St. Andrew’s

Episcopal Church



***Th Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost***

***October 25, 2020***

**Worship and Communion under Special Circumstances**

“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.

**The Word of God**

**Prelude**

**Opening Hymn**

**Opening Acclamation Book of Common Prayer, page 355**

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

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

**Collect for Purity:** 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.

**Collect Of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant*  Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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### Psalm 1

### 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \* nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

### 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, \* and they meditate on his law day and night.

### 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \* everything they do shall prosper.

### 4 It is not so with the wicked; \* they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

### 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \* nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

### 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, \* but the way of the wicked is doomed.

### The Holy Gospel - Matthew 22: 34-46

### *Celebrant*: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “’You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

***Celebrant*** The Gospel of the Lord**.**

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

**Homily**

**The Prayers of the People Form IV BCP, page 388**  
Let us pray for the Church and for the world.  
  
Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.  
 *Silence*Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***  
Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.  
 *Silence*Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***  
Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.  
*Silence*Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***  
Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***  
  
Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.  
 *Silence*Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***  
We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.  
 *Silence*Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

*The Minister adds a concluding a collect.*

***Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.*Amen.**

**The Peace**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*The People remain at their seats*

**Announcements**

**Musical Selection**

**Communion under Special Circumstances**

*At times of special circumstance persons may be communicated  
from the reserved Sacrament, using the following form.*

*The Celebrant, whether priest or deacon, or Eucharistic Minister*

*reads a passage of Scripture appropriate to the day or occasion, or else one of the following*

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall  
not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." *John 6:35*

Jesus said, "Abide in me, as I in you. As the branch cannot  
bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can  
you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the  
branches. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much  
fruit, and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved  
me, so have I loved you; abide in my love."    John 15:4-5a, 8-9

*Suitable prayers may be offered, concluding with the following or some other Collect.*

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he  
suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood:  
Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in  
remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy  
mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and  
reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*The Lord's Prayer is said, the Minister first saying*

Let us pray in the words our Savior Christ has taught us.

### The Lord’s Prayer

### 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.

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| *The Minister may say the following Invitation*  The Gifts of God for the People of God   |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | (Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.) |   *The Sacrament is administered with the following or other words*  The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life.  [*Amen.*]  *The minister concludes with a post communion prayer*.  **Let us pray.** |
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***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.***

*A Final Blessing is offered.*

The peace of God which passes understanding keep y**our** hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and his Son, Jesus Christ, and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon **you** now and for ever. Amen.

*A minister concludes with one of the following*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and  
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*    *2 Corinthians 13:14*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in  
believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.* *Romans 15:13*

**Dismissal**

*Reader* Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

**Closing Hymn**

**Postlude**

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