

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

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



**10:00 AM JULY 5, 2026
AT DESTIN HIGH SCHOOL**

Today's Service at a Glance

Welcome to St. Andrew's By-the-Sea! Today's readings gather around the gentle mercy of God: a king comes humbly, the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, Paul names the inner struggle we all know, and Jesus offers rest to the weary. The Gospel does not promise a life without burdens, but it does promise a Savior whose yoke is shaped by mercy, humility, and love. As we worship today, we are invited to lay down the strain and stress of self-reliance and learn again the light burden of Christ.

—Liturgy of the Word—

Prelude: **A Calm Retreat** James Bell

Processional Hymn: 410 "Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven"

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.

Hymn 410 "Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven"

Unison or harmony



1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;
 3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;



ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing:
 praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
 in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
 sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.



The Collect of the Day

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Rebekah's courage and hospitality carry forward God's covenant promise through trust, discernment, and faithful response.

The servant said to Laban, "I am Abraham's servant. The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.'

"I came today to the spring, and said, 'O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink,

and I will draw for your camels also” —let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master’s son.’

“Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, ‘Drink, and I will also water your camels.’ So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.”

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will.” So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, “May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.” Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, “Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm 45: 11-18 (Read responsively by whole verse)

This royal wedding psalm celebrates beauty, blessing, and joy shared across generations.

11 "Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; *
forget your people and your father's house.

**12 The king will have pleasure in your beauty; *
he is your master; therefore do him honor.**

13 The people of Tyre are here with a gift; *
the rich among the people seek your favor."

**14 All glorious is the princess as she enters; *
her gown is cloth-of-gold.**

15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; *
after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.

**16 With joy and gladness they are brought, *
and enter into the palace of the king.**

17 "In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; *
you shall make them princes over all the earth.

**18 I will make your name to be remembered
from one generation to another; *
therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."**

The Epistle Lesson:

Romans 7:15-25a

Paul names the divided human heart and gives thanks for deliverance through Jesus Christ.

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

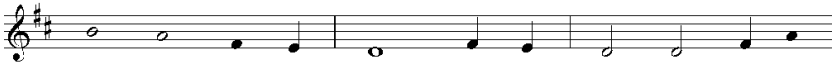
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 686: “Come, thou fount of every blessing”

Nettleton



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



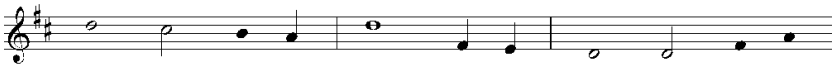
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



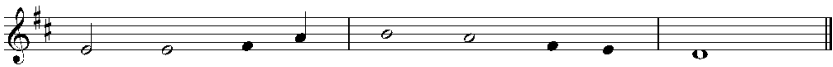
ccas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

The Gospel:

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus invites the weary to find rest in his gentle heart and life-giving way.

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

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

Jesus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Rian Adams

“The Exhaustion of Being Someone Else”

A period of silent reflection is observed following the sermon.

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 offer our prayers to Almighty God, whose mercy lifts up the fallen, whose wisdom is revealed to little ones, and whose Son gives rest to all who are weary.

Intersessor: For the Church of God in every place: for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Russell, our Bishop; Rian, our priest; and for the people and ministries of St. Andrew's, that we may take up the gentle yoke of Christ and bear one another's burdens in love. Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For the nations of the world, and for all who govern and hold authority, that humility may temper power, mercy may guide judgment, and peace may reach to the ends of the earth. Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For this country, and for all who seek its welfare, that our freedom may be shaped by justice, our public life by truth, and our common labor by care for the weak, the weary, and the forgotten. Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For those who are bowed down by sorrow, sickness, poverty, addiction, or fear; for caregivers and those who have grown tired in doing good; for all who carry hidden burdens, that Christ may give them rest and raise them by his compassion. Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For those divided within themselves, who desire the good yet struggle to do it, that the grace of Jesus Christ may free them from shame, strengthen them in hope, and lead them into the life of the Spirit. Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For the earth and all its creatures, for fields and forests, rivers and seas, and for all who labor in heat and hardship, that we may receive creation as gift and guard it with reverence. Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For the departed, especially those we remember before you now, that they may rest in the mercy of God, and that we, with them, may be brought into the fullness of resurrection joy. Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Gracious God, gentle in mercy and mighty to save, receive the prayers we offer in weariness and hope. Teach us the wisdom of your Son, lighten our burdens by your Spirit, and draw us into the peace of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

The people greet one another

Announcements & Celebrations

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.

The celebrant inserts a proper preface

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. Andrew, 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

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 321: "My God, Thy Table is Now Spread"

Rockingham

My God, thy table now is spread, thy cup with love doth overflow; be all thy children thither led, and let them thy sweet mercies know.

O let thy table honored be, and furnished well with joyful guests; and may each soul salvation see, that here its sacred pledges tastes.

Drawn by thy quickening grace, O Lord, in countless number let them come and gather from their Father's board the Bread that lives beyond the tomb.

Nor let thy spreading Gospel rest till through the world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

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 Christ call the weary into rest.
May God lift all who are bowed down.
May the Spirit free our hearts to love.

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: 522 “Glorious things of thee are spoken”

The Dismissal

BCP 366

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude “To God Be the Glory”

Franny Crosby

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Hymn: 522 “Glorious things of thee are spoken”

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty
 2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -
 3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, sec the cloud and
 4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

of our God; he whose word can - not be
 ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and
 fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a
 decm - cr's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re -

bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;
 daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.
 cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
 ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy
 Who can faint, when such a riv - er ev - er will their
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner, light by night, and
 'Tis his love his peo - ple rais - es o - ver self to

sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -
 thirst as - suage? Grace which, like the Lord, the
 shade by day, safe they feed up - on the emn
 reign as kings: and as priests, his sol - emn

round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.
 man - na which he gives them when they pray.
 prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: July 5

Next Sunday is the Seventh Sunday After Pentecost. Morning Prayer will be led by Rick Boyer and Barbara Nelson, Lay Worship Leader.

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: Sara Arnold, Kate Driggers, Hassie Howell

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of South America

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Agatha's, DeFuniak Springs

Diocesan Prison Ministry Cycle: L.I.F.E. Tech Transitional Center, Thomasville, Alabama

- 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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Dr. Don L. Hutchison

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