

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Boca Grande ☩ Florida

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

Sunday Worship

Jan-April 8:00A.M. & 9:30A.M.
May - Dec. 9:30A.M.

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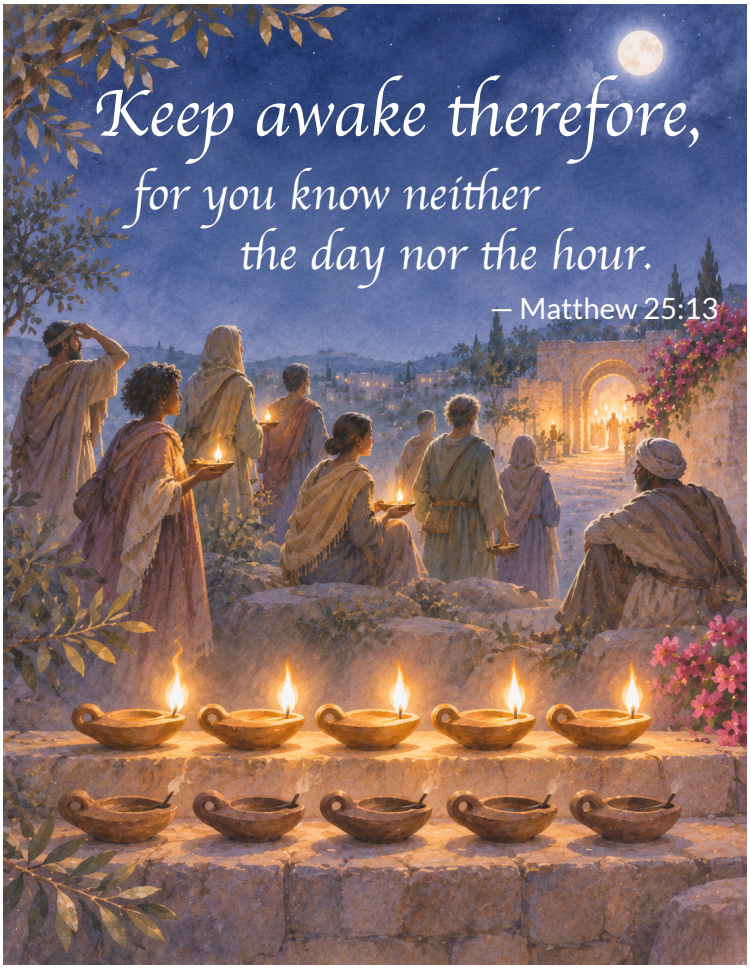
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The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost



Proper 27, Year A
November 8, 2026

Good Morning ... Welcome!

We're glad you're worshipping with us today! St. Andrew's is a community rooted in God's love, where all are welcomed, accepted, and encouraged to grow in faith and fellowship. Whether you are visiting or returning, you belong here!

We invite visitors to complete a card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate at the back of the church or give it to an usher. We'd love to get to know you!
Restrooms are located next door in the Chapter House.

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Serving Today

Ushers	Jay and Susan Spurgeon and Dennis Johnson
Lector	Joy McBride
Chalice Bearer	Kim Lovo

