

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEW PALTZ

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 15

Readings: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Psalm 67; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:10-28

[For readings see: www.lectionarypage.net]

VIRTUAL CHURCH SERVICE SCHEDULE & ZOOM INFORMATION

The ZOOM link is: <https://zoom.us/j/570270415>

For those just calling in, dial: 1-646-876-9923 (enter meeting number 570270415#)

NOTE: The ZOOM link can also be found on the website. Click on the word "join" in the text on the home page to link to ZOOM.

PLEASE NOTE

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A PASSWORD IS NOW NEEDED FOR ZOOM MEETINGS

WHEN (or if) PROMPTED, OUR PASSWORD IS:

Godisgr8!

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Zoom & In-Person Worship Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:30 Morning Prayer 10:15 “coffee hour” 10:45-11:45 Bible Study		10:00 am Morning Prayer		10:00 am Morning Prayer		
5:00 Prayers for Healing (IN PERSON, OUTSIDE AT THE CHURCH, weather permitting, otherwise via Zoom)			6:30pm Evening Prayer		6:30 Evening Prayer	



A PRIEST’S PONDERINGS...

The Rev. Allison Moore

Inclusion and exclusion. Quintessentially human themes, and maybe also a theme in God. In Sunday’s lesson from Isaiah God is the one who “gathers the outcasts,” and promises that “my house shall be a house of prayer for all people.” In other places, God scatters the Israelites and kills the disobedient or those who worship other gods.

Exclusion, in humans or God, often comes from fear—fear of the other, or fear that there won’t be enough. The antidote to fear, in God and in humans, is mercy, grace, forgiveness, and love. One of the lessons from the host of books on “white fragility” is that white folks, when confronted by something they realize, or have been told, is racist, often become defensive. “I’m not a racist.” “I never meant to hurt you.” White folks need to learn to take a deep breath and listen.

Jesus models both defensiveness and then listening in the story of the Canaanite woman. She asks for healing for her daughter. He refuses because she isn’t Jewish. She disarms him, he is able to hear, and he grants her request.

What if we see the life of faith as a constant tension between exclusion and inclusion? Sometime we are living with exclusive assumptions of which we are not aware. An initial shock followed by listening can lead to freedom and grace and welcome of what used to be other. It may be wise sometimes to erect boundaries, to withdraw, to exclude, in order to regroup and find safety. But that needs to be a way station on the way to greater compassion.

We need not be ashamed of the times we've gotten it wrong, and been exclusive and hurtful—look at both Jesus and God. But neither of them remained trapped by their hurt or fear (or even jealousy on God's part sometimes). When we do the work of examining ourselves, our assumptions, our actions and see where there is more room than we thought for a new idea, a new person, a new way of being, we can tap into the deep well of compassion and mercy that includes all of creation.

Prayers for healing

In-person gatherings on **Sundays from 5:00-5:30 p.m., now through August 23rd**, 6' apart with masks outdoors at the church. We will use prayers from the Book of Common Prayer and various sources, with silence and space for participants' petitions. We will ensure that everyone who participates is observing all safety precautions.

Bring your own chair!

Sundays 5:00 – 5:30 p.m. outside at St. Andrew's

In case of rain, the prayer service will be on Zoom.

PLEDGES & REGULAR SUPPORT

Thank you to those of you who are keeping your pledges up to date. St. Andrew's depends on your regular financial support as well as your prayers.

ST. ANDREW'S REOPENING PLAN UPDATE

Pending vestry approval, we will open for outdoor Eucharist Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. beginning September 13. More information to come.

FORWARD DAY BY DAY

If you would like a *Forward Day by Day: Daily Devotions for Disciples* for August/ September/ October, contact the church office. We can send one to you or you can stop by to pick it up (we can leave it in the mailbox for you or on the garden wall at the back of the church).

FRIDAY BOOK GROUP

This week, August 13, the 10:30 a.m. Friday book group will be reading *Preparing for the Glory* by John and Carol Arnott, about getting in touch with the Holy Spirit in our own lives and in our congregation.



FOOD FOR BODY & SOUL

... A *VIRTUAL Brown Bag Lunch with Conversation and Spiritual Reflection*, **Tuesdays, 12:30 – 2:00 pm**. All welcome. The group is reading *Holy the Firm* by Annie Dillard. It's a short work, so upon completion they will then begin *Have You Seen Luis Velez?* by Catherine Ryan Hyde. Meeting is via Zoom. [See *ZOOM connecting information above*].

