

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!

17th 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 24, 2023
10 o'clock in the morning

17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ANNOUNCEMENTS • SEPTEMBER 24th

TODAY is the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost. The time after Pentecost that follows lasts for 9 more Sundays this year, ending with the advent of ADVENT on December 3, The Liturgical color is still green. Jim+'s sermon asks whether Jesus is a capitalist or a communist. Jo+'s *bon mot* looks at justice in the Kingdom of God and whether it is fair, right, and equal.

WELCOME! If you are among our guests today, please, let us know if we can do anything to make your time here enjoyable.

ANOTHER PET PROJECT Our annual Blessing of Animals is next Sunday afternoon, October 1, at 3:00pm, commemorating Saint Francis of Assisi and embracing the devotion of our beloved pets.



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.

LET US PRAY Last Wednesday our presiding bishop Michael Curry underwent surgery to address a tumor on his adrenal gland. Let us pray for a full and prompt recovery and return to health for Bishop Curry.

MEANWHILE Bishop Curry's term as presiding bishop will end in 2024, when a new presiding bishop is elected. The 28th presiding bishop will be elected at General Convention in June 2024. The work of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of a Presiding Bishop is well underway. A slate of three nominees will be announced in spring 2024.



PROPERTY UPDATE

On Tuesday, our vestry and development task force gathered with Bishop Russell to view and discuss Stewardship Realty's missional analysis and report for St. Andrew's. A written copy of their very comprehensive and extensive analysis and report should be in our hands shortly. We will make a copy available for review. Meanwhile, after service today we will provide a brief review of their report and proposal for development of our property. We also will address the process for further review of their analysis and proposal by members of the parish. Let us also continue to pray for the inspiration and encouragement of the Holy Spirit. Our Stewardship Realty team has expressed special enthusiasm for our mission and property, and we will continue to share as much information as possible as the process continues.

STILL A FEW SLOTS



TO FILL We continue to need volunteers to collect donations for parking for the

Destin Seafood Festival, October 6-8. The most urgent need is for Saturday morning. A sign-up sheet for the various shifts throughout the festival weekend is available in the narthex. This is a real opportunity to help sustain our mission and activities. Ron Marro and Rick Boyer can answer your questions. Sign up today! Last year we collected over \$8,000 in donations, which fills a significant line item in our budget. And we will expect donations of \$15, up from \$10 in the past.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

RITE TWO

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Little Rondo

Richard Blake

Procession Hymn 660 *O Master, let me walk with thee*

MARYTON

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.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament

Exodus 16:2-15

The people of Israel are now in the wilderness. Finding the water undrinkable, they have complained to Moses, and God has made it potable. He has tested their faith: will they accept him by trusting that he will feed and rule them? Now the Israelites grumble once again.

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of

the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.

3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

4 Search for the LORD and his strength; *
continually seek his face.

5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.

37 He led out his people with silver and gold; *
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

38 Egypt was glad of their going, *
because they were afraid of them.

39 He spread out a cloud for a covering *
and a fire to give light in the night season.

40 They asked, and quails appeared, *
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.

41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, *
so the river ran in the dry places.

42. For God remembered his holy word *
and Abraham his servant.

43 So he led forth his people with gladness, *
his chosen with shouts of joy.

44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, *
and they took the fruit of others' toil,

45 That they might keep his statutes *
and observe his laws. **Hallelujah!**

Epistle

Philippians 1:21-30

Paul is in prison and realizes that he may well not live to see the second coming of Christ. He

wants the Christians at Philippi to know that what has happened to him has actually helped to spread the gospel.

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Church in Philippi

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

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

Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

Peter has asked Jesus about who has priority in the kingdom of heaven. He has suggested that there must be greater rewards for himself and the other disciples, who have left everything. Now Jesus explains what the kingdom of heaven is really like.

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

Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose

with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev’d James J. 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.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Lord of the Dance

19th century Shaker Hymn

Duet: Don Hutchison and Jim Cooper

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

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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 Ireland; in our own Diocese remember; St. Matthew's in Chipley, 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, 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.

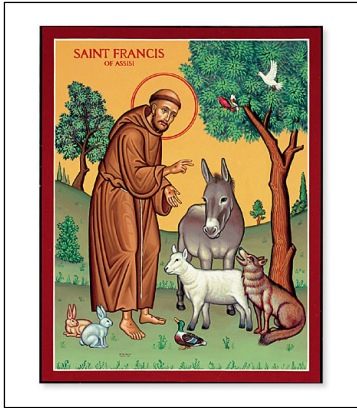
The Blessing

The Dismissal

Postlude

Praising the Almighty

Edward Broughton



**Blessing of the Animals
is next Sunday, October 1st
at 3 o'clock**



a bon mot from jo+

All are welcome!

What are parables meant to illustrate? Generally speaking, parables are simple, understandable fictitious tales that illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson. Jesus's parables were not as transparent as he thought they were, given the need for him to explain them in scripture, to the disciples, to the 1st century hearer, and often to us 21st century readers. Sometimes the purpose was lost in translation, or the meaning was misunderstood after so many years and centuries. However, the ancients and we likely would agree on the meaning of this Sunday's parable about the owner of the vineyard paying "what was right" to all the daily workers. We all would be shocked that what Jesus meant was right was to pay the same wages to workers that came early in the morning, and some who arrived at 9 in the morning, and those who came at noon, and the ones who came at 3 in the afternoon, and at 5 in the early evening. Yes, we all have heard Jesus often that the first will be last and the last will be first.

Jesus had preached and taught and lived justice, justice, justice, and this is a teaching on justice. So what is right? What is fair? Justice here would mean equal. But is justice always about equality? Perhaps not in the Kingdom of God.

My women peers in ministry are of two camps. God is always about justice. Some of them pride themselves in how many times they have been arrested for a just cause. But this woman priest believes that God is always about love. Love can lead to justice, but always the love comes first. Surely those workers that came later or even as it was almost dark were not going to be paid the same as those who came at daybreak! Well, Jesus said that the landowner could pay them what he thought was right. And so he paid them all the same regardless of when they started work. What we do not fully understand is God's generosity. In God's Kingdom the worker who woke before dawn and the one who slept in and arrived at the 11th hour are loved exactly the same.

Today's parable is not so much about justice. It is about God's graciousness, God's generosity. We pray for our daily bread, enough for today, not for bread enough for the month or even the week. And we often are not satisfied that we didn't get the whole loaf, especially if our neighbor has two loaves in the oven. We smell that bread baking, and we get angry or jealous because we don't have two, when we cannot possibly eat two loaves of bread today. Could it be that the one who has two is meant to share it with someone who has none? That is how we are all fed, is it not? In the Kingdom of God, all are fed. Again in Jesus's parable he has turned what we think of as the norm upside down.

This parable of the workers in the vineyard only appears in the Gospel according to Matthew. In writing to the Jewish Christians and the Gentiles – those who came later to the Christian community – are the same. And applying that interpretation now shows us that all are welcome – those who have an established claim as old members of the church and new members as well. We are not all the same. We are not all equal, we do not all have the same gifts or the same portion of gifts. But we all have gifts to share. God welcomes all to the table, and so must we. It is how our generous, gracious, loving God would have us live! All are welcome!

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, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, 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 Ireland

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer St. Matthew's in Chipley, Florida

Diocesan Prison Ministry Cycle: The inmates, their families, and staff of Choctaw County Jail in Butler, Alabama

Jesus Christ is Head of the Church

The Rt. Rev. J. Russell Kendrick

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Barbara Nelson

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