Serving Next Sunday

Sunday, November 15

Ushers	
Lector	Joy McBride
Chalice Bearer	
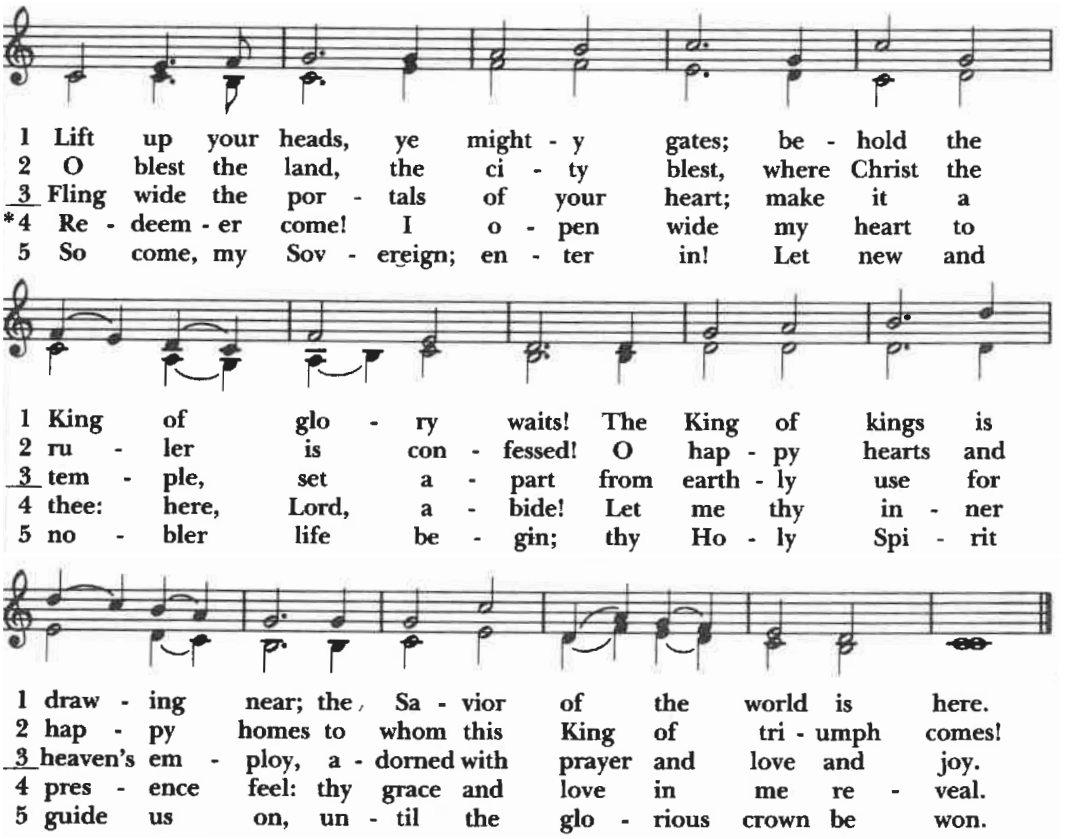
The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Word of God

THE PRELUDE *Why Are You so Full of Heaviness, O My Soul,* Psalm 42.6 — Robert J. Powell

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THE PROCESSIONAL *Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates* — Hymnal, 436

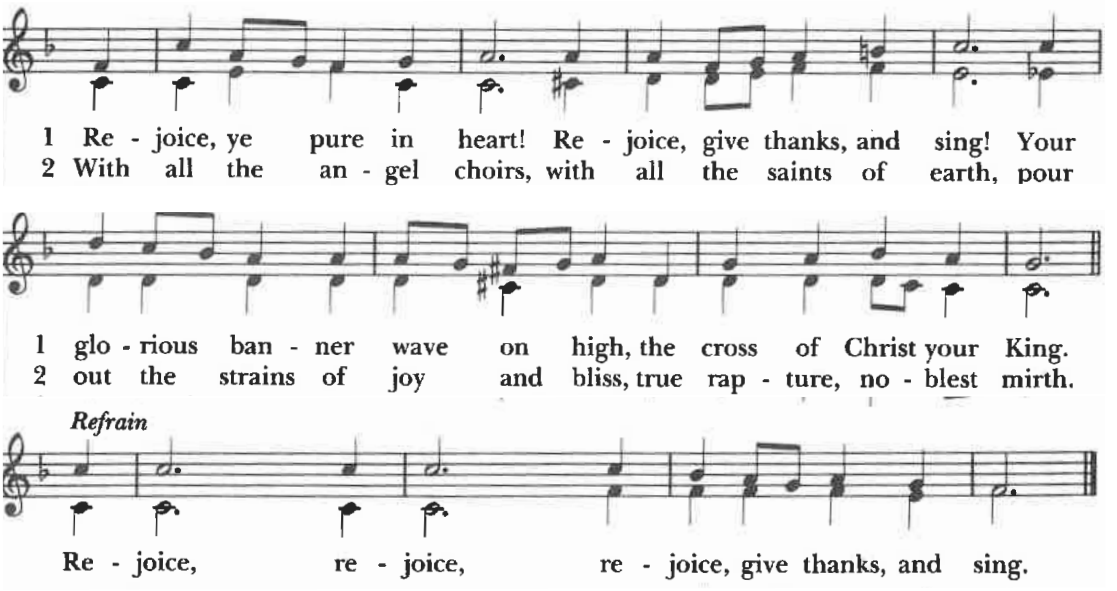


THE ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE *Rejoice, ye pure in heart!* Hymnal, 556 (v. 1-2)



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson — 1 John 3:1-3

Lector A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon.

