

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEW PALTZ

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JUNE 4, 2020

TRINITY SUNDAY

Readings: Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a; Psalm 8; Julian of Norwich: *Revelations of Divine Love* (LIX, LXXXVI);
Matthew 28:16-20

[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.

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		
			6:30pm Evening Prayer		6:30 Evening Prayer	



A PRIEST'S PONDERINGS...

The Rev. Allison Moore

Time for some hope!

The Trinity, crazy doctrine of Three in One and One in Three, speaks to me most powerfully of community. Our God is not monolithic, lonely, or aloof. By God's very nature, there is a dance (the Greek word for the relationship within the Trinity is "perichoresis," literally dancing around) of relationship, drawing all of creation into the expansive love of Creator, Redeemer, and Empowerer/Father, Son, and Holy Spirit/Source of Love, Incarnate Love, Sending Love . . . however the three parts are labeled the point is that they are in relationship.

Julian of Norwich, an English laywoman of the 14th century, prayed for a vision of Christ's sufferings that would help her understand God. Since she was writing when the Black Plague was devastating Europe and there was profound social unrest, this was an existential question. Her prayer was granted, and in three days of life-threatening illness she saw visions not only of the suffering Christ but of Christ's relationship to God and the Spirit. She spent the rest of her life living in a one room cell within the walls of the church in Norwich, offering spiritual counsel and writing her revelations, the first English book to be attributed to a woman. Her overwhelming takeaway is that God is a dance of love.

Here's part of what we will read on Sunday instead of the creation story in Genesis. "It is thus logical that God, being our Father, be also our Mother. Our Father desires, our Mother operates and our good Lord the Holy Ghost confirms; we are thus well advised to love our God through whom we have our being, to thank him reverently and to praise him for having created us and to pray fervently to our Mother, so as to obtain mercy and compassion, and to pray to our Lord, the Holy Ghost, to obtain help and grace.

I then saw with complete certainty that God, before creating us, loved us, and His love never lessened and never will. In this love he accomplished all his works, and in this love he oriented all things to our good and in this love our life is eternal."
(*Revelations of Divine Love*, LXXXVI).

In a time of plague, with great social unrest, may we know how deeply we participate in this dance of love that transforms sin, heals injustice, and nurtures expansive community. May we know how much each and every creature is loved by God, how powerful seemingly fragile love really is, how much love we have to offer the world in simple acts of prayer, compassion, and action.

Of Pentecost and pinwheels

The story of Pentecost is in Acts 2 and John 20--two different explanations of how the Holy Spirit empowers disciples to continue Jesus' mission of comforting, healing, encouraging, and challenging people to make God's Reign known here and how, in this world.

See the St. Andrew's website (www.standrewnp.org) for Allison's sermon celebrating the work of the Holy Spirit. And the Holy Spirit is whimsical--enjoy pinwheels and see the effect of wind we cannot see on its own!

Stop by the church. Take a pinwheel home. Take one to share with someone.



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:

Mail your check,

Drop it off in the church mailbox on the front of the building, or

Set up an automatic bill pay through your bank

ARE YOU GOOD WITH NUMBERS?

ASSISTANT TREASURER POSITION OPEN AT ST. ANDREW'S

Marion McPadden, St. Andrew's treasurer, is looking for an assistant treasurer to learn the job, with the idea that he or she will eventually take over as treasurer.

What does the treasurer do?

Oversee the finances of St. Andrew's

Report on the income and expenditures to the vestry (offer explanations and overview at vestry meetings)

Attend monthly vestry meetings (about 2 hours currently on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.)

Guide and assist in preparing the annual budget

Manage the annual audit (a couple of hours in June)

Sign and send out checks (a few minutes weekly)

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 *Bare Ruined Choirs* by Gary Wills, a book about the possible restoration of the church. Meeting is via Zoom. [See *ZOOM connecting information above*].

FRIDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

This group is reading Barbara Brown Taylor's *Learning to Walk in the Dark* and is currently meeting via Zoom. [See *ZOOM connecting information above*]. All are welcome.

