Erica Hays
Chalicians:	Steve Knorr/Weah Wisseh	Mary Hood/Erica Hays
Book Bearer:	Ella Heid	Elia Harmon
Lectors:	Sharon Stickney/Andy Taylor	Weah Wisseh/Jim Thesing
Prayer Chapel:	Andy Taylor	Louise Young
Audio Technician:	Greg Cook/Carey Schneider	Greg Cook/Scott Schoenlein
Greeters:	Joe Cessna/Dom Sakowski	Mark Bonnes/Tunney King
Altar Guild:	Erica Hays/Beth Chichester	Mary Fry at Procter/Erica at church
Bread Baker:	Sharon Stickney	-----
Coffee Hour:	Stickney/Reelhorn Families	Dunn/Vaughan Families
Closer:	Toyin Adeyanju	Jim Thesing
Counters:	Amanda James/Debi Stutske	-----
Choral Music	St. Andrew's Choir	St. Andrew's Choir

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“Praise the Father, Praise the Son”

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“Praise the Spirit in Creation”

Vv. 1, 4: Michael Hewlett (b. 1916), alt. Vv. 2, 3: Susan Marie Smith (b. 1947). Music: LAUDA ANIMA, John Goss (1800-1880)

Welcome to St. Andrew's

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, separated, straight, gay, transgender, mighty rich, mighty poor, or mightily trying. We welcome those who are crying newborns, skinny as a rail, or aiming to lose a few.

We extend a special welcome if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli
or can only sing into a bucket.

You're welcome if you're "just browsing" just woke up, or just got out of jail.

We don't care if you're "cradle Episcopalian" or a "cafeteria Christian"
or if you're not sure what to be or believe.

We don't care if you have only seen the inside of a church through YouTube,
think Hozier invented "Take me to church",
or haven't been in church since your BFF from high school got married.

We extend a special welcome to those over 60 who haven't grown up
yet, and to teenagers who think they're already grown up.

We welcome soccer dads/moms, NASCAR moms/dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte
sippers, card carrying NRA members and card-burning Socialists.

We welcome vegetarians and junk-food aficionados.

We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted.

We welcome refugees and immigrants from all nations.

We welcome you if you're having problems, or you're down in the dumps or if
you don't like "organized religion", hey, many of us have been there too.

We extend a special welcome if you blew all your offering money at the
casino, still think the earth is flat, work too hard, can't sepll, or because
grandma is in town and wanted to go to church.

We extend a special welcome to those who are inked, pierced, both or undecided.

You are welcome if you need a special prayer right now, don't trust "religion"
yet feel a spiritual tug,

or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake.

We welcome seekers, finders, tourists, wanderers, doubters, bleeding
hearts...and you.

This is your home.

What unites us is Jesus Christ, his Life, Death, and Resurrection.

The rest is details.



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