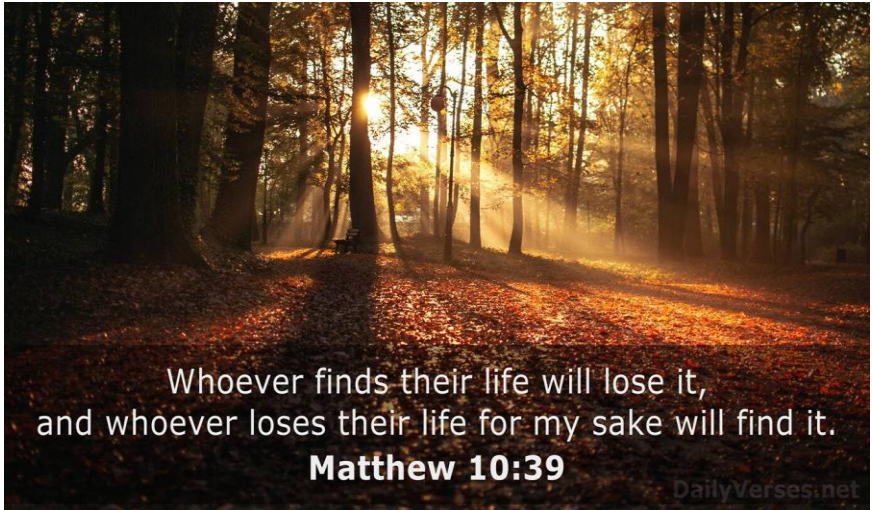


**St. Andrew's By-the-Sea
Episcopal Church**

**Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
THE HOLY EUCHARIST • RITE II**



Whoever finds their life will lose it,
and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

Matthew 10:39

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Today's Service at a Glance

Welcome to St. Andrew's By-the-Sea! Today's Gospel places a sword in one hand and a sparrow in the other. Jesus challenges every false peace built on fear and silence, while assuring his disciples that they are never beyond the Father's care. Together with Hagar's story of mercy in the wilderness and Paul's vision of new life in Christ, today's readings invite us to face the truth with courage, trusting that the God who counts the falling has not lost count of us.

Liturgy of the Word

BCP 355

Prelude: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Charles Converse

Processional Hymn 390 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Lobe den Herren

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation: join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song, sounding in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth: borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints he sustaineth. Hast thou not seen how all thou needest hath been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee; surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee; ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for ever adore him.

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

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. 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.**

Hymn of Praise S 280 *Glory to God* Robert Powell

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

BCP 357

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your lovingkindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Congregation may be seated.

Lessons and Psalms

The First Lesson:

Genesis 21:8-21

God has promised a son to Sarah and Abraham in their old age. As a sign that Isaac is a member of God's people, he has been circumcised. But when Sarah was unable to conceive, Abraham had another son, Ishmael, born of Hagar, a slave.

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, “Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.” The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, “Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.” So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, “Do not let me look on the death of the child.” And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, “What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.” Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 *(Read responsively by whole verse)*

Psalm 86 is a heartfelt prayer of David, expressing humility, trust, and dependence on God while seeking mercy, guidance, and deliverance.

- 1 Bow down your ear, O LORD, and answer me, *
for I am poor and in misery.
- 2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; *
save your servant who puts his trust in you.**
- 3 Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are my God; *
I call upon you all the day long.
- 4 Gladden the soul of your servant, *
for to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.**
- 5 For you, O LORD, are good and forgiving, *
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.
- 6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer, *
and attend to the voice of my supplications.**
- 7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, *
for you will answer me.
- 8 Among the gods there is none like you, O LORD, *
nor anything like your works.**
- 9 All nations you have made will come and worship you,
O LORD, *
and glorify your Name.
- 10 For you are great; you do wondrous things; *
and you alone are God.**
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.
- 17 Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who
hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O LORD, have helped me and
comforted me.**

The Epistle Lesson:

Romans 6: 1b-11

Paul has insisted that God gives grace to the Christian purely as a matter of love and without expectation of being paid back. The more we deviate from God's ways the more he gives us grace. But this might leave Paul open to a charge of encouraging licentiousness.

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Church in Rome.

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn 636: "How Firm a Foundation"

The Sacred Harp



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,



1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
 2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
 4 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
 2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,



1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

The Gospel:

Matthew 10:24-39

Jesus has commissioned the twelve disciples to continue his mission in the world. He continues to instruct them, telling them that following him will, at times, be difficult.

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

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

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master.

If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Rian Adams

“When the Sparrow Hears the Sword”

A period of silent reflection is observed following the sermon.

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 pray to God, whose compassion reaches the abandoned, whose mercy refreshes the weary, and whose voice still calls disciples into faithful service.

Intercessor: Grant, Almighty God, that your Church may never lose heart in the wilderness places of this age. When the path ahead seems uncertain, give us faith to trust your promises;

when fear threatens to overwhelm us, teach us again to hear the voice of Christ saying, “Do not be afraid.” Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the nations of the world in the ways of justice and peace. Look with compassion upon refugees, migrants, exiles, and all who have been driven from their homes. As you watched over Hagar and Ishmael in the desert, be present with all who wander in danger, and open before them wells of hope and places of safety. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give to all who govern wisdom, humility, and courage. Turn the hearts of leaders from fear to mercy, from division to reconciliation, and from self-interest to the common good. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Strengthen your Church in every place. We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Russell, our Bishop; Rian, our priest; and all who minister in Christ’s Name. As your Son sent out the Twelve, send your Church into the harvest with boldness, compassion, and joy. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless this congregation of St. Andrew’s and all whose lives are joined to ours. Where there is weariness, grant renewal. Where there is anxiety, grant peace. Where there is fear, grant courage. Help us to remember that we are precious in your sight and held in your everlasting care. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those we now name before you. [Silence may be kept...] Hear their cries, O Lord. Refresh them with living water in dry places, strengthen them in weakness, and surround them with your healing presence. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We remember those who have died in the faith of Christ. As we have been buried with him in baptism, so bring us with all your saints to share in his resurrection life, where

every tear is wiped away and death is no more. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: God of the wilderness and the wellspring, whose mercy reaches those whom the world forgets and whose voice casts out fear: Receive the prayers we offer before you. Keep us steadfast in faith, courageous in witness, and joyful in hope, that, having died and risen with Christ, we may follow him wherever he leads; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

