

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEW PALTZ

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TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 14

Readings: 1 Kings 19:9-18; Psalm 85:8-13; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

[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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WHEN (or if) PROMPTED, OUR PASSWORD IS:

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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 Prayer 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

- 7 Show us your mercy, O God, *
and grant us your salvation.
- 8 I will listen to what you are saying, *
for you are speaking peace to your faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to you.
- 9 Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, *
that your glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 You, O God, will indeed grant prosperity, *

and our land will yield its increase.

- 13 Righteousness shall go before you, *
and peace shall be a pathway for your feet.

The lessons for Sunday are so rich-- Elijah hearing the "still, small voice" at Horeb, and Peter walking on water to Jesus—that we are likely to miss the beauty of this psalm. It was written after Israelites were allowed to return to Jerusalem after fifty years of exile in Babylon, which resonates with me because I'm beginning to feel that this pandemic is a form of exile. Certainly desert wanderings.

On Sunday we'll hear "the good bits," but the psalm opens on a more plaintive note.

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O God; *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.
- 3 You have withdrawn all your fury *
and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.
- 4 Restore us then, O God our Savior; *
let your anger depart from us.
- 5 Will you be displeased with us for ever; *
will you prolong your anger from age to age?
- 6 Will you not give us life again, *
that your people may rejoice in you?

God, we're grateful to be out of lockdown, praying for people in many other parts of the country who are in the thick of the virus, and we're not happy yet. What will happen in September? What will school look like? And work, for parents? And what of the businesses that have closed forever, will I find work? Will the town recover? There's an election coming and tensions are high on both sides and, O God, whatever happened to a middle ground?

Return from exile did not mean that life would ever be the same as it had been before the exile. The Israelites returned to find other families who had been living in their houses for generations, so they needed to build new ones. Where, and with what money? There had been several seasons of disappointing harvests. What will "return from COVID" bring, and when will it start, and what do we do in the meantime?

One commentator talked about the repeated use of the Hebrew word "shuv," to turn, or return, or restore. It seems everyone needs to turn. God turned from wrathful indignation, but now in the psalmist's opinion needs to turn the Israelites: "restore us then, O God our Savior." Israelites, you too need to turn: "You, God, are speaking peace . . . to those who turn their hearts to you."

That for me is a life of faith. Turning towards God again after we have been distracted (as we inevitably are), asking God to turn towards us when we aren't sure where God is, asking God to turn us when we feel stuck in harmful patterns or poses or places. The psalmist expects steadfast love and faithfulness, righteousness and peace to turn to each other, even embrace (with masks on of course!). Righteousness, turning and being turned towards God, is our duty and delight, "till by turning, turning we come round right" in the words of the Shaker hymn. Let's pray for grace to turn and be turned and move into ever greater righteousness.

Prayers for healing

Throughout the summer, we will gather in person **Sundays from 5:00-5:30 p.m.**, 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

We are moving forward. The re-opening committee has met and has come up with a plan which is being presented to the vestry at its next meeting.

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).

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*].

FRIDAY BOOK GROUP

This week, August 7, the group will finish *Learning to Walk in the Dark*. Next week they will begin *Preparing for the Glory* by John and Carol Arnott.



Diocese of New York
Online Anti-Racism Workshop

September 14, 17, 21 and 24

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

A multi-part online workshop open only
to clergy and laypeople of the Diocese of New York

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. When you pray “The Kingdom Come,” what are you praying for? For more details contact the editor at nrichardson@diocesenyc.org. You must contact Mr. Richardson before you begin writing as he needs to know your topic and ideas. **Copy deadline is August 25.**

THANK YOU to all those who served at St. Andrew’s this week, especially Jen, Brenda, Julie, Kappa and MaryAnn. 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 9, 2019)

- Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM 1): Valerie McAllister
- Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM 2): MaryAnn Lis-Simmons
- Lector 1: Jen Cutter
- Lector 2: Bob Waugh
- Zoom Host: Ed Puffer

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.

LINKS TO WEEKLY AND OTHER TIMELY MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDING BISHOP, MICHAEL CURRY, AND OUR DIOCESAN BISHOPS.

<https://episcopalchurch.org/habits-of-grace>

<https://vimeo.com/438234305> (Bishop Shin's Meditation)

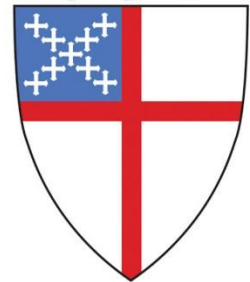
<https://vimeo.com/436208419> (Bishop Glasspool's Meditation)

<https://vimeo.com/427848939> (Bishop Dietsche)

<https://episcopalchurch.org>

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



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

SUNY New Paltz Pantry

Tops Supermarket Food Ministry

Courageous Lions

"Clothe the Cold"

Ascension Holy Trinity Mission Center

Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Dates soon to be set

Sunday mornings: Pick up food; Speak with Kappa or Jane; Community Service hours available.

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!

Please place clean clothes in good condition in the bins provided at the front of the church.

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/>

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.