

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist: Rite II
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
August 9, 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

Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.

Prelude

Pastoral Welcome

Please stand as you are able.

Processional Hymn

How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

People **Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.**

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



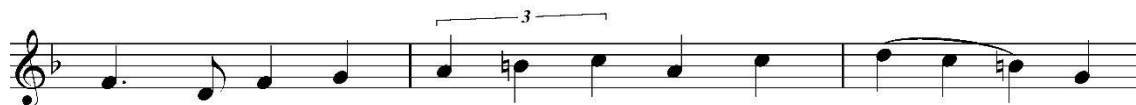
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we



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 God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God forever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Dismissal to Faith Formation

Welcome and Announcements

The Word of God

First Reading 1 Kings 19:9-18

Reader: A Reading from the first book of Kings.

⁹[Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”¹⁰He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

¹¹He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵Then the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

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

Psalm 85:8-13

⁸I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

**⁹Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**¹¹Truth shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

¹²The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,

and our land will yield its increase.

**¹³Righteousness shall go before him,
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

Second Reading Romans 10:5-15

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

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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

Please stand as you are able

Sequence Hymn

Eternal Father Strong to Save

Vs 1-2

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -

rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and

own ap - point - ed the lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we
 calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.

Gospel: Matthew 14: 22-33

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

²²[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

²⁸Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord**

Sequence Hymn

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Vs. 3-4

3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in
dark and rude, and bid rock its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -
give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

Please be seated for the sermon.

The Sermon

Please stand as you are able.

The Nicene Creed (*EOW*)

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.**

The Prayers of the People

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the servants of your gospel in every place, that your word may be heard. Where your voice is scorned and your people persecuted, strengthen the church in its faithful witness.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For this world you have created, that all life may flourish. Preserve biodiversity in all its variety and help ecosystems to survive the extremes of a changing climate. Move our hearts with compassion to join in this work.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For your children in every nation, that they learn to love justice and live in harmony. Keep us mindful of the horrors of war; draw our hearts instead toward your reign of love, hope, and peace.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For leaders of towns, states, nations, and organizations, and all who are in positions of authority, that they lead with justice and integrity. Teach us to respond with Christlike mercy to all who are afraid or in danger.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For all who struggle amid the storms of life, that they find peace and hope in your loving presence. Comfort any who are lonely and grieving and all who suffer ...*especially those we name before you now.*

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For this congregation and its ministries, that they reflect your love and life amid a turbulent world. Guide our Vestry and other church leaders with your still, calm voice.

We pray for the following parish families: Rich & Donna Goehring; Vencia Gordon; Linda Gonya; Joanna Greene & Roosevelt Henry, Caleb and Christa Faith; and Jeannie Griggs. 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, Glendale and the Trustees of the Diocese.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for the faithful who have gone before us. Guide us in our earthly journey, that we may one day join them in your eternal kingdom.

We pray for the dead and the dying *who we name before you now....*

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

The Priest adds a concluding collect

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 our neighbor.

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

Minister and 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.

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 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