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 70

Lector Today's Psalm is Psalm 70. Let us read responsively by half verse.

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O Lord, make haste to help me.

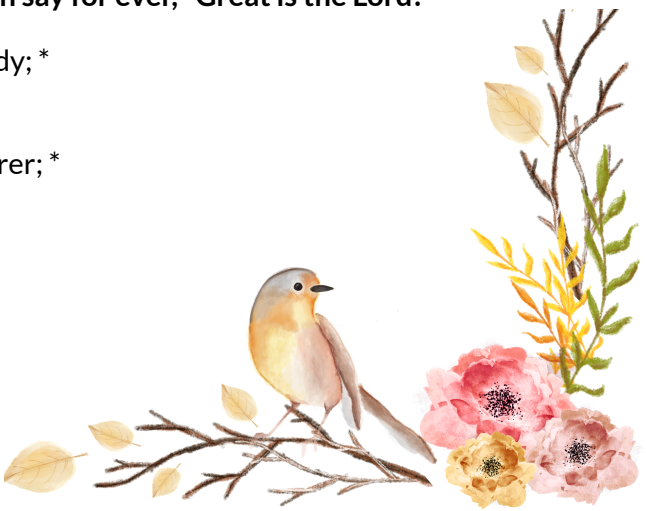
2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.
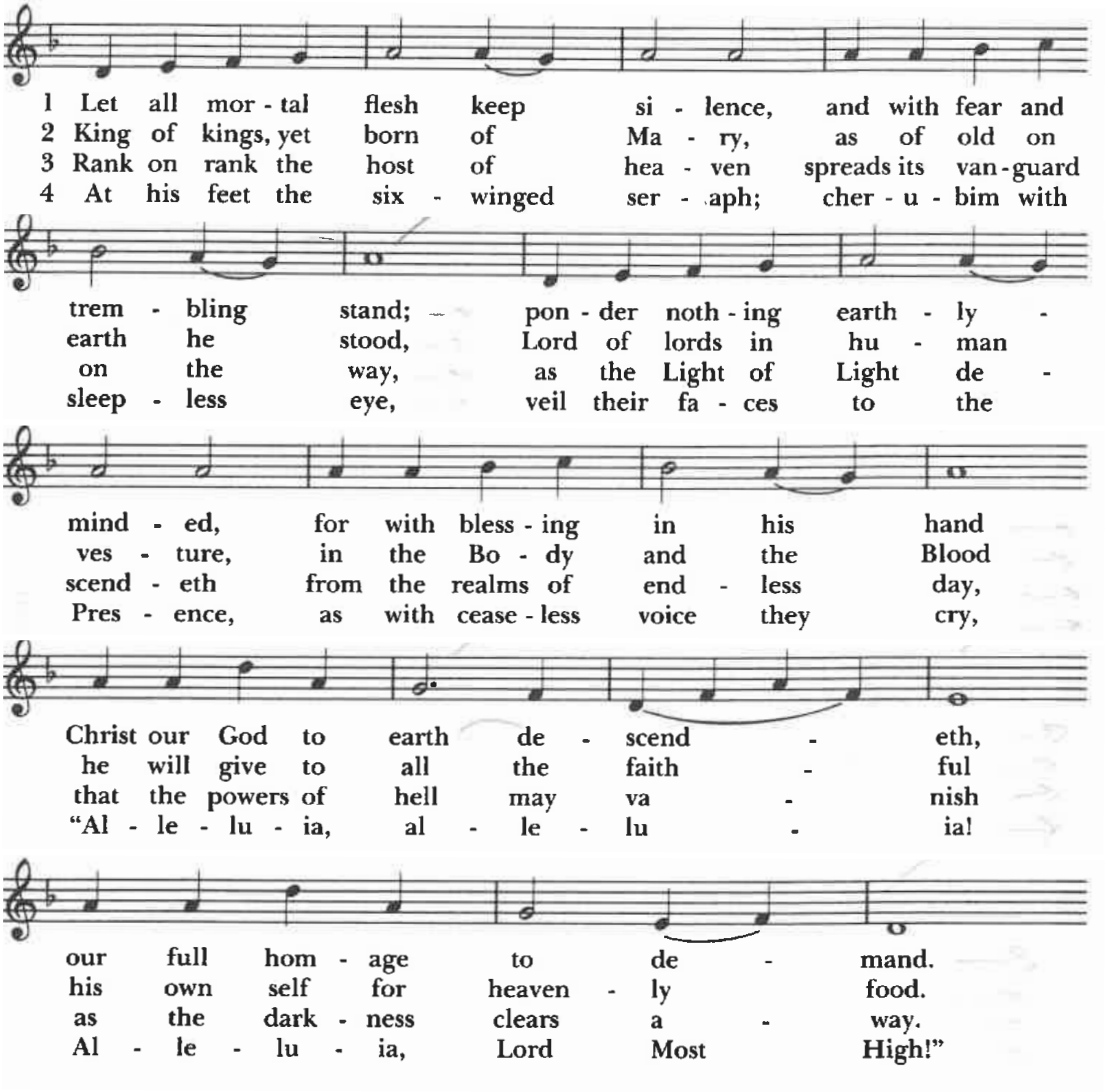
4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever, "Great is the Lord!"