OUTREACH - PRAYERS

The "Morning Prayer Crowd" came up with an interesting idea for outreach. Kappa sent a card to Tops and ShopRite, telling the employees that St. Andrew's was grateful to them and will pray for them. Kappa also sent postcards, inviting workers to send us any particular prayer requests they might have. We have included prayers for grocery workers in the prayers of the people, and will include particular petitions if and when we receive them. This is a great way to become more of a presence.

What other essential workers would you like to thank? Convenience store/gas station employees? A favorite business or restaurant you frequent that's still open? Hospitals or doctor's office or clinics? If you are willing to write to them, saying we're praying for that business, and possibly soliciting prayer requests either by postcard (which you then need to include) or by asking them to call the office, that too will be included in the prayers of the people.

THANK YOU to all those who served at St. Andrew's this week, Bill, Barbara, Jen, Brenda, Rae, Valerie, 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 (June 7, 2019)

Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM I): Valerie McAllister
Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM II): MaryAnn Lis-Simmons
Lector I: Jen Cutter
Lector II: Bob Waugh

AA MEETINGS

The Tuesday and Friday AA meetings that meet at 5:30 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.

COMPANIONS OF MARY THE APOSTLE

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 them at companionsma@gmail.com

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

<https://mailchi.mp/episcopalchurch/habits-of-grace-may-29-2020-an-invitation-for-you-from-presiding-bishop-curry-in-english-spanish?e=6cc73688ab>

<https://vimeo.com/425267221>

Third season of *The Way of Love with Bishop Michael Curry* podcast continues May 18 with guest Teddy Reeves. *The Way of Love* is available on most podcast apps and at episcopalchurch.org.

<https://mailchi.mp/episcopalchurch/statement-from-presiding-bishop-michael-b-curry-on-president-donald-trumps-use-of-a-church-building-and-the-holy-bible?e=6cc73688ab>

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/The-Beloved-Community-Faces-White-Supremacy.html?soid=1102067254998&aid=4fux0zNcZ9w>

<https://mailchi.mp/episcopalchurch/presiding-bishop-michael-currys-pentecost-sermon-from-the-live-streamed-service-at-washington-national-cathedral-in-english-spanish-and-french?e=6cc73688ab>

<https://mailchi.mp/episcopalchurch/presiding-bishop-currys-word-to-the-church-when-the-cameras-are-gone-we-will-still-be-here?e=6cc73688ab>

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/On-the-President-s-use-of-St--John-s-Lafayette-Square-as-a-political-prop.html?soid=1102067254998&aid=71Axaeczg88>

HOW YOU CAN HELP DURING THIS PERIOD OF QUARANTINE

Donate to the Pantry at SUNY Ulster (Pasta sauce, mixed fruit cups, grape and strawberry jelly, Spam, corn, stuffing, laundry detergent, and paper towels. (Please no glass containers), OR gift cards in small amounts—\$5, \$10, \$20 max—prepaid VISA, local grocery stores, Stewart's, or Dunkin Donuts)

Support local businesses – Shop locally, order curbside from local restaurants, buy a book from local bookstores

Donate

Love God, Love your Neighbor

See St. Andrew's Website & Facebook page for continuously updated information:

www.standrewnp.org <https://www.facebook.com/standrewsnp/>

Like us on Facebook

Share our posts to your Facebook page

Leave reviews for us on our page.

Let's get the word out about St. Andrew's and let's all keep in touch!

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

SUNY New Paltz Pantry

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

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.
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 (<i>on line at this time</i>)
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

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

www.newpaltzfoundation.org

Tops Supermarket New Paltz open for seniors 6:00 – 7:00 a.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays

Shoprite New Paltz open for seniors daily 6:00 – 7:00 a.m.

Family of New Paltz open for food donations Monday – Thursday 10-5; Friday 10-4. If you are in need of food, call ahead and they will prepare a package for you: 255-8801.

**Please reach out to one another and to Allison
for support or just a friendly word.
Let's look after one another.**

Our Parish Prayer List:

We continue to pray for E.J., George, Charles, Rose, Erin, Larry, Maggie, Barbara, Kathleen, Neil, Helen, Robert, Sheila, Kyra, Richard & Ann, DuSean, Myrt, Madeline, Linda, Hannah, Hazel, Wendy, Susan, Cathy, Bobby.