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

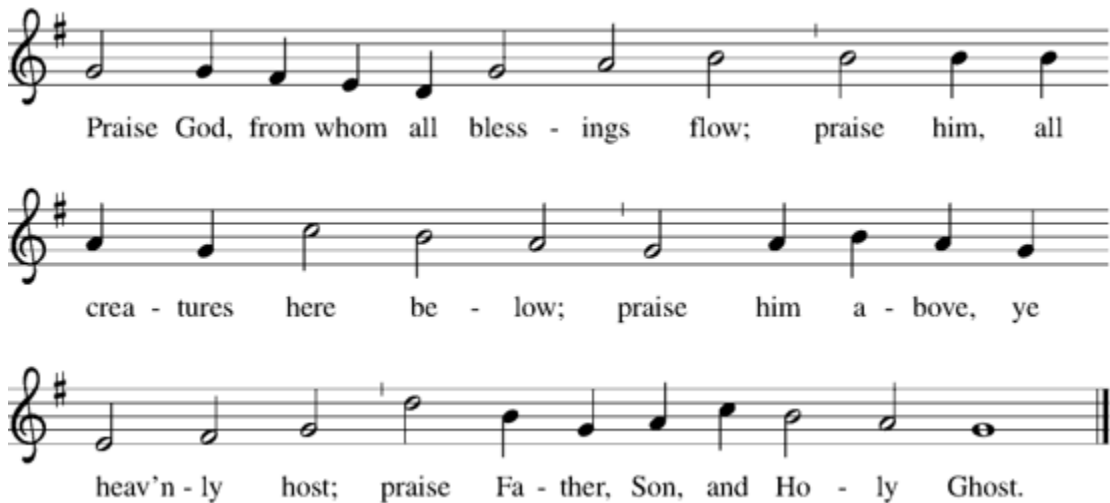
Ephesians 5:2

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

Offertory Music

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

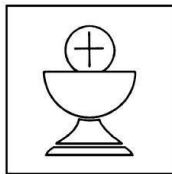
Offertory Hymn Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow



Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



The Great Thanksgiving

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 our 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 a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, with some words aligned under specific notes. There are three measures of music on each staff. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody continues with eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staves. There are three measures of music on each staff. The third staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody continues with eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staves. There are three measures of music on each staff. The fourth staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody continues with eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staves. There are three measures of music on each staff. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

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 We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

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

Invitation to Communion

The Celebrant says

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

Please be seated.

Distribution

Communion Hymn

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts. The lyrics are:

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me
2. When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws

The score includes various musical notations such as whole, half, and quarter notes, rests, and dynamic markings like 'p' (piano) and 'f' (forte). There are also some decorative elements like slurs and ties.

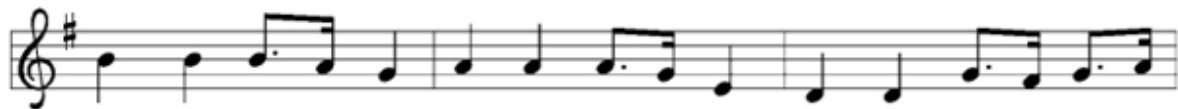
stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
 near, when my life is al - most gone;
 near, and the day is past and gone;

— through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the
 — hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I
 — at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my

light, take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me on. —
 fall, take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me on. —
 hand, take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me on. —

Communion Hymn

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Please stand as you are able.

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**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.**

Blessing

The Wisdom of God
the Love of God
and the Grace of God
strengthen you
to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,
in the name of the Holy Trinity ✠. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

Verse 5 **Time, like an every-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.**

Verse 6 **O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.**

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

	Serving Today	Serving Next Week
Celebrant:	Pastor Sally Cook	Pastor Sally Cook
Assisting Priest:	The Rev. Susan Smith	The Rev. Marie Mulford
Music Minister:	Eric Saupe	Eric Saupe
Pianist:	Amanda James	
Crucifer:	George Hawkins	Greg Stickney
Acolytes:	Erica Hays/Weah Wisseh	Greg Stickney/Tunney King
Chalicists:	Erica Hays/Weah Wisseh	Greg Stickney/Tunney King
Book Bearer:	Shedrach Owolabi	Ella Heid
Lectors:	Andy Taylor/Martin Myers	Louise Young/John Segelken
Prayer Chapel:	Tunney King	Tracy Taylor
Audio Technician:	Greg Cook/Scott Schoenlein	Keith Hays/Richard Hernandez
Greeters:	Mark Bonnes/Joe Cessna	Dom Sakowski/Joe Cessna
Altar Guild:	Mary Fry/Colleen Thesing	Mary Fry/Elaine Vaughan
Bread Baker:	Marie Mulford	Patrice Dunn
Coffee Hour:	Cotterman/Donnellan Families & Friends	Dunn/Simeone Families
Closer:	Andy Taylor	Jim Thesing
Counters:	Sheri Kreinbihl/Lisa Varney	Amanda James/Marge Camden
Choral Music	St. Andrew's Choir	St. Andrew's Choir

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“Eternal Father Strong to Save” Text: William Whiting, 1825-1878, alt. Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823-1876.

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711. Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1531.

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” S129, Setting: Robert Powell, b. 1932

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” Thomas A. Dorsey (1899-1993) WLP #800

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839-1929. Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858-1924.

“O God Our Help in Ages Past” Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt. Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678-1727.

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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