

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

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



**10:00 AM JULY 19, 2026
AT DESTIN HIGH SCHOOL**

Today's Service at a Glance

Welcome to St. Andrew's By-the-Sea! Today God reminds us that heaven is nearer than we often imagine. Jacob discovers God's presence in an ordinary place, Paul proclaims that we are adopted as God's beloved children, and Jesus teaches that God's kingdom grows patiently amid the brokenness of the world. Even when we cannot yet see the harvest, God is already at work, calling us to trust, to hope, and to remain faithful until all things are gathered into his kingdom.

Celebrant: The Reverend Dr. Rian Adams

—Liturgy of the Word—

Prelude: **Abide With Me** William Monk

Processional Hymn: 657 "Love divine, all loves excelling"

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.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Congregation may be seated.

Lessons and Psalms

The First Lesson: Genesis 28:10-19a

While fleeing into an uncertain future, Jacob dreams of a ladder joining heaven and earth and hears God's promise never to leave him. Awakened, he realizes that God has been present all along and names the place Bethel, "the house of God."

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob

woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!” And he was afraid, and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23 *(Read responsively by whole verse)*

The psalm celebrates God's intimate knowledge of every human life and proclaims that nowhere can we flee from God's presence. It ends as a prayer that God search our hearts and lead us in the everlasting way.

1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

**2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

**4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.**

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

**6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?**

7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

**8 If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

9 Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.

**10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"**

11 Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.

**22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *
try me and know my restless thoughts.**

23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

The Epistle Lesson:

Romans 8:12-25

Paul reminds us that we are no longer slaves to fear but beloved children of God through the Spirit. Even as creation groans in hope, we wait with confidence for the glory God has promised.

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for

adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 635: “If thou but trust in God to guide thee”

The Gospel:

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a field where wheat and weeds grow together until harvest. Rather than demanding immediate judgment, the parable teaches patient faith, trusting God to bring justice and righteousness to completion in God's own time.

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

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil

one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Rian Adams

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, proper 11

Written by Fr. Rian Adams

Celebrant: Let us offer our prayers to Almighty God, whose presence fills heaven and earth, whose Spirit has made us his children, and whose kingdom is growing even now among us.

Intercessor: For the holy Church of God throughout the world; for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Russell, our Bishop; Rian, our priest; and for all bishops, priests, deacons, and lay ministers; that we may faithfully proclaim the Gospel, patiently tend the Lord's field, and trust him for the harvest.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For this parish of St. Andrew's By-the-Sea, that we may recognize the Lord's presence in this holy place, welcome one another with generous hearts, and become living stones in the household of God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the nations of the world, and for all who bear the authority of government; that they may seek wisdom over haste, justice over vengeance, and peace over violence, serving the common good with integrity and compassion.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who feel alone, uncertain, or afraid; for those whose future is unclear, whose burdens are heavy, or whose hope has grown dim; that, like Jacob, they may discover that the Lord is nearer than they imagined.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For this beautiful yet wounded creation, which groans for redemption; that we may be faithful stewards of the earth, relieve suffering wherever we find it, and labor with hope for the day when all things are made new.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who struggle with illness, grief, loneliness, anxiety, addiction, or despair; for those who seek work, those who care for loved ones, and those who have asked for our prayers; that the God who searches every heart may surround them with comfort, healing, and peace.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For grace to live as your adopted sons and daughters; that we may not be ruled by fear or resentment, but bear the fruit of the Spirit with patience, humility, and steadfast love, leaving judgment in your hands.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all whose faith is known to you alone; that they may behold the fullness of your kingdom, where the righteous shine like the sun in the glory of the Father.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: O God of Bethel, who never leaves your people nor forsakes the work of your hands: receive the prayers we offer this day. through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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

Special Community Prayers

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.

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.

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.
The celebrant says an offertory sentence*

Offertory and Preparation of the Altar

Offertory Hymn: 537 “Christ for the world we sing”

Doxology Hymn 380 (v. 3) Old 100th

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.

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 339: “Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness”

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

The Priest blesses the people, saying

May Christ reveal God's presence beside your path.

May God strengthen you with steadfast hope.

May the Spirit keep you faithful to the harvest.

And the blessing of God Almighty—

✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—

be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: 473 “Lift high the cross”

The Dismissal

BCP 366

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Give Of Your Best to the Master

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ANNOUNCEMENTS: July 19

Next Sunday is the Ninth Sunday After Pentecost. An Order for the Administration of Communion Under Special Circumstances will be celebrated.

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., Joe Huckaby, Lance Jorgensen, Christopher King, Jeffrey King, Judy King, Lynn Loughlin, Kathy McGee, River Lee Miller, Peter Nunn, Goldie Parson, Cheryl Perez, Jim Popham, Jo Popham, Rachael T., James Thomas, Wayne Zona

For the repose of the soul: Sara Arnold, Kate Driggers, Helen Driggers, Hassie Howell, Lois Mitchell

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Cyprian's, Pensacola, Florida and St. Luke's, Marianna, Florida

Diocesan Prison Ministry Cycle: Federal Prison Camp and REAP Re-Entry Program, Pensacola, Florida

- 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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