St. Andrew’s

Episcopal Church



**Tenth Sunday in Pentecost**

**August 17, 2025**

**Holy Eucharist Rite II ~ 10:30am**

*"Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels."*

*(Heb. 13:1). We warmly welcome all who worship with us today. Children are welcome in worship. Please complete a Visitor's Sheet found on the table at the back of the church. By completing a sheet, you will receive our newsletter and welcome information.*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Prelude  *Sonata No. 5 in E Minor, RV 40, Op. 14: 1. Largo***  *by Antonio Vivaldi*

 *(Z. Mark Smith, bassoon)*

**Hymn at the Procession 495 *Hail, thou once despised Jesus!***

**Opening Acclamation** **BCP p. 355**

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

**Collect for Purity**

*Celebrant* 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***.*

**Gloria *Hymnal S-278***

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to the people on earth….*

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

***People*****And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The people are seated for the readings and the psalm*

### The First Lesson – Jeremiah 23:23-29

### *A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah*

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back-- those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 82**

*Please respond at the bold half verse*

1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; \*
**he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:**

2 "How long will you judge unjustly, \*
**and show favor to the wicked?**

3 Save the weak and the orphan;\*
**defend the humble and needy;**

4 Rescue the weak and the poor; \*
**deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

5 They do not know, neither do they understand;
they go about in darkness; \*
**all the foundations of the earth are shaken.**

6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, \*
**and all of you children of the Most High;**

7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, \*
**and fall like any prince.'"**

8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, \*
**for you shall take all nations for your own.**

**The Second Lesson – Hebrews 11:29-12:2**

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Hymn at The Sequence 691 *My faith looks up to thee***

**The Gospel – Luke 12:49-56**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,

mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, `It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, `There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

*Celebrant*The Gospel of the Lord.

***People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The people sing the remaining verses of the hymn*

**Sermon The Rev. Z. Mark Smith**

**The Nicene Creed BCP p. 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 VI BCP p. 392**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*
Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Mariann, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence (The People may add their own petitions.)*

Hear us, Lord;
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence* *(The People may add their own thanksgivings.)*

We will exalt you, O God our King;
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence (The People may add their own petitions.)*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence*

*Leader and people*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;**

**In your compassion forgive us our sins,**

**Known and unknown,**

**Things done and left undone;**

**And so uphold us by your Spirit**

**That we may live and serve you in newness of life,**

**To the honor and glory of your Name;**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord 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 the Lord be always with you.

***People* And also with you.**

**Announcements**

**Offertory**

*Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.*(Eph.5:2)

**Offertory music**

### Presentation Hymn  *Hymn #380 (v.3) and Hymn #717 (v.4)*

### *“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.”*

### *“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 Holy Communion**

**T****he Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B BCP p. 367**

*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 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**  ***Hymnal* S-129**

*The congregation may stand or kneel*

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you,
O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Andrew and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

 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.*

**The Lord’s Prayer BCP p. 364**

### *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 BCP p. 364**

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

***People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant*  The gifts of God for the People of God. Holy things for Holy People.

*All who seek a closer relationship with God through Christ are welcome to participate in Holy Communion. If you would prefer not to receive, you may cross your arms over your chest and the celebrant will offer God’s blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the celebrant.*

*Let us pray*

**Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 365**

**Eternal God heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Blessing**

*Celebrant* The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you this day and forever. ***Amen.***

**Final Processional Hymn 615 *Thy kingdom come!***

**Dismissal**

*Reader* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

***People*****Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Postlude**

***Announcements***

**PARISH PRAYER LIST**

*Please hold the following people in prayer:*

Ryker Hurst, Bernice Nunes, Phyllis Doughty, Angelica Wilkinson, Jan Barnes, Jonathan Tanner, Stuart A. Wood, Judy Cavin, Gloria Gehrig, Kyle Patrick, Tegan, Billy Doughty, Judy Consoli, Brian Gardner, Isabella Tenczar, Elinor Mattingly, Carol Brimm, Lanette Cowles, Susan Geary, Dee McRae, Kenda Parker, Artie Miller, Melanie Baisley, Terrie Leonard, The Willett Family, Donna Carter, Judi Donnelly, Laine Doggett, Caroline Bradford, The Blackwell family, Jane Roderick, Jennifer Ceriale, Greta Johnston, Donnie Carter, Art Carson, Thomas Leonard, Ruby Dyson, Taylor, Charlene Townsend, Kelly, Susan Carroll, Alexi Greene, Paula Wayland, Rusty Robinson, Pam Baake, Pete & Nancy Brown, Elizabeth Biddle Pumphrey, Dean G., Betty Lou Nagel, Karol Dyson, Mary Hansen, the Hansen family, Linda Epp, Christine Butler, Richard Lamb, Bobby Anderson, Skylar Patron, Misty Cantu, Erica Day,Rusty and Tanya Robinson, Bob and Doreen Misener, Mark Stutso, first responders and all of those serving in the military and their families.

***Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in loving memory of***

 ***Betty Ann Wittenauer by her daughter and grandson.***

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**Serving in Worship today - Rev. Z. Mark Smith**

**8:00 am**

Lector – Mary Larson

**10:30 am**

Lector – Margaret Hallau

Verger – Dee McRae

**Coffee Hour follows each service in the Parish Hall.**

**Yard Sale**

Our next yard sale will be August 28-30, 8am-5pm on Thursday and Friday, and 8-1 on Saturday. We need help with set-up and take down, as well as other tasks on those days, so please see Steve Carroll and Clara Stark about how we can be helpful!

**Donations for Oakville Elementary**

Deep thanks to all who have contributed food and school supplies for our partners in the area (Oakville Elementary and St. Mary's Caring); you are a generous group of folks indeed. With the start of the new school year, we have compiled a list of items needed for the start of the year at Oakville. That list will be available at the back of the church and on the St. Andrew's website. Thank you again for all you do. Blessings, Mark+

**Sunday School Information**

Sunday school begins on September 7. Children will begin in the church with their families, leave just prior to the first reading, and then return for communion. Anyone between the ages of 5 to 12 can join in for singing, a Bible story, and an activity. If you have any questions, contact Joyce Austin at churchschool64@gmail.com.

**Blessing of the Backpacks, Sept. 14th**

Join us in sending students, educators, and staff back to school with our prayers and blessings. All students, from preschool to college, staff, and educators are invited to bring their backpacks, brief case, or school bag to worship and join us for this special time of blessing for an exciting new school year. In addition, we are asking everyone to bring school supplies or backpacks to donate and bless for Oakville Elementary School.

**EYC & Acolytes Kick Off, Sept 14th from 12:30 to 1:30pm**

Calling all middle and high school youth! Join us on Sept. 14th after the service for pizza and planning. Those interested in Acolytes will get a refresher course while EYC members will select monthly events over pizza. For more information, please reach out to Gizelle & Chris at youthministry@standrewsleonardtown.org.

**St. Andrew’s Nursery**

Nursery is available from 10:00 am – Noon, every Sunday.  Suitable for all little souls from infancy through age 5.

**Healing Service**

Join us Wednesdays at 12:30 pm for a simple service of scripture, prayer, reflection and anointing for those who wish to receive. Feel free to bring your joys and sadness, prayers for yourself and others and, most of all, for this beautiful, broken world we inhabit.

**Bible Study**

Join us for Bible Study Wednesdays at 1pm, immediately following the healing service. Our guide will continue to be Luke, who is our companion throughout the Sunday readings this year. Bring a snack and join us if you can!

**Adult Forum**

*The Wisdom Jesus* by The Rev. Cynthia Bourgealt (Shambala Press, 2008, 210 pages) is our next book for our Sunday morning adult forum.  Cynthia Bourgeault approaches Jesus from a very different perspective.  As a member of the “world-wide Wisdom movement,” she sees the teachings of Jesus as extensions of wisdom writings within the Bible. What emerges is a Jesus who is quite different from the one we are accustomed to meeting, one that should spark lively discussion about seeing Jesus through a very different lens. Please bring your thoughts, open minds and join us! Mark+

**Parish Calendar**

The St. Andrew's Parish Calendar is online!  To add your events, please email admin@standrewsleonardtown.org  To view the calendar, go to the Parish website or use this link:  [https://standrewsleonardtown.org/parish-calendar](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__standrewsleonardtown.org_parish-2Dcalendar&d=DwMGaQ&c=euGZstcaTDllvimEN8b7jXrwqOf-v5A_CdpgnVfiiMM&r=miYcgJAOrKjIDE0-mJSugHX-Fs1A_zXnwa485_H3qco&m=MJeLyOdU9VoacC7DllNU3FpASiCyFcjeOy22DNoBYiPgtY4T08_VQiRvwuHT1254&s=ugBSvm56H64UHW9X8D-yKgwC5KyYSMIbnifbCY4yZro&e=)

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