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.

6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O Lord, do not tarry.



THE SEQUENCE HYMN *Let all mortal flesh keep silence* Hymnal, 324



THE GOSPEL **MATTHEW 25:1-13**

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

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with

their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

Rev. Geoffrey Piper

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.

Prayers of the People

Celebrant Let us give thanks to God our Creator for all these gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

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

Lector For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.
People **We thank you, O God.**

Lector For all that is gracious in the lives of all your people, revealing the image of Christ,
People **We thank you, O God.**

Lector For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,
People **We thank you, O God.**

Lector For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,
People **We thank you, O God.**

Lector For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,
People **We thank you, O God.**

Lector For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,
People **We thank you, O God.**

Lector For our nation, those in authority; for all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,
People **We thank you, O God.**

Lector For the communion of saints, in all times and places,
People **We thank you, O God.**

Lector For those recently baptized; for all the people of God,
People **We thank you, O God.**

Lector For the mission of reconciliation shared with your Church, O God; for our Presiding Bishop, for our bishop, for our parish clergy and all those you call to your service,
People **We thank you, O God.**

Lector For the many gifts offered by this parish, for the opportunity to share our stories and our ministries, for the shared calling to serve our community,
People **We thank you, O God.**

Lector For all those who have died, for those we love but see no longer.
People **We thank you, O God.**

Lector Let us add our own prayers, for ourselves and for others, silently or aloud.

Please pause in brief silence for personal prayer and thanksgiving.

Celebrant Almighty God, whose gifts of blessing and grace have no end, write in our hearts your joy and zeal to tell the story of our faith by our words, by our deeds, and by offering all that you have given us: our lives, our gifts, our resources. Grant us all a portion of your never-ending generosity; that we may proclaim your love and mercy to the world around us through our parish community; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. **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.**

Announcements

The Offertory

When Peace Live a River Michael Burkhardt, *arr.*

The Doxology

Hymnal, 380 (v. 3)

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. Amen.

The Holy Communion

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharist Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

