

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

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost AN ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES



10:00 AM JULY 26, 2026
AT DESTIN HIGH SCHOOL

An Order for the Administration of Communion Under Special Circumstances

This service may be celebrated at a service on Sunday morning or on other occasions with the Bishop's permission. It is intended primarily for congregations where no priest is available and not for congregations where there are priests available in nearby towns. This adapted use of Communion Under Special Circumstances is authorized for use beginning July 1, 2021.

Ericca Cavendar-Caldwell, seminarian, will lead the service today.

Prelude: *Reflective Meditation* Jay Rouse

Lay worship leader reads the regular font and the congregation reads the bold font.

Dear friends in Christ, we have come together in the presence of God to offer praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive the Word of God, to bring before God the needs of the world and to ask for the forgiveness of our sins. Today the bread and wine for our Communion were consecrated as part of a Eucharist celebrated at another time and place. For centuries, the church has reserved consecrated elements in order to include those unable, because of infirmity or distance, to be present at Eucharist, and also to include worshipping communities on occasions when no priest is available to preside.

Opening Hymn: 594 “God of grace and God of glory”

Cwm Rhondda

Opening Sentences

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

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

Together:

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 Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Together:

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Genesis 29:15-28

After meeting God in a vision, Jacob has travelled on to Haran, seeking a wife of his own clan. He has met Rachel at the well. Leaving the sheep with Jacob, she has run to tell her father, Laban. Laban has welcomed him into his home as a member of his extended family.

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What

is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 105:1-11, 45b

Read responsively by whole verse

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.**

7 He is the LORD our God; *
his judgments prevail in all the world.

**8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, *
the promise he made for a thousand generations:**

9 The covenant he made with Abraham, *
the oath that he swore to Isaac,

**10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, *
an everlasting covenant for Israel,**

11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan *
to be your allotted inheritance."

45b Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson

Romans 8:26-39

Paul has written of the new way of being that we attain in baptism: we are freed of compounding sin leading to the finality of death – and begin living in and with the Spirit, thanks to God's gift of love. Living a truly godly life lies ahead; we have not yet achieved it. We need help from the Holy Spirit.

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor

powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Remain seated during the reading of the Gospel.

The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

Jesus has told his disciples several parables about the kingdom of heaven. Now he tells two short ones about the growth of the kingdom, and two about different approaches to membership in it.

A reading from Matthew.

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Ericca Cavendar-Caldwell

The Nicene Creed

Standing as you 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 Prayers of the People

The Prayers of the People Form VI

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In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence...

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Remembering especially Donald our President, Ron our Governor, Bobby our Mayor, all those in local authority, our Armed Forces, for their protection at home and abroad, and all who speak where many listen; we pray for this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the welfare of the people, leadership, and ministries of our fellow Christians at home and abroad, remembering especially in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican Church of Tanzania; in our own Diocese for Wilmer Hall Sunday, and in the Prison Cycle of Prayer for Babour County Jail 24 in Clayton, Alabama. For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sarah the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean our Presiding Bishop, Russell our Bishop, Rian our priest, Ericca our seminarian, and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For healing for those who have asked for our prayers, for all those suffering from illness and those recovering, for those suffering from violence in our communities and the world, and for the other special needs and concerns of this congregation. You may add your

own petitions either aloud or silently. *Silence...* Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for those thanksgivings we name aloud or silently. ...*Silence...* We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, remembering especially those we love but see no more and those loved ones we name at this time either aloud or silently ...*Silence...* that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Collect at the Prayers

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence...*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

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.

Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory *"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"* Thomas Dorsey
Solo – Don Hutchison

THE LITURGY OF ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

Standing as you are able

Sisters and brothers, on the nineteenth day of July, in the year of Our Lord, 2026, the people of St. Andrew's By-the-Sea Episcopal Church gathered as the Body of Christ to celebrate the Holy Eucharist. A portion of the Sacred Bread and Precious Blood was reserved from that Eucharist, and have been reverently kept for us, that we may this day join with those who gathered then, in communion with God and all Christians of every place and every time to share in this foretaste of the Heavenly Banquet.

Sisters and brothers, the cup of blessing that was blessed
is the communion of the Blood of Christ.

For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body
and all made to drink of one Spirit.

The Bread that was broken
is the Communion of the Body of Christ.

Because there is One Bread
we who are many are one body, for we all share in the One Bread.

Together:

Almighty Father, whose dear Son on the night before He suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood; Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, Who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

So, with all who are gathered together today, everywhere throughout the world, and with the great procession of your Saints, we pray to you as our Savior has taught us:

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 gifts of God for the People of God.

Administration of Communion

Communion Hymn 465 “Eternal light, shine in my heart”

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Post-Communion Prayer

Standing as you are able.

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.

Closing Hymn 686 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Nettleton

The Dismissal

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

What a Friend

Joseph Scriven

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For immediate concerns: Yolanda Barksdale, Bishop Michael Curry, Vickie Deleccio, Belynda Deschamp, Art Driggers, Mary Ellis, Jane Evans, Allan H., Shayla Huckaby, Kenny Jorgensen, 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, Helen Driggers, Kate Driggers, Hassie Howell, Joe Huckaby, Lois Mitchell

- 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: July 26

Next Sunday is the Tenth Sunday After Pentecost. The Reverend Dr. Rian Adams will be our Celebrant.

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.

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