

**The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
St. Andrew's Church
September 1, 2024**



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church is called to love God and to love one another through worship, fellowship, education, and outreach; and looks for opportunities to collaborate and serve throughout our community and the world.

All stand.

Opening Hymn #291

We plow the fields, and scatter

1 We plow the fields, and scat - ter the good seed on the land,
2 He on - ly is the Ma - ker of all things near and far;
3 We thank thee, then, O Fa - ther, for all things bright and good,

but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand;
he paints the way - side flow - er, he lights the eve - ning star;
the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food:

he sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,
the winds and waves o - bey him, by him the birds are fed;
the gifts we have to of - fer are what thy love im - parts,

the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.
much more to us, his chil - dren, he gives our dai - ly bread.
but chief - ly thou de - sir - est our hum - ble thank - ful hearts.

Refrain

All good gifts a - round us are sent from heaven a - bove;

then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of Life.

All: And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song of Praise LEVAS 76

Praise Him

1. Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus in the morn - ing
 2. Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him in the morn - ing
 3. Love Him, Love Him, Love Him in the morn - ing
 4. Serve Him, Serve Him, Serve Him in the morn - ing
 5. Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus in the morn - ing

1. Je - sus in the noon - time; Je - sus,
 2. Praise Him in the noon - time; Praise Him,
 3. Love Him in the noon - time; Love Him,
 4. Serve Him in the noon - time; Serve Him,
 5. Je - sus in the noon - time; Je - sus,

1. Je - sus, Je - sus when the sun goes down!
 2. Praise Him, Praise Him when the sun goes down!
 3. Love Him, Love Him when the sun goes down!
 4. Serve Him, Serve Him when the sun goes down!
 5. Je - sus, Je - sus when the sun goes down!

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

The Collect For Labor Day

Celebrant: Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Please be seated.

LECTOR

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

LECTOR

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 15

read responsively, by half verse.

1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?

- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the LORD.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

The Holy Gospel

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All: **Glory to you, O Christ.**

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Celebrant: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

Please stand and face the cross.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Remain standing. The people are encouraged to add their own petitions.

LEM: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

LEM: We pray for your Church, especially For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and for ministries in the Anglican Communion; for Sean, Presiding Bishop-elect; for Michael, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; for Matt, Allen, and Mary, our bishops, for Allison our Priest in Charge, for Christy our Deacon; and all people in their ministries.

LEM: Holy Spirit,

All: **Renew us in your love.**

LEM: We pray for the mission and ministries of this congregation

LEM: Holy Spirit,

All: **May we share Christ's love in word and deed.**

LEM: We pray for our land, its beauty and its resources; for those who make decisions about the resources of the earth, for the Esopus, Munsee, and Lenape peoples on whose land we now worship, and for the rich heritage we enjoy.

LEM: Holy Spirit,

All: **May we use your gifts responsibly.**

LEM: We pray for areas of conflict: for the Middle East, Ukraine, our own nation, and for those we now name.

LEM: Holy Spirit,

All: **Grant us your peace.**

LEM: We pray for all who are deprived of fullness of life, for prisoners, refugees, and those who are sick, especially *Charles, Helen, Sheila, Louise, DuSean, Mary, Caroline, Edna, Oriana, Gabriel, Joan, Sara, Joe, Linda, Sandra, Vicky, Anita and Rich, Beverly, Jodie and Joe, Nancy, Sally, Kate, Patricia, Diane*, and those we now name;

LEM: Holy Spirit,

All: **Sustain us by your grace.**

LEM: We pray for those who celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and other joys, *especially Janet and Noa on their birthdays*; and those we now name.

LEM: Holy Spirit,

All: **Fill us with joy.**

LEM: We remember all who have died in your love, *especially Bob Scott*, and those we now name.

LEM: Holy Spirit,

All: **Make us one with all your saints.**

LEM: May Christ dwell in our hearts through faith

All: **that we may be rooted and grounded in love.**

LEM: May the Spirit, who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine,

All: **to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God, our neighbor, and ourselves.

Silence may be kept.

All: **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Remain standing.

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

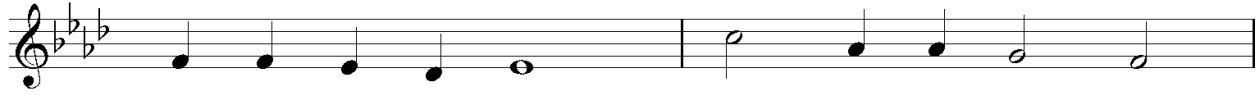
Celebrant: Let us present ourselves, our time, talent and treasure, our hopes and fears, with gladness to the Lord.

Offertory Hymn #541

Come, Labor On



1 Come, la - bor on. Who dares stand i - dle
 2 Come, la - bor on. The en - e - my is
 3 Come, la - bor on. A - way with gloom - y
 4 Come, la - bor on. Claim the high call - ing
 5 Come, la - bor on. No time for rest, till



1 on the har - vest plain, while all a - round us
 2 watch - ing night and day, to sow the tares, to
 3 doubts and faith - less fear! No arm so weak but
 4 an - gels can - not share - to young and old the
 5 glows the west - ern sky, till the long sha - dows



1 waves the gold - en grain? And to each ser - vant
 2 snatch the seed a - way; while we in sleep our
 3 may do ser - vice here: by feeb - lest a - gents
 4 Gos - pel glad - ness bear: re - deem the time; its
 5 o'er our path - way lie, and a glad sound comes



1 does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."
 2 du - ty have for - got, he slum - bered not.
 3 may our God ful - fill his right - eous will.
 4 hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.
 5 with the set - ting sun, "Ser - vants, well done."

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: May God be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God.

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Celebrant Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Eucharistic Prayer A

Hymn

LEVAS #255

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name

of the Lord, of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high

est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Mother: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Parent of all.

***All:* Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.**

Celebrant: On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith

***All:* Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Life-giving God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

***All:* Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.**

Celebrant: All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All: **Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia!**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: **May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.**

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant: God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. **Amen.**

Announcements

Closing Hymn LEVAS #138

Lord, I want to be a Christian

1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In my heart, In my heart;—
 2. Lord, I want to be more lov-ing In my heart, In my heart;—
 3. Lord, I want to be more ho-ly In my heart, In my heart;—
 4. I don't want to be like Ju-das In my heart, In my heart;—
 5. Lord, I want to be like Je-sus In my heart, In my heart;—

1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In my heart, _____
 2. Lord, I want to be more lov-ing In my heart, _____
 3. Lord, I want to be more ho-ly In my heart, _____
 4. I don't want to be like Ju-das In my heart, _____
 5. Lord, I want to be like Je-sus In my heart, _____

In my heart, _____ In my heart, _____
 In my heart, _____ In my heart, _____

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 5. Lord, I want to be like Je-sus In my heart. _____

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Worship has ended, the work has begun: Let us go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit!

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR TODAY

Celebrant: Rev. Allison Moore
LEM: Jen Cutter
Lector: Klaus Yoder
Usher: Martin Bend
Altar Guild: Susan Piowaty
Music: Jean Aldwell
Coffee Hour: Barbara Terpening