



*Welcome to St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral! We are glad we can worship together today.  
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## THE WORD OF GOD

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

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*Presider* Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom now and for ever. Amen.**

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Presider* Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### PSALM 78:1-4, 12-16

**1 Hear my teaching, O my people; \*  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.**

**2 I will open my mouth in a parable; \*  
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.**

**3 That which we have heard and known,  
and what our forefathers have told us, \*  
we will not hide from their children.**

**4 We will recount to generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the  
Lord, \*  
and the wonderful works he has done.**

**12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, \*  
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.**

**13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; \*  
he made the waters stand up like walls.**

**14 He led them with a cloud by day, \*  
and all the night through with a glow of fire.**

**15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness \*  
and gave them drink as from the great deep.**

**16 He brought streams out of the cliff, \*  
and the waters gushed out like rivers.**

### A READING FROM MATTHEW

MATTHEW 21: 23-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all

regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Very Reverend Anne M. Maxwell

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*An Intercessor bids the prayers, and the people respond with words printed in bold. In the pauses, all are welcome to name aloud those persons or situations for which they pray.*

We offer prayer for all those with whom we share life’s journey. In the pauses, you are welcome to name aloud or in your heart those persons or situations for which you pray.

We pray for the Church throughout the world.  
God, of your goodness, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our community, our nation, and the world; for essential workers, educators, and all who govern or lead.

We pray for all who are oppressed, and all who live or work in harm’s way.  
God, of your goodness, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, remembering especially those added to our prayer list this week.  
God, of your goodness, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died.  
God, of your goodness, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all the blessings of our lives.  
God, of your goodness, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing love and care, for this life and for the life to come; knowing that you will do for them far more than we can desire or pray for; for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.  
 3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ.

I want to fol-low Je-sus.  
 I want to look at Je-sus.  
 I want to be with Je-sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
 Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and  
 When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

star of my life is Je-sus.  
 show me the way to the Fa-ther.  
 shall know the joy of Je-sus.

*Refrain*

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The

night and the day are both a-like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci-ty of God. *rit.*

*a tempo*

Shine in my heart, Lord Je-sus.

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## OUR PRAYER LISTS

TODAY WE PRAY FOR: Chris, Peter Meyers, Stephen Bittick, Martin Bittick, Lynn, John, Bruce, Vaught Moody, Todd Moody, Evelyn McGee, Olivia Thompson, James Thomas, Sharon Bowie, Beverly Ware, Jennifer Colson, Jonathan Spencer, Sam Lane, Kathryn Duguay, Ellen Johnson, Beverly, Mary Esther Walker, Lee Ann, Eric Scholnik, Kitty Surkin, Jeff Snow, Richard, Jean Smith Vaughan, Mike Hughes, Boyce Davis, Jeff, Kay, Jane, Daniel Wilkey, Leila Wynn, Kathy Howard, Lacey Madden, Bill Triplett, Kellis Moore, Mary Lee, Jane, Bill Alexander, Bill Oldham.

AT WEEKDAY PRAYERS, WE PRAY FOR: Sue Stock, Penny Hutcherson, Sam Lane, Jr., Susan Culbertson, John Jenkins, Arthur Bland, Dot Kitchings, Colin Monahan, Jack Boardman, Callie, Martha Graeber, Susan Dowdy, Sandra Price, Betty Scott, Mary Lane Wheatley, Nancey, Jackie Mohle, David, Joyce Partridge, Natalya Salvo, Mimi Salmon, Jane, Adam, Gwen Cole, Harriett Humphreys, Sofia, Rosie McNair, Bill Love, Merryl Dougherty, John Miller, Flo Stover, Susan Hill, Linda Fratesi, Kyleigh Selman, Matt Ross, Betty Vandiver, Donie, Gene Reeves, Martha Nash, Philip Thompson, Dean Alexander, Frances Morse, Wayne Barrett, Larry Alderman, Nathan Ferris, Robert Gaillet, Nick, Jim Baugh, John Howard, Pat, Karen Quay, Valerie Selman, Timeka, Armistead Powell, Elaine Hallum, Pauline Stray, Barbara Robinson, Jerry Duncan.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Lisa, cousin of Kevin Lewis.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK: Sunday, Sept. 27: Stephanie Parkinson, Teddy Bryan; Monday, Sept. 28: Merleen Hegwood, Lawson Yelverton, Layla Farmer, Rae Ann Lawrence; Tuesday, Sept. 29: Wilson Montjoy, Jr., Joanne Lyell, Tatum McLaughlin; Wednesday, Sept. 30: Susan Osborne, Joyce Partridge, Jeanna Harris; Thursday, Oct. 1: Cecil Burnham, Gail McMullan, Oliver Davis; Friday, Oct. 2: Mary Jo Briggs, Carline Yelverton, Thatcher Allen, Francis Magandy; Saturday, Oct. 3: Grady Jolly, Garland Lyell, Steve Browning; Sunday, Oct. 4: Pam Flint.

WE GIVE THANKS FOR WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER: Dot and Martin Bittick, Sept. 4; Betty Lou and Rodger Reeves, Sept. 11, 1965; Jean and Tim Medley, Sept. 13; Danielle and Robert Ireland, Sept. 13, 2003; Cheryl and Kent Kirchner, Sept. 17; Stephanie and Kevin Parkinson, Sept. 22, 2012; Katie and Jonathan Wray, Sept. 24, 2016; Lauren and Philip Buffington, Sept. 27, 2014.

IN OUR COMMUNITY CYCLE OF PRAYER WE PRAY FOR OUR TUESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB: This is a ministry that offers a hot breakfast and fellowship for our friends experiencing homelessness. We serve between 50 and 100+ friends every Tuesday morning at 7:00 a.m. This ministry is supported by your purchase of Alternative Giving Cards each Advent and Christmas. To volunteer as greeter/fellowship sharer or for more information, contact Gina Halfacre at [gchalfacre@gmail.com](mailto:gchalfacre@gmail.com).

WEDDINGS | Please call the Cathedral and speak to one of our clergy. 601-354-1535.

UPCOMING DATES FOR HOLY BAPTISM | The last scheduled date in 2020 for Holy Baptism will be All Saints' Sunday, November 1st. Anyone interested in receiving baptism for themselves or for their children should contact the Rev. Jennifer Deaton, at 601-487-2736 or [jdeaton@standrews.ms](mailto:jdeaton@standrews.ms)

PRAYER LIST | On Sunday mornings, our prayer list holds those in acute need of prayer. During the week, another prayer list holds those whose need for prayer is less acute but longer term. To add or renew a name on either of these lists, please contact the Rev. Jennifer Deaton at [jdeaton@standrews.ms](mailto:jdeaton@standrews.ms) or call the church office.

PRAYER CHAIN | For prayers at any time, please call in your prayer request to one of our confidential Prayer Chains. For the morning or evening prayer chain, call Melissa Crouch at 601-672-8952.

HOSPITAL VISITS, HOME VISITS, AND PASTORAL CARE | At this time, we are not able to make in-person pastoral visits to hospitals or long term care facilities. However, please call the Cathedral and speak to one of our clergy if you or a family member are in need of pastoral prayer or conversation. Voicemails are sent to our email inboxes. The Cathedral number is 601-354-1535.