

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEW PALTZ

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JULY 30, 2020

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 13

Readings: Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm 145:8-9, 15-22; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

[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:

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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 Healing (IN PERSON, OUTSIDE AT THE CHURCH)			6:30pm Evening Prayer		6:30 Evening Prayer	



A PRIEST’S PONDERINGS...

The Rev. Allison Moore

Five loaves, two fish, and “5,000 men, besides women and children . . .” If ¾ of the men there were with their wives, and there were another 500 women alone, and then x number of children per adult, that’s more like between 15,000-20,000 people. No way that’s enough. Insert any depressing statistic you would like here--number of COVID deaths, endangered species, children in poverty, wars around the world, people living with domestic violence, any local or global problem—and hear the disciples saying, “We have nothing here.” We don’t have enough.

Jesus didn’t have enough energy or time—he took a boat to a deserted place by himself to grieve the news of the execution of John the Baptist. And however many thousand people, hungry for his word and his miracles, followed him on foot. Apparently, the disciples did too. Our world, like the Biblical world, is full of people hungry for meaning, for cures, for hope.

One choice is “to send them away.” To ignore, or deny, or reject the variety of very real and painful needs in our world. I can lose myself in everyday responsibilities and tune out real human needs, either generally in the world or specifically in my family or the congregation or town. I don’t have enough time, enough energy, enough resources.

Another choice is to have compassion. Which seems overwhelming—let in the pain? Acknowledge the sense of futility and powerlessness that comes with actually seeing the needs around us? Interrupt our schedule to sit long enough to hear pain? Jesus says, “Bring them here to me.” Bring what you have to God. Bring your compassion and the needs and longing you feel and yourself to God.

This story, which I so often hear (and sometimes preach) as about meeting human need, is also about Eucharist. “Jesus, taking the five loaves and two fish, looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.” The disciples found abundance as they took the blessed bread and distributed it.

Our meager resources, often even bounteous resources, are not enough in and of themselves. In Jesus’ actions of compassion and request for whatever we have we see that our lives are not just about bread and fish but offered and blessed and broken and shared bread and fish. In meeting need with compassion, we participate in God’s loving care for each and every part of creation. Enough is no longer relevant, for God’s compassion and love are infinite and always available.

Offer your most compelling sense of need to God. Offer yourself. And find yourself blessed, changed, and able to share hope and bread in the most deserted of places.

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

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

If you are thinking about attending 9:30 a.m. in-person, indoor services in September, should they be available, the reopening committee needs to hear from you in order to work out all of the safety precaution details.

Please email the church office and just say yes (and how many are in your family), or specify your preferences or concerns.

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



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*].

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@diocesenyny.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 MaryAnn, Rae, Bob, Jane, Ed, Barbara and Bill. 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 2, 2019)

Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM 1):	Jen Cutter
Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM 2):	Brenda Hush
Lector 1:	Julie Mazur
Lector 2:	Kappa Waugh
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.

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)

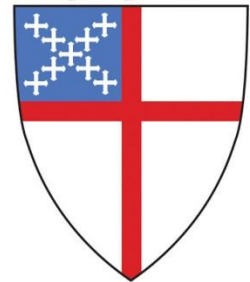
<https://vimeo.com/436208419> (Bishop Glasspool's Meditation)

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

<https://episcopalchurch.org>

<https://wayoflove.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.