



Welcome to St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral!

Joyfully proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through grace-filled worship, radical hospitality, and incarnational faith. We do not bless animals to make them holy. We bless them because they are holy and worthy of blessing. St. Francis believed that all nature reflected God, that you could see the beauty of God in all creation. He called the sun, moon, wind and earth his brothers and sisters. He loved all creatures great and small and treated them like family, just as we do our own pets which is why we are here today to be blessed.

CARILLON PRELUDE

*All Creatures of our God and King
 All Things Bright and Beautiful*

HYMN H-1982, #304

I come with joy (vv. 1 and 4)

LAND OF REST

1 When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his
 2 Still east and west his love ex - tends and
 3 Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di -
 4 Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may
 arms stretched out a - bove through ev - ery cul - ture,
 al - ways near or far, he calls and claims us
 vide us to our shame, he sees not la - bels
 I in Christ be free to wel - come and ac -
 ev - ery birth, to draw an an - swering love.
 as his friends and loves us as we are.
 but a face, a per - son, and a name.
 cept his own as Christ ac - cept - ed me.

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Gracious God, following the way of blessed Francis, may we, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People may be seated.

THE READING

ACTS 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

THE PSALM (*read in unison*)

PSALM 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?

² My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

³ He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

⁴ Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

⁵ The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

⁶ So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.

⁷ The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.

⁸ The Lord shall watch over your going out
and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

SEQUENCE HYMN LEVAS, #111

Come, thou fount

NETTLETON



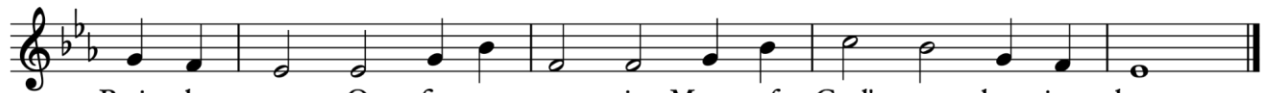
1 Come, thou fount of ev-ery bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
3 O, to grace how great a debt - or, Dai-ly I'm con-strained to be;



Streams of mer cy nev-er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud-est praise.
Let that grace, Lord, like a fet - ter, Bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove.
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, Proneto leave the God I love.



Praise the mount, O fix me on it. Mount of God's un - chang-ing love.
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, Seal it for thy courts a - bove.

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 12:13-21

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The People are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE HOMILY

The Very Reverend Anne M. Maxwell

NICENE CREED

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O God, we thank you for making the animals to brighten our lives. Help us to protect animals as Noah did. Help us to love them and care for them as St. Francis did. And when we see the animals that you have made, help us to remember that you are holy and worthy of praise. In the name of the Father (who thought up the giraffe and the zebra) and of the Son (who was named after the beautiful white Lamb) and the Holy Spirit (who came to us as a Dove). Amen.

We pray today for the whole Church and the world, especially the Church of Pakistan and St. John's, Aberdeen; and St. Bernard's, Okolona.

We pray for those who have asked our prayers, especially, Charlie, Bob, Kevin, Mike, Anthony, Norma, Charles, Jan, Kevin, Mary Beth, Tara, Mary Ann, Belinda, Sara, Beth, Jeff, Joel, and Kathy. *silence*

We pray for those animals we have loved and lost. *silence*

We pray for those species of animals whose lives are endangered. *silence*

We give thanks for these animals, whose companionship brings us joy. *Silence*

We give thanks for our community partner Stewpot Community Services.

We give thanks for those celebrating a birthday today, Joanne Lyell and Tatum McLaughlin

Holy Immortal One, in whom all creation has its being: No sparrow falls without your knowing it; nothing dies but is remembered by you; nothing comes into being that you do not see. Give us courage and resolve to build up the common good, holding fast to the hope of a new creation in which all shall dwell eternally, through Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior. Amen.

THE PEACE

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Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

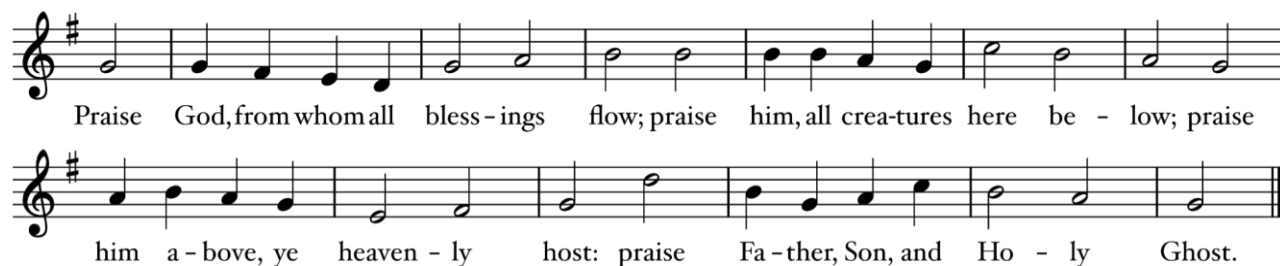
THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE www.standrews.ms/offertory

At the offertory, acknowledging all we are given from God, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, sacramentally in the bread and wine, and in the money we give.

AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, PRAYER A

All stand.

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The Celebrant, with the people, says

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

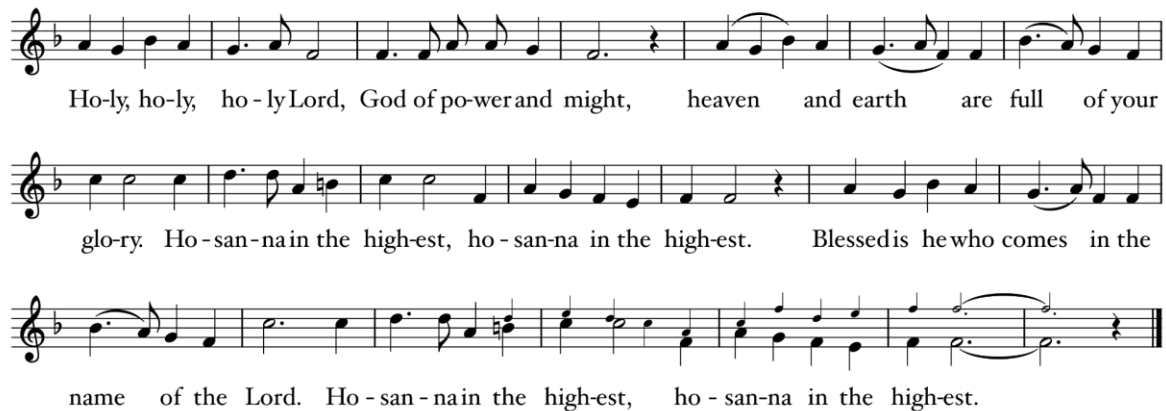
Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you are greatly glorified in the assembly of your saints. All your creatures praise you, and your faithful servants bless you, confessing before the rulers of this world the great Name of your only Son. 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:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of po-wer and might, heaven and earth are full of your
glo-ry. Ho-san-nain the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho-san-nain the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est.

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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,

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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. 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.

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 Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass-o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The People may be seated.

*The clergy will come to you to offer a blessing for your pet and to bring the sacrament to you.
If you prefer a blessing for yourself, rather than the sacrament, please let us know.*

At the Presider's invitation People stand, and remain standing through the end of the service.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

HYMN, H-1982 #711

Seek ye first
SEEK YE FIRST



1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God and its right - eous - ness,
 2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you, seek, and ye shall find,



and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
 knock, and the door shall be op - ened un - to you, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon

People **Thanks be to God.**

OUR PRAYER LISTS

Bob, Kevin, Mike, Anthony, Norma, Charles, Jan, Kevin, Mary Beth, Tara, Mary Ann, Belinda, Sara, Beth, Jeff, Joel, and Kathy. (*The last names are not listed to provide some privacy for those who have asked our prayers but do not necessarily want to answer questions. Our prayers come from the heart and don't need details to be effective*).

AT WEEKDAY PRAYERS, WE PRAY FOR: Jarred, Paul, David, Joel, Paula, Dot, Kristen, Chip, Betsy, Susan, Matt, Betty, Lynda, Doug, Cindy, Patsy, Chris, and Kathryn.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK: Sunday, Sept. 29: Joanne Lyell, Tatum McLaughlin; Monday, Sept. 30: Susan Osborne, Joyce Partridge, Jeanna Harris; Tuesday, Oct. 1: Cecil Burnham; Wednesday, Oct. 2: Caroline Yelverton, Thatcher