



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Boca Grande ☩ Florida

"Bringing God and people together in love through Jesus Christ"

Sunday Worship

9:30 A.M.

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The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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... carry the
CROSS
and follow me ...

Luke 14:27, NRSV

Welcome

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We hope you find a connection between your desire to come and what you experience. We are a community drawn together by faith in God's love made known in Jesus Christ, expressed by forgiveness and acceptance rather than getting it right. However you identify, you belong here. We connect with each other by knowing and accepting each other as we are, and together serve others here in Boca Grande and in the wider community. Visitor cards are in the pew to help us get to know you better. They can be returned in the offering plate at the back of the church or handed to an usher.

Restrooms are located next door in the Chapter House.

Altar Flowers

The Altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God
By Nigel Spencer-Barnes
In loving memory of his beloved wife, Judy.

Serving Today

Usher Bob Burke
Lector

Chalice Bearer
Coffee Host Bert Rowan

Serving Next Week

Usher Bob Burke
Lector vacant

Chalice Bearer vacant
Coffee Host Paula Gray and Margie DeMauro

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

The Word of God

THE PRELUDE

Andante tranquillo
Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

Felix Mendelssohn
Georg Philipp Telemann, *arr.*

THE PROCESSIONAL

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Hymnal, 423



Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

THE ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

THE SONG OF PRAISE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymnal, 390

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty'. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -'. The second staff contains 'Praise to the Lord! O, let all that is in me a -'. The third staff contains 'a dore - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with'. The fourth staff contains 'health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y, prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his'. The fifth staff contains 'or - gan, and song, sound-ing in glad ad - o - ra - - tion. peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.'.

Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
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peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

PHILEMON 1-21

Lector A reading from the Letter of Paul of Philemon.

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier,
and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

PSALM 1

Lector The Psalm appointed for today is a Psalm 1. Let us read responsively by half verse.

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 SEQUENCE HYMN

Day by day, dear Lord

Hymnal, 654



THE GOSPEL

LUKE 14:25-33

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

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

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Chris Gray

THE NICENE CREED

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

Celebrant Let us offer our prayers to God saying, "Hear our prayer."

Please find your position of prayer, whether that is standing, kneeling, or sitting.

Lector At this time of changing seasons, we thank you, O Lord, for the beauty of our earth.
People Hear our Prayer.

Lector We pray for the Church in all times and places. Strengthen our faith as we seek to
do your will and become more and more your people.
People Hear our Prayer.

Lector Guide the leaders of our land, our President, our Governor, that we may be a
people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth.
People Hear our Prayer.

Lector Grant that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds
cease; that we may live in justice and peace.
People Hear our Prayer.

Lector Guide the people of this land so to use our public and private wealth that all may find suitable and fulfilling employment, and receive just payment for their labor.

People **Hear our Prayer.**

Lector O God, the strength of those who labor, grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil.

People **Hear our Prayer.**

Lector Remember, O Lord, in mercy all those who suffer or are in any trouble, knowing that you do not willingly afflict or grieve us.

People **Hear our Prayer.**

Lector Grant your blessing to all who have died in the hope of resurrection; grant them rest from their labors.

People **Hear our Prayer.**

A moment of silence in observed so that any other prayers of intercession or thanksgiving may be said silently or aloud.

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant And now let us pray for the forgiveness of our sins.
(A moment of silence in observed so that we may make our silent confession before God).

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.**

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE OFFERTORY

As the Deer

Douglas Wagner, arr.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Holy Communion

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharist Prayer A

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 offer thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow-er and might,
Heav'n 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, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please find your position of prayer, whether that is standing, kneeling, or sitting

Then the Celebrant Continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

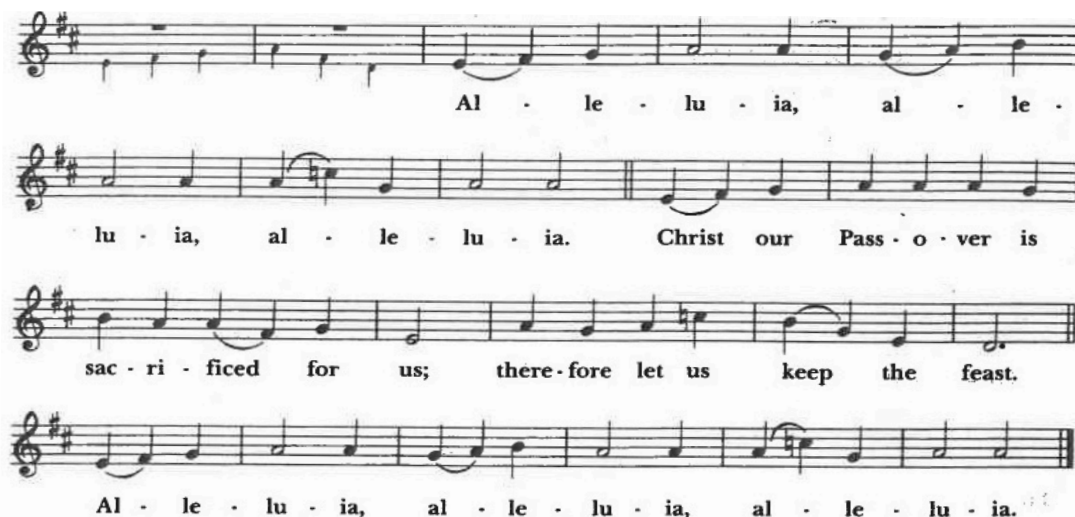
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Silence as the Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM



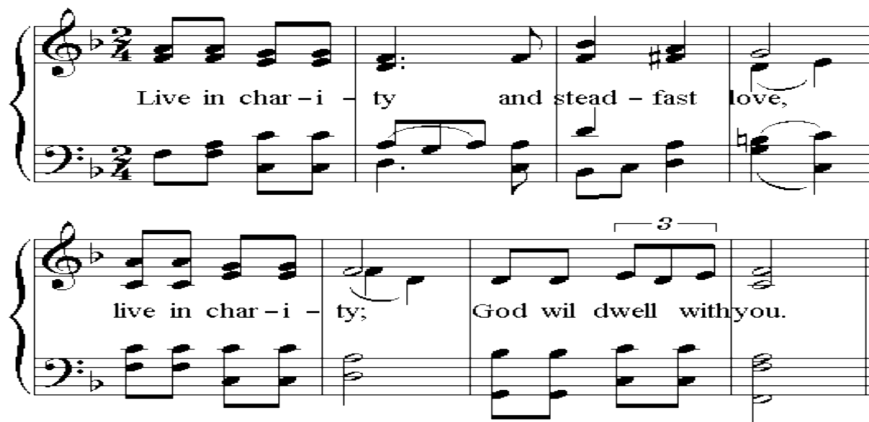
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

(All baptized persons regardless of denominational affiliation are invited to receive Holy Communion. If it is not in your conscience to receive, please consider coming forward for a simple blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please let the priest know when you come forward)

COMMUNION

Ubi caritas

Taizé



Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,
live in char - i - ty; God wil dwell with you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant and People

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.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant

May God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE PROCESSIONAL

Praise to the living God!

Hymnal, 372



Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name
Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;
His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will:
E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;



who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.
ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.
in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.
his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.



The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:
Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,
Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,
Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name



the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!
and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - beys.
deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.
who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Sortie on ST DENIO

Gordon Young



Pastoral Prayer List

Marie Allen
Dennis Berry
Shawn Peterson Cain
Vera Chelnokov
Emily Clegg
Jean Corey
Bob Corl
Hadley Cox
Dana
John Farrar

Gene Findlay
Jeffrey Fletcher
Tom & Bette Floyd
Kathy Gregg
Eric H.
Terrilynn Hulmutch
Jenna Larson
Sarah McDonald
Mary Mulvania

Larry Pardee
Bobby Parker
Maurice Price
Gary Robinson
Pat Ryan
Amy Staples
Strazzulla Family
Peter Strong
Stephanie Vick
Donna Welsh

Military Prayer List

Blaise Bess
Ben Constantinides
John Life Ikenberry
Colin Jackson
Karl Jackson
Thais Jackson

Anthony Kopp
Alex Lovo
Michael Manetti
Jonathan Prince
Renier van Breen

Announcements

Sunday Volunteers Needed

We are in need of ushers, lectors, and chalice bearers to help on Sundays. If you feel called to serve, please sign up in the narthex or contact the church office.

Altar Flowers

Altar flower dedications are available. The cost is **\$65 for one arrangement** or **\$130 for both**. This is a meaningful way to honor a loved one or celebrate a special occasion. A sign up book can be found in the narthex.

Thank You, Bert!

A big thank you to Bert for providing all the delicious pies at coffee hour on Pie Sunday. Your generosity is deeply appreciated!

Bible Studies on Zoom Links found on our website

- Men's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 8:30 am
- Women's Bible Study: Fridays at 10:00 am

A Glance at the Weeks Ahead

Sunday, September 7

Holy Eucharist, Rite II 9:30 a.m.

Monday, September 8

AA 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, September 9

Men's Bible Study 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, September 10

BG Historic Society Meeting 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, September 11

Men's AA 8:30 a.m.

Women's AA 9:30 a.m.

Friday, September 12

Women's Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 14

Holy Eucharist, Rite II 9:30 a.m.

Monday, September 15

AA 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, September 16

Men's Bible Study 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, September 10

BG Historic Society Meeting 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, September 18

Men's AA 8:30 a.m.

Women's AA 9:30 a.m.

Friday, 19

Women's Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

Friday, 20

Vestry Meeting 9:00 a.m.

ST. ANDREWS' VESTRY MEMBERS

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Mick Aslin
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Kimberly Whipple *

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Class of 2027

Renee Farnham
Jay Spurgeon

*** Junior Warden*

Mary Campbell (Clerk)

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