BCP 360

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The people greet one another

Announcements & Celebrations

Community Prayers

for those celebrating BIRTHDAYS: **O God, our times are in your hands: look with favor, we pray on your servant as they begin another year, grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their 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 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 them with your loving care; protect them from every danger, bring them in safety to their journey's end, and return them to us renewed and refreshed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—The Liturgy of the Table—

Communion is open to all people, including children. Christ invites all to his table.

Congregation may be seated.

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Congregation may be seated.

Offertory and Preparation of the Altar

Offertory Hymn 488: "Be Thou My Vision"

Slaine



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
 I cv - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought,— by day or by night,
 thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
 Heart of my heart,— what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

Standing as you are able

**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 Great Thanksgiving

Prayer A, BCP 361

Remain standing as you are able

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 give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere
to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and
earth.

[Here the celebrant inserts a preface to the prayer]

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:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed ✠ is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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 all 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.**

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed St. James, and 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.**

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

BCP 364

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Fraction Anthem S 154 *Christ our Passover* David Hurd

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God...

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;

I can feel his mighty power and his grace.

I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

All are welcome to receive communion: *Christ invites all to his table.*

If you would like to receive communion, cup your hand to receive the bread; if you would like to receive the chalice, please gently assist the chalice bearer as you sip the wine.

Communion Hymn 304: “I Come with Joy”

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ’s communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
That love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known: we see, and praise him here.

Together met, together bound, we’ll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world, we’ll live and speak his praise.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: 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.**

The Blessing

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The Priest blesses the people, saying

May God, who heard Hagar, hear your cry.

May Christ, who called the Twelve, make your heart brave.

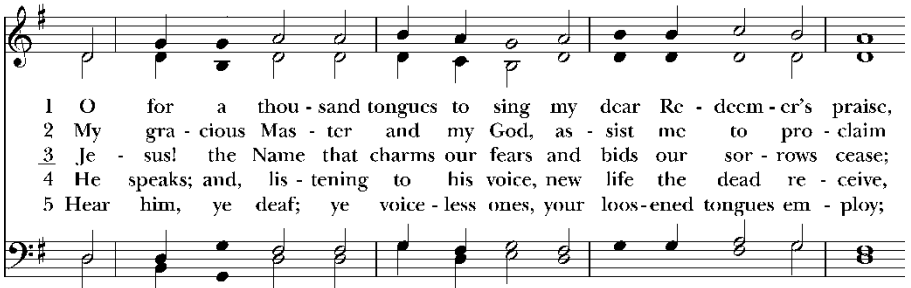
May the Spirit raise you to new life and joy.

And the blessing of Almighty God, ✠ the Father, the Son, and
the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

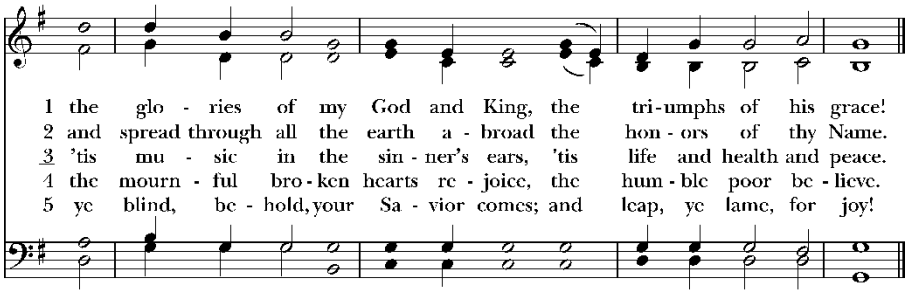
Amen.

Recessional Hymn: 493 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Azmon



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - cr's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;



1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven.

The Dismissal

BCP 366

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude “Faith of Our Father’s”

Frederick Faber

ANNOUNCEMENTS: June 21

Next Sunday is the Fifth Sunday After Pentecost An Order for the Administration of Communion Under Special Circumstances will be celebrated by Ericca Cavendar-Caldwell, our seminarian.

Sunday Fellowship: All are welcome to gather for fellowship after the service. As you are able, please bring a sweet or savory treat to share. There is a small refrigerator to keep things cool as needed and a microwave to heat things up.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For immediate concerns: Yolanda Barksdale, Bishop Michael Curry, Vickie Deleccio, Art Driggers, Mary Ellis, Jane Evans, Allan H., Lauretta Hanlin, Joe Huckaby, Lance Jorgensen, Jeffrey King, Judy King, Lynn Loughlin, Kathy McGee, River Lee Miller, Jeanie Noel, Goldie Parson, Cheryl Perez, Jim Popham, Jo Popham, Rachael T., James Thomas, Wayne Zona

For the repose of the soul: Kate Driggers, Hassie Howell

- Please pray for St. Andrew's By-the-Sea as we continue to move forward in our transition.
- Please call or email the church to add or change the status of someone on the prayer list.

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