ONLINE ANTI-RACISM WORKSHOP

A multi-part online workshop open only to clergy and laypeople of the Diocese of New York. September 14, 17, 21 & 24; 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Participants will be required to complete individual viewing and corresponding assignments before online Zoom meetings. Completion of all assignments and attendance at all meetings is required for diocesan certification.

The purpose of the diocesan Anti-Racism Workshop is to help us become aware of how the sin of racism impacts all of our lives, and how we all unconsciously and consciously participate in racist systems. **It is required for clergy in our diocese and highly recommended for lay leadership.**

[Click here to register for the multi-part online workshop in September](#)

THE EPISCOPAL NEW YORKER

The Episcopal New Yorker is seeking articles for the late summer issue: *Thy Kingdom Come*, in particular, articles written from a Christian point of view on topics related to racism/ racial justice/ white privilege; the Covid-19 Pandemic and its effects on our communities, our churches, our nation, and our communal life; and service in these extraordinary times. You must contact the editor before writing at nrichardson@dioceseny.org. **Deadline: August 25.**

VOTER INFORMATION

Last day to register to vote in the November presidential election

Postmark by October 9

Last day to request an absentee ballot is

Postmark by October 27

The New York State link to voting information is:

<https://www.elections.ny.gov/votingdeadlines.html>

THANK YOU to all those who served at St. Andrew's this week, especially Valerie, MaryAnn, Jen, Bob and Ed. Thank you to those who continue to help with the food pantry. And thank you to all of you who are on the front lines of the Coronavirus Pandemic.

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY (August 16, 2019)

Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM 1): Rae Slingerland
Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM 2): Jen Cutter
Lector 1: Kappa Waugh
Lector 2: MaryAnn Lis-Simmons
Zoom Host: MaryAnn Lis-Simmons

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR/OFFICE HOURS

Office Hours: **Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

If you need to reach someone when the office is closed, contact The Rev. Allison Moore at 845-633-8272; MaryAnn Lis-Simmons, Senior Warden at 845-616-7029; or David Slingerland, Junior Warden at 702-2552.



ON-GOING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

Visit websites or call the church office to check what is happening and what is not

SUNY Ulster Food Pantry	Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
SUNY New Paltz Pantry	Dates soon to be set
Tops Supermarket Food Ministry	Sunday mornings: Pick up food; Speak with Kappa or Jane; Community Service hours available.
Courageous Lions	Donate yarn to help crochet courageous lions to comfort children and families faced with illness. Contact Cathy Kelly if you know someone who might benefit by having one!
“Clothe the Cold”	Please place clean clothes in good condition in the bins provided at the front of the church.
Ascension Holy Trinity Mission Center	Food & clothing always needed. Wed. 10:00 a.m. - noon & 6-8 pm; Saturdays 10:00-noon.
Beginner’s AA Meeting	St. Andrew’s Parish Hall, Tuesdays & Fridays, 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. & 5:30-6:30 p.m.

The 5:30 p.m. AA meetings are now on Zoom. If you would like more information, please contact Jen B at 716-523-5554 or Ed P. at 914-474-6322.

Monthly Taize Worship

New Paltz United Methodist Church, **third Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.**

Companions of Mary the Apostle

Coffee Table Communion, **Fridays, 9:00 a.m.**,
9 Huntington Lane, West Park, NY 12493

Join the Companions for Friday morning Coffee Table Communion and Tuesday Evening Bible Study (7:00 pm). Contact the Companions for the virtual link:

www.companionsofmarytheapostle.org or email companionsma@gmail.com

Andy's Peeps

Online forum for St. Andrew's community to share scripture, music, readings, etc.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/andyspeeps/>

See St. Andrew's Website (www.standrewnp.org) & Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/standrewsnp/>) for continuously updated information.

Helpful links besides the St. Andrew's website and Facebook page are:

CDC <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/index.html>

Village of New Paltz <http://www.villageofnewpaltz.org/>

Presiding Bishop Curry's Statement and Episcopal Church website link on the coronavirus:
<https://episcopalchurch.org/concerning-covid19>

New Paltz Community Foundation Project Help Your Neighbors 2020

www.newpaltzfoundation.org (Contact Eileen Gulbrandsen Glenn if you need a meal voucher: sande2930@aol.com or 256-1945)



Our Parish Prayer List:

We continue to pray for E.J., George, Charles, Rose, Erin, Larry, Maggie, Barbara, Kathleen, Neil, Helen, Robert, Sheila, Richard & Ann, DuSean, Myrt, Madeline, Linda, Hannah, Joe, Kathryn, Mark, John.