

WELCOME

to St. Andrew's By-the-Sea

The Episcopal Church in Destin, Florida

part of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

WHEREVER YOU ARE ON YOUR JOURNEY OF FAITH, ST. ANDREW'S WELCOMES YOU!

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST • RITE II

Before service speak to the Lord to prepare to worship.

During service the Lord will speak to you.

After service speak to one another.

Please, quiet your phone.



SEPTEMBER 17, 2023
10 o'clock in the morning

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ANNOUNCEMENTS • SEPTEMBER 17TH

TODAY is the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The time after Pentecost that follows lasts for 14 more Sundays this year, ending on December 2, the Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent on December 3. The Liturgical color is still green. Jo+'s sermon speaks to "Red vs. Reed Sea and accuracy vs. truth." Jim+'s *Gem* reminds us of the importance of memory as a gift from God.

WELCOME! If you are among our guests today, please, let us know if we can do anything to make your time here enjoyable. And gather with us after the service for coffee and snacks in the parlor.

PROPERTY UPDATE On Tuesday, our vestry and development task force (Rick Boyer, Anne Harmuth, and Jim Cooper) will gather with Bishop Russell to view and discuss Stewardship Realty's missional analysis and report for St. Andrew's. The

presentation of their analysis and report will be a very big step in our efforts to exploit the value of our property to sustain our ministries and



maintain our visible presence in the Harbor District. The tentative plan going forward if we and the diocese are on board would be a roughly 90-day period of planning and design, followed by another 90-day period to secure necessary permits and approvals. Again, all of this assumes we are comfortable with the business arrangements with Stewardship Realty and the plans for developing our property. Our Stewardship Realty team has expressed special enthusiasm for our mission and property, and we will share as much information as possible promptly when it is received.

STILL A FEW SLOTS TO FILL The Destin Seafood Festival is just weeks away, and again this year it offers us the opportunity to provide parking to festival



goers...for a donation, of course. Last year we collected over \$8,000 in donations, which fills a

significant line item in our budget. This year's longer festival can increase that amount, but it extends our shifts and calls for additional volunteers. Festival hours are:

Friday	October	6	4pm-10pm
Saturday	October	7	10am-10pm
Sunday	October	8	10am-6pm

So we will need a hardy crew to collect the donations and marshal the parking on all our lots. A sign-up sheet for the various shifts throughout the festival weekend is available in the narthex. Ron Marro and Rick Boyer can answer your questions. Sign up today! This is a real opportunity to help sustain our mission and activities.

ANOTHER PET PROJECT We will gather Sunday afternoon, October 1, at 3 p.m. to bless our pets at our annual Blessing of the Animals commemorating Saint Francis.



HURRICANE SEASON is upon us. Let's continue to keep an eye on the Atlantic Ocean for areas of possible tropical system developments.

<https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/index.shtml>.

KNOWN FOR OUR HOSPITALITY Sunday Coffee Hour is a continuation of communion around the altar and a great time to connect for fellowship and food. We are encouraged to bring shareable treats. Next week is September Birthday Sunday.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

RITE TWO

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude *'Tis The Gift to be simple* Traditional Quaker, arr. Charles Callahan

Procession Hymn 372 *Praise to the living God* **LEONI**

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

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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.**

The Gloria

S 280, Powell

The Collect for Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament

Exodus 14:19-31

After suffering from plagues sent by God, the Pharaoh has allowed the Israelites to leave Egypt. The sight of the Egyptian army has led the Israelites to fear for their lives, but Moses has counselled them to trust in God and not to panic.

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers,

the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 114

1 Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

**2 Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.**

3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.

**4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.**

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?

**6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?**

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

**8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.**

Epistle

Romans 14:1-12

After telling his readers of the ethical behavior expected of Christians, Paul counsels them with respect to conduct in the community.

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall

bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sequence *Celtic Alleluia 2X before; once after* Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

Jesus has told the disciples how the community is to discipline those who disrupt its harmony by going against God's ways. But God is merciful, and so should we be.

