

# St Andrew's Episcopal Church & School

*The Celebration & Administration of*

## **The Holy Eucharist: Rite II**

*on*

*The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

19 November 2023 at 10:30 am

### **Concerning the Liturgy**

This bulletin provides page numbers for *The Book of Common Prayer* (the book with the cross) and *The Hymnal 1982*. Hymns that are marked with "S" are found at the beginning of the hymnal. The italicized words are rubrics, or directions, to let you know when to stand, sit, kneel, and sing.

**VOLUNTARY**

*Priore*

Craig Phillips

**THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **The Blessing of Birthdays & Anniversaries**

*Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries are invited to come forward for a blessing prayed by the priest and congregation:*

May God guard your joy and keep you in holy grace;  
may God meet you in your celebration  
and give you the Spirit's peace;  
may God bless you and at the last,  
bring you into Christ's everlasting Kingdom. Amen.

**In Procession, a Hymn**

*Munich*

Hymnal 632

*All stand and sing.*

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

**The Opening Acclamation & Responses**

BCP 355

**A Canticle, Benedictus es Domine**

Rutter

Hymnal S236

**The Collect of the Day:** *Proper 28*

BCP 236

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:  
Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that  
we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life,

which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The First Lesson**

**Judges 4:1–7**

*All sit.*

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.’”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**At the Gradual, Psalm 123**

Henry Walford Davies

BCP 780

*Sung by the choir.*

**The Second Lesson**

**1 Thessalonians 5:1–11**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let

us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**At the Sequence, a Hymn**

*Houston*

Hymnal 490

*All stand and sing.*

**The Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 25:14–30**

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what

was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### **The Sermon**

The Rev. Bob Merrill

### **The Nicene Creed**

BCP 358

*All stand.*

### **The Prayers of the People**

Brothers and sisters, in love let us encourage one another and build each other up. Let us pray saying, “Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy.”

Lord God, you have destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ: strengthen your Church to confidently share your gospel throughout the world. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, **have mercy.**

Lord God, have mercy on all who are shown contempt and scorn: Hear the cries of the needy and lift up the downtrodden and lowly. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, **have mercy.**

Lord God, you rule the day and the night: Bless and sustain the works of your hands. Restore your creation. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, **have mercy.**

Lord God, you are enthroned in the heavens: may we trust not our own schemes but lift up our eyes to you. Lead and guide our city and its leaders in all justice and truth. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, **have mercy.**

Lord God, you are a merciful God: hear the prayers of those who cry out to you for help. Be present with the suffering in their waking and their sleeping. We pray for those on our parish prayer list, including Sarrah, Lynette, Gary, Patty, Stacy, Susan, Jeanne, Karena, Clorinda, Steve, Andrea, Ron, Father John, and John. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, **have mercy.**

Lord God, your Son Jesus died for us that we might dwell in your light forever: give to the dying and the dead the hope of salvation. We remember especially Bianca. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, **have mercy**.

*The priest adds a concluding collect.*

**The Confession of Sin**

BCP 360

**The Peace**

BCP 360

*All stand. The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**Capital Project Committee Update**

Mr. David Rennie  
*Chair, Capital Project Committee*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Giving to St. Andrew's

To make a contribution to the ministry of St. Andrew's, please drop your offering in the plate or scan this QR code to give securely online.



**At the Offertory, an Anthem**

*There's A Wideness in God's Mercy*

There's a wideness in God's mercy, Like the wideness of the sea;  
There's a kindness in His justice, Which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows Are more felt than up in Heaven;  
There is no place where earth's failings Have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader Than the measure of our mind;  
And the heart of the Eternal Is most wonderfully kind.  
But we make His love too narrow By false limits of our own;  
And we magnify His strictness With a zeal He will not own.

There is plentiful redemption In the blood that has been shed;  
There is joy for all the members In the sorrows of the Head.

There is grace enough for thousands Of new worlds as great as this;  
There is room for fresh creations In that upper home of bliss.  
If our love were but more simple, We should take Him at His word;  
And our lives would be all gladness In the joy of Christ our Lord.

Words: Frederick William Faber

Music: Maurice Bevan

**At The Presentation, a Hymn**

*Thaxted*

*All stand and sing as the offering is brought forward.*

1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - day  
And sing the love a - maz-ing that songs can-not re - pay;  
For we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,  
At bless-ings with - out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end.  
We lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word;  
We hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.