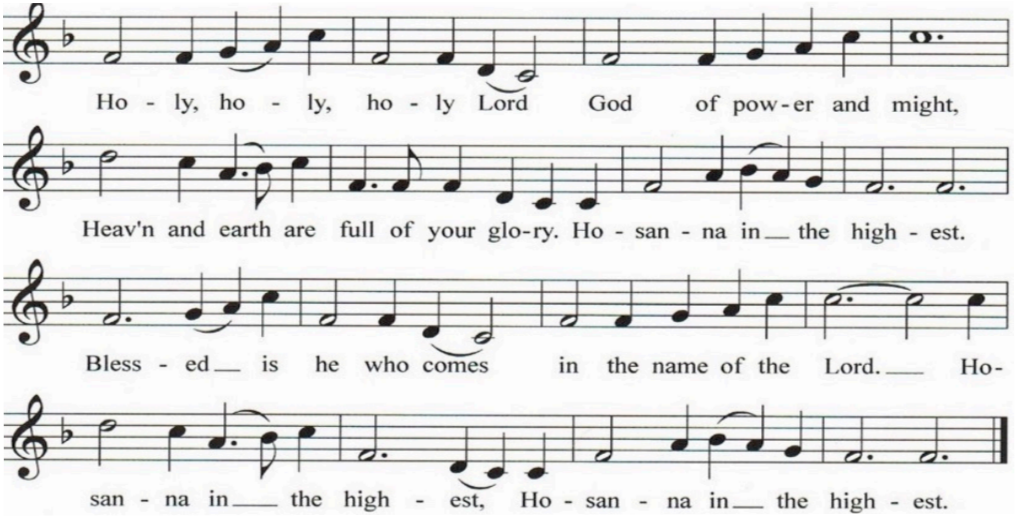
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

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 everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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



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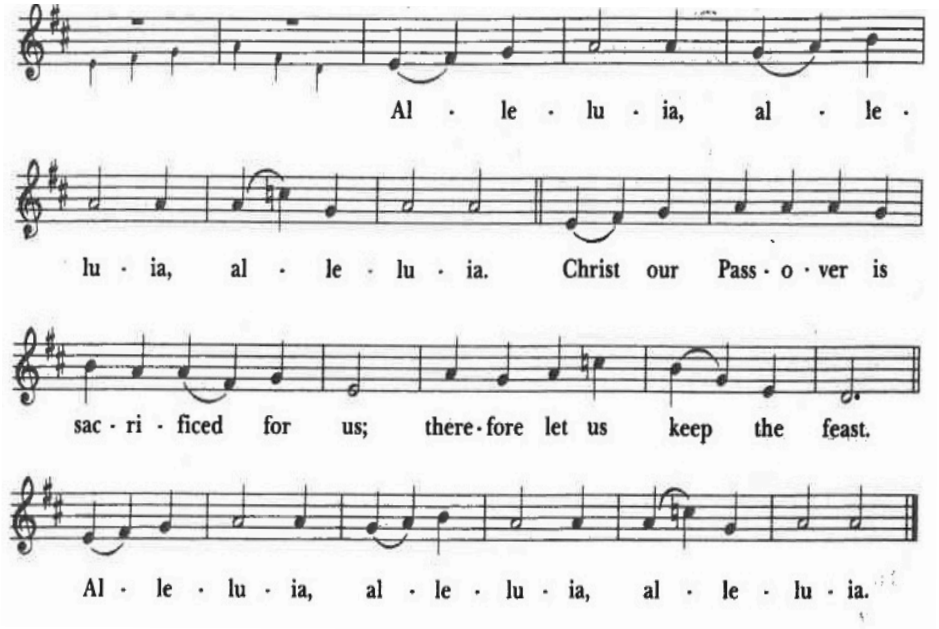
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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



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.

Communion *Let All Things Now Living* Stephen Nielson, *arr.*

Prayer After Communion

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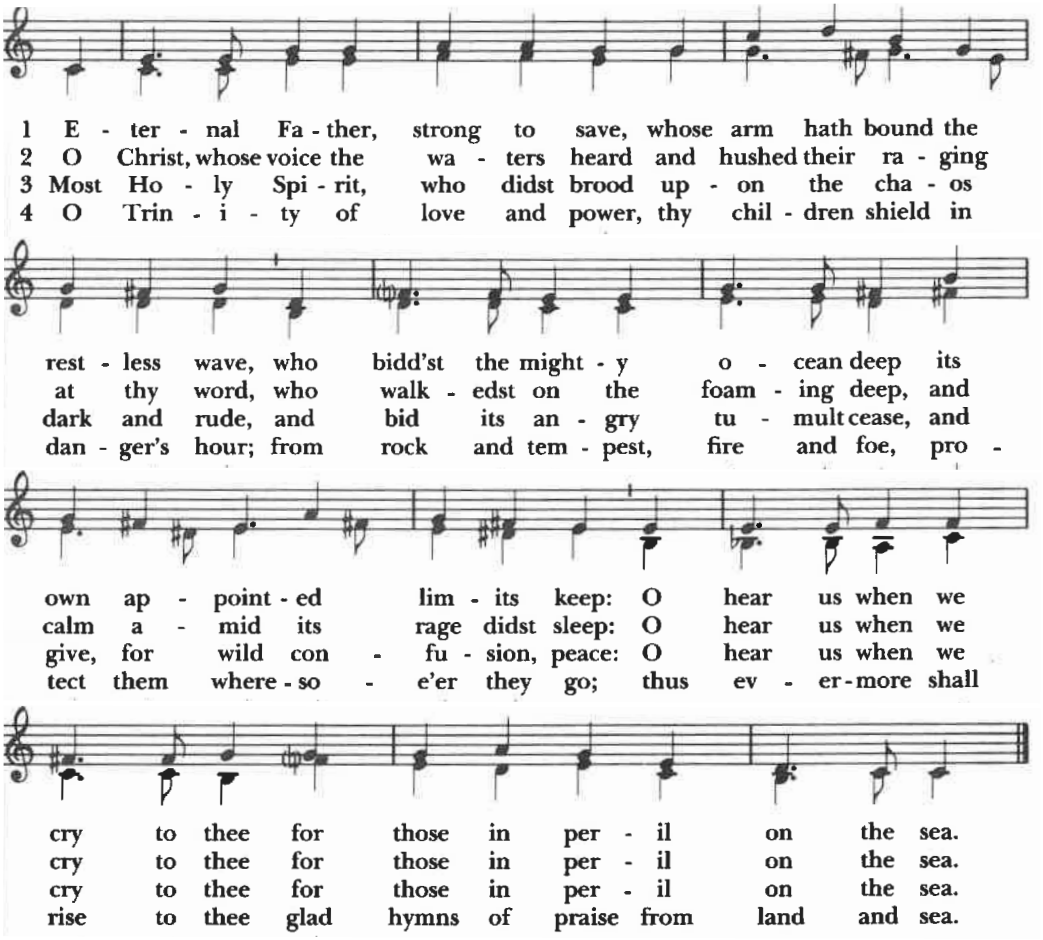
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness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

The Blessing

Celebrant

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE PROCESSIONAL *Eternal Father, strong to save* Hymnal, 608 (alt)



THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE *Recessional on ODE TO JOY* Matthew H. Corl

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Parish Prayer Lists

Pastoral Prayer List

Bobbie Allardyce
Mary Bainbridge
Dennis Berry
Shawn Peterson Cain
Elena Cameron
Vera Chelnokov
Emily Clegg
Bob Corl
Hadley Cox
John Farrar
Bob Fletcher
Jeffrey Fletcher
Tom & Bette Floyd
Edie Gardner
Kathy Gregg
Grace Haly
David Hatzung
Donna Hecker
Logan Hoffman
Mary Anne Hooker
Ted Hoopes
Terrilynn Hulmutch
Taylor Josey
Jenna Larson
Hillary Lupo
Sarah McDonald
Mary Mulvania
Mary Jean Meyer
Larry Pardee
Bobby Parker
Pat Ryan
Nancy Sellers & Family
Strazzulla Family
Peter Strong
Ed Vick
Donna Welsh

Military Prayer List

Blaise Bess
Ben Constantinides
John Life Ikenberry
Colin Jackson
Karl Jackson
Thais Jackson
Anthony Kopp
Alexander Lovo
Michael Manetti
Nikolas Milona
Jonathan Prince
Renier van Breen

Around St. Andrew's

Red Bag Ministry: Helping Our Neighbors This November

This month, we're collecting items for lunch bags to be distributed to individuals experiencing homelessness through The CARE Center in Port Charlotte. Pick up a Red Bag in the narthex, where you'll find a list of suggested items in the front pocket. Please return filled bags by Sunday, November 29. Volunteers Needed! Join us Monday, November 30, at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapter House to help sort donations and assemble lunch bags. All are welcome! Questions? Contact Joan Farrar at 707-812-4768.

Joyful Noise!

Choir rehearsals resume this Wednesday, November 11, at 4:00 p.m. and continue every Wednesday. Returning members and new voices are always welcome!

A Peaceful Start to Your Wednesday

Join Alice Pollard for Morning Prayer, Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. in the church, followed by coffee and conversation in the Chapter House. All are welcome!

A Small Commitment Makes a Big Difference!

Help make Sunday worship welcoming by serving as an usher or lector. Whether you can help regularly or occasionally, your participation matters! Sign up in the narthex.

2027 Stewardship — Our Gifts. God's Work.

Our 2027 Stewardship Campaign is underway! As we look toward another year of worship, fellowship, and service, we invite you to prayerfully consider how your gifts of time, talent, and treasure help make ministry possible at St. Andrew's.

Stewardship packets have been mailed, and pledges may be returned by mail, delivered to the church office, or submitted online by scanning the QR code.

Thank you for faithfully serving together at St. Andrew's!

[Scan to Make Your 2027 Pledge]

Be the First Friendly Face!

Our Welcome Table volunteers help guests feel at home on Sunday mornings. We'd love to welcome a few more friendly faces to the team! Interested? Contact Alice Pollard at alicepollard@yahoo.com.

We're Back Together in Person! Good Conversation, Good Company, and a Little Bible Study!

Our Men's and Women's Bible Studies are once again gathering in person! Come enjoy Scripture, meaningful conversation, and fellowship with friends. Prefer to join from home? Zoom is still available, too! ***Newcomers are always welcome.***

Men's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m.
In Person: Chapter House | Also on Zoom

Women's Bible Study: Fridays at 10:00 a.m.
In Person: Garden Cottage (Rectory) | Also on Zoom

A Glance Ahead

Monday, November 9	Men's AA	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday, November 10	Men's Bible Study	8:30 a.m.
	AA - open to all	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 11	Morning Prayer	9:00 a.m.
Thursday, November 12	Women's AA and Al Anon	9:30 a.m.
Friday, November 13	The Grande Chorus Rehearsal	9:30 a.m.
	Women's Bible Study	10:00 a.m.

The Season Is Just Beginning!

GATHERINGS, FRIENDSHIP & COMMUNITY

There's so much to look forward to at St. Andrew's!
Mark your calendars and join us for a wonderful season together.

DEC 10

Holiday Supper

5:30 p.m. • Chapter House

Enjoy a relaxed and festive evening with your St. Andrew's friends. More details to come.

JAN 19

Women's Breakfast

8:30–10:30 a.m. • Gasparilla Inn

Join us for a morning of fellowship and inspiration. More information to come.

FEB 02

Get to Know Dinners

6:00 p.m. • Various Homes

Share a meal, make new friends, and deepen our sense of community.

MAR 04

Garden Party

5:30 p.m. • Memorial Garden

An evening in our beautiful garden with good company, refreshments, and island charm.

APR 19

Potluck Dinner

5:30 p.m. • Chapter House

Bring a favorite dish to share and enjoy an evening together. More details to come.

More events and opportunities will be shared as the season takes shape.

Also on the Horizon…

REFLECTION, RENEWAL & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Alongside our gatherings, we look forward to meaningful opportunities to grow in faith and worship together.

JAN 09

Women's Retreat

Saturday, January 9

Led by the Rev. Dr. Julie Faith Parker, who will also preach at Sunday worship on January 10.

JAN 23

Men's Retreat

Saturday, January 23

Led by the Rev. Luke Back, who will also preach at Sunday worship on January 24.

WED DURING LENT

DURING LENT

Lenten Forum — "Before That Day Comes"

Wednesdays during Lent • 10:30 a.m.–noon

Additional details about the retreats will be shared as the dates approach.

Keep an eye on our weekly communications and calendar.

At St. Andrew's We Aspire …

- † *to be a welcoming, inviting and caring parish*
- † *to provide meaningful worship services*
- † *to provide pastoral care and guidance in times of need and celebration*
- † *to respond to human needs locally, nationally, and globally*
- † *to grow as Christians through education and discipleship*
- † *to be active in the community and ecumenical relationships*
- † *to be generous stewards of our time, talent, and treasure*

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

St. Andrews' Vestry Members

Class of 2027	Class of 2028	Class of 2029
Mary Campbell	Bill Durkin*	Tanny Clark
Rick Granger	Roger Lewis	Kirsten Hosman
Renee Farnham	Melissa Loughlin	Alice Pollard **
Jay Spurgeon	Michael Courts	Kimberly Whipple

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