The Holy Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev'd Jo P. Popham

Nicene Creed

Standing as we are able

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.**

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Meditation on "Deep River"

arr. Charles Callahan
Piano Solo: Kate Driggers

Doxology Hymn # 380 (v. 3) *From all that dwell below the skies*

OLD 100th

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

Sanctus S 129

Powell

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember Michael our Presiding Bishop, Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Russell our Bishop, Jo and Jim our Rectors, in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer remember the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean; in our own Diocese remember; Holy Cross in Pensacola, Florida; remember all who minister in your Church.

Remember all in national, state, and local authority, especially Joe our President, Ron our Governor, Bobby our Mayor, all who speak where many listen; our Armed Forces serving at home and abroad, all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all who have asked for our prayers.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, especially those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

Silence is observed.

Fraction Anthem

Invitation to Communion (ending with *The gifts of God, for the people of God*)

Communion Hymn

8-fold Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Jesus is Lord!...

He is risen....

How I love him....

He's my Savior...

I will praise him....

Blessed Jesus....

My Redeemer...

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

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.

FAMILY PRAYERS

said together by the whole church family

for those celebrating BIRTHDAYS: O God, our times are in your hands: look with favor, we pray on your servant(s) as he/she/they begin(s) another year, grant that he/she/they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his/her/their trust in your goodness all the days of his/her/their life/lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

for those celebrating ANNIVERSARIES: O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his church: may these your servants love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience all the days of their life/lives together, and may they share their joy with others; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

for TRAVELERS: O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: preserve all those who travel, surround him/her/them with your loving care; protect him/her/them from every danger, bring him/her/them in safety to his/her/their journey's end, and return him/her/them to us renewed and refreshed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Exit Procession Hymn 411 *O bless the Lord, my soul*

WILLIAMS

The Dismissal

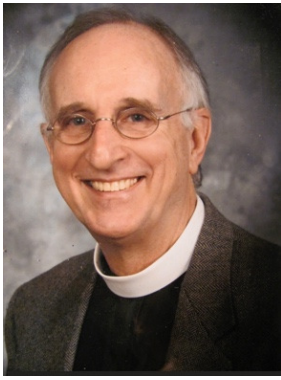
Postlude

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

Conrad Kocher
arr. Charles Callahan

Gem from Jim+



For the past few weeks I have been haunted by memories of 9/11. The sound of the fighter planes out of Eglin have sounded exactly like the sounds of the fighters providing air cover over Washington on 9/11. And like the memories of the afternoon President Kennedy was assassinated and of the events surrounding the devastating flooding of New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, the memories of 9/11 are vivid and lasting. On November 22, 1963, I had been in Mrs. Mitchell's fourth period junior English class, when the reports from Walter Cronkite were patched into the school PA system announcing the shooting and subsequent death of the president. At the end of the day, I walked back to the band room to pick up my horn. The first person I saw was Janice Brandon, another band member. And I said, "A lot has happened since we last saw each other."

On the Saturday after Katrina, Jo and I were having lunch at Macaroni Grill in Austin, where we had evacuated and helped set up the chaplaincy presence in the Austin Convention Center, where some 5,000 other evacuees from New Orleans had taken refuge. The television screens in the restaurant were showing the ongoing rescues in New Orleans, and I was struck that those easily could have been our neighbors in dire circumstances, while we sat here unscathed enjoying lunch and a glass of Beringer Pinot Noir.

On 9/11, we had walked from our *pied a terre* just below DuPont Circle to our office at MPAA in the block above Lafayette Square directly north of the White House. When we entered the building we saw several staff members with stricken looks on their faces in Jack Valenti's office. The then iconic president of MPAA had flown 51 combat missions as a B-25 pilot in World War II and initially had no inclination to let some terrorists close down MPAA's office that day.