Text: Michael Perry, 1942-1996, © 1982, The Jubilate Group (admin. by Hope Publishing Company)  
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**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B**

**Sanctus et Benedictus**

Proulx

BCP 367

Hymnal S125

**The Lord's Prayer**

BCP 364

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**Fraction Anthem**

Plainsong

Hymnal S152

# Agnus Dei

Hampton

Hymnal S374

*Sua bassa* ----- Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the  
world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, —  
— you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Setting: Calvin Hampton (1938–1984).  
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*All are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church. At the altar rail, you may elect to dip (intinct) your wafer in the wine or drink from the chalice as it passes you. If you desire to receive a blessing instead of communion, please cross your arms over your chest. If you would prefer to receive a gluten-free wafer, please clasp your hands together, and one of the clergy will offer a gluten free wafer to you. If you require communion be brought to you, please let the usher know.*

**At the Distribution, a Hymn**

*Song 1*

Hymnal 617

*Wem in Leidenstagen*

Hymnal 479

**The Post-Communion Prayer & Blessing**

BCP 365

In Procession, a Hymn      *Ton-y-botel*      Wonder, Love, and Praise 721



1. Signs of end-ings all a - round us— dark - ness, death, and win - ter days  
2. Can it be that from our end - ings, new be - gin - nings you cre - ate?  
3. Speak, O God, your Word a - mong us. Bar - ren lives your pres - ence fill.



shroud our lives in fear and sad - ness, numb - ing mouths that long to praise.  
Life from death, and from our rend - ings, realms of whole - ness gen - er - ate?  
Swell our hearts with songs of glad - ness, ter - rors calm fore - bod - ings still.



Come, O Christ, and dwell a - mong us! Hear our cries, come set us free.  
Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them in - to hopes for life a - new:  
Let your prom - ised realm of jus - tice blos - som now through - out the earth;



Give us hope and faith and glad - ness. Show us what there yet can be.  
Fad - ing light and dy - ing sea - son sing their Glo - ri - as to you.  
your do - min - ion bring now near us; we a - wait the sav - ing birth.

**The Dismissal**

BCP 366

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*Fanfare for Saint Anthony*

David Ashley White

*Please join us for Coffee Time in the Parish Hall, which can be accessed by the stairs or elevator.*





The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and  
in gratitude to Jennifer Perry and the entire Stewardship Committee by  
Nancy Greenwood.

*To dedicate flowers, please sign up using the flower dedication list on our bulletin board .*

## ST. ANDREW'S PRAYER LIST

*“Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, bear our prayers for this parish family.”*

### **Please keep these individuals in your prayers this week:**

Sarrah Moseley, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*  
Lynette Edwards, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*  
Gary Moseley, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*  
Patty Mejia, *spouse of Frank Guevara*  
Stacy Jenkins, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*  
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Steve Peterson, *family of Susan Peterson*  
Andrea Peterson, *family of Susan Peterson*  
Ron Sparks, *friend of Jerry and Martha Gallagher*  
Father John Pitts, *friend of Mike Sullivan*  
John T. Hayes, *friend of Betty Kay Alexander*

### **We pray for the repose of the soul of:**

Bianca Currie, *mother-in-law of Jamie Martin-Currie*

As part of their work the Daughters of the King offer prayers daily for those on our parish prayer list. If you would like to add someone to the published parish prayer list above, please notify Carrie Conti, Office Manager, at [cconti@saecheights.org](mailto:cconti@saecheights.org). If you would like your prayer request to be confidential, please let Carrie know.

Names remain on Parish Prayer List for four Sundays unless the request is renewed.

## PARISH LIFE & NEWS

**Heights Community Thanksgiving:** Tonight at 5:30 pm the St. Andrew's community, as a sponsoring church of the Heights Food Pantry, is participating with 5 other Heights area churches in an evening of "Thankfulness." This year the location is St. Mark's Methodist church at 600 Pecore Street. The evening begins with a soup and salad potluck supper followed by a worship service celebrated by ministers from all 6 churches. Everyone is invited to enjoy the festivities. Attendees are asked to bring something to share—soup, salad, sandwiches or dessert. St. Mark's will provide drinks and serving ware.

**Houston Seafarer's Boxes:** Please consider making a gift of essential supplies to the Seafarer's Christmas boxes. See the Voice for the link to the Amazon gift registry. The deadline for purchasing items is Saturday, December 2. Boxes will be ready for wrapping at the Christmas Market on December 10.

**Men of St. Andrew's BBQ:** The Men of St. Andrew's will be taking care of your Christmas Eve and Christmas dinner needs! We will be smoking briskets, ribs, salmon, and pork loins. Meat pick-up will be on Christmas Eve following the morning and afternoon services. Scan the QR code to order. If you would like to come out and barbecue with us on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, email us at [menof-saec@gmail.com](mailto:menof-saec@gmail.com) or talk with Ben Gibbs at church.



**"What to know about...":** In this class we will look ahead to Year B (starting just around the corner on the First Sunday of Advent) to explore the Gospel According to Mark. It is significant that this was the first Gospel to be written. This brief survey will introduce you to its background, structure, and major themes so you can get the most out of hearing it read through the coming year. Sundays at 9:30 am in the Oak Table Room.

**Church Nursery:** The nursery is open from 8:15 AM to 12:15 PM for infants through 3 years.

**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA):** Meetings are offered at St. Andrew's every week. Primary Purposes Group meets Tuesday nights at 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Tradition 5 Group meets Wednesday nights at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. Friday Night Survivors Group meets at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. Al-Anon Group meets at 11 AM Saturday mornings in the Parish Hall. We are Not Saints Group meets at 7 PM Saturday nights in St. Andrew's House. For questions about these groups, contact the Rector at [jgrace@saccheights.org](mailto:jgrace@saccheights.org)



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