

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEW PALTZ

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JULY 23, 2020

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 12

Readings: 1 Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:129-136; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

[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 PROMPTED, OUR PASSWORD IS:

Godisgr8!

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Zoom 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 Racial Healing for the Nation (IN PERSON, OUTSIDE AT THE CHURCH)			6:30pm Evening Prayer		6:30 Evening Prayer	



A PRIEST’S PONDERINGS...

The Rev. Allison Moore

“The kin(g)dom of God is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.” Yeast, or leaven, is a fungus both useful (bread and, in many cultures, beer) and dangerous—a little bit can corrupt, or change, a lot of flour. Jesus warned against the “leaven of the Pharisees,” which could corrupt good teaching, but here it’s positive.

Snatches of poetry have come in and out of my head--check Facebook for Maya Angelou reading “And Still I Rise” and the website for Alla Bozarth’s “Bakerwoman God.” I haven’t yet found a litany popular in seminary in the 80’s that has human action responding to God’s gifts of flour and water and yeast. And then there’s Romans 8, where Paul acknowledges great suffering and insists that God’s Spirit will transform and heal that suffering in time (or beyond time) and that in the meantime absolutely NOTHING can separate us from the love of God.

I hear in these lessons how some of the people who society judges as suspicious, dangerous, or in need of control are in fact the very voices we need to rise to a more just society. I hear how some of the most traumatic and painful experiences in our lives will be not explained away or justified but acknowledged and held by the Spirit who helps us in our weakness and intercedes with sighs, or groans, too deep for words (Romans 8:26). I hear of a love so strong “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.”

In this time of pandemic, and fear, and suffering both personal and around the world, and blatant disregard by those with political and legislative power of the needs of those who are often our most essential workers (think parents and teachers and restaurant workers and janitors and delivery people and farmworkers as well as medical professionals), our task is to look for the yeast, to sigh with groans too deep for words and find divine company searching and interceding and loving us, and to discover how God is indeed breaking into ordinary life, every day, with strength and courage and blessing.

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

ST. ANDREW'S REOPENING PLAN UPDATE

Reopening plans continue. For August, 5:00 p.m. outdoor service in the vicarage backyard will expand to include prayers for all sorts of healing—personal, political, environmental, simply “Come, Holy Spirit and heal us!” The first test went well enough, meaning we learned many things. We're looking for ways for readers to participate in a way that can be heard on Zoom as well, including readers using Zoom apps on their smart phones . . . more about that next week.

For planning purposes, we'd love to know who would probably come to Sunday 9:30 Morning Prayer in person service, with a Zoom option, beginning August 16 or 23. Once we get a sense of how Morning Prayer works, we'll think about expanding to Eucharist.

Please RSVP to Judy (standrewnp@hvi.net) by August 2 so we can know how to proceed.

Thank you for patience and prayers!
Allison

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.

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].



UTO - UNITED THANK OFFERING

St. Andrew's annual 2020 Ingathering of our **United Thank Offering Blue Boxes** will be postponed until we are able to bring our Blue Boxes to St. Andrew's to celebrate and give thanks.

Support the 2020 Ingathering by joining UTO in the Great EpisGOpal Virtual Race. For details: <https://episcopalchurch.org/posts/publicaffairs/united-thank-offering-presents-inaugural-great-episgopal-race>.

“With Joyful and Grateful Hearts, Let Us Give Thanks”

Charlene Wynkoop, UTO Coordinator

THANK YOU to all those who served at St. Andrew's this week, especially Valerie, Jen, Jane, MaryAnn and Brenda. 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 (July 26, 2019)

Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM 1):	MaryAnn Lis-Simmons
Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM 2):	Rae Slingerland
Lector 1:	Bob Waugh
Lector 2:	Jane Conger

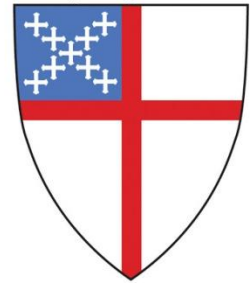
PARISH ADMINISTRATOR/OFFICE HOURS

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.

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<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)

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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

Alternate Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

SUNY New Paltz Pantry

Mondays 12:30 – 1:30, 5:00 – 6:30; Tuesdays 1:00 – 5:00; Wednesdays 1:00 – 6:00; Thursdays 10:00 – 1:00, 2:00 – 6:00; Fridays 5:30 – 7:00

Volunteers needed

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/>

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.