Fearing that the city would be closed down, we just wanted our car out of the parking lot, so we could drive home to the eastern shore of Maryland. But in the 45 minutes it took us to drive the eight blocks from our office to our *pied a terre* to pick up the dog, the first tower fell, and with it any hope of driving the 100 miles to our home. Finding a parking place in front of our building, we would hunker down there for several days glued to our television. Walking down the middle of a totally deserted Connecticut Avenue after eating a hamburger at a miraculously open Fuddruckers that evening is a vivid and haunting memory.

Memories are powerful. They should be. They are a gift from God, who blessed us with memory, reason, and skill, as we recite in Eucharistic Prayer C. Jesus knew that vivid memories were powerful when at his final meal with his apostles, he broke, blessed, and shared bread, calling the bread his body and telling his disciples to "do this in memory of me." Which, of course, we do every Sunday in gathering for the Holy Eucharist. Indeed, in each Eucharistic Prayer a paragraph or more is called the anamnesis. As amnesia is to forget, then anamnesis is specifically to remember. But the heart of our remembrance is the act of breaking, blessing, and sharing. Jesus left us something visible and tangible to lodge in our memories. And our image of Jesus at the last supper is familiar, relatable, and indelible. In it, we remember Jesus' passion and death—and that on the third day Jesus was raised from the dead, conquering evil and death. Jesus wanted to be certain we knew that the day will come when our memories give way to reality as we, too, gather with Jesus at the great heavenly banquet, sharing in the feast of eternal life.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For immediate concerns: Joan A., Amy, Dee Anderson, Carolyn Bell, Brian & Elliot, Dennis Broomell, Kathy Brown, Father Ben Chase, Michael Collins, Charles Cook, Jim Cooper, Sherry Courtade, Henry Davis, Kate Driggers, Byron Driver, Steven Eldridge, Al Everett, Gary, Donna Giovanni, Kiera Giovanni, Stan Hall, Lynda Jacobs, Jeffrey King, Peg Kuehn, Kory Knacke, Chuck Lobello, Frances & Simon Lovich, Veronica Ludwig, Elizabeth Mahler, Nanette Malave, Ron Marro, Alys Martin, Dorothy Martin, Kathy McGee, Lee Michaud, Nancy Middlebrook, Bob Monnier, Jeanie Noel, Frances Norton, Mike Patterson, Stacy Peloquin, Cheryl Perez, Dianne Pope, Jo Popham, Sara Popham, Rachael, Tom & Sandy Reed, Ed & Dee Richardson, Robert, Angelique Robson, Rodney, Roger, Kevin Rosendorf, Ann Seaton, Bob & Rosalie Smith, Coleen Smith, Tricia Spencer, Aleeta Traendly, Braiden Walker, David Wallerstein, Natalie Nelson Ward, Rob Ward, Mike Watson

For the repose of the soul: Father Angelo, Jason Britt, Mike Brown, Georgene Chidsey, Dora Clark, Abbie Colson, Renee Eggers, Mick Glover, Larry Griffin, Fr. John Hicks, Ruth Hopkins, Ellison Ingram, Charles Steven Kern, John Johnson, Richard Johnson, Mildred Jolley, Carl Edward Kimberlin, Nirvanka Lovich, Larry Lowe, Alan McGlynn, Paul Naughton, Frank Novak, Lawrence Norton, Anne O'Ferrell, Tony Pedigo, Tara Perez, David Puckett, Danny Turner, Burton L. Wade III, Charles Walker

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Holy Cross in Pensacola, Florida

Diocesan Prison Ministry Cycle: The inmates, their families, and staff of Coffee County Jail County Complex in Brockton, Alabama

Jesus Christ is Head of the Church

The Rt. Rev. J. Russell Kendrick

4th Bishop of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

The Revs. James J. & Jo P. Popham

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Barbara J. Nelson

Treasurer (non-stipendiary)

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Kathy McGee

Palma Jorgensen

Barbara Nelson

Class of 2024

Ron Marro

Class of 2025

Judy King

Karen P. Lowe, Clerk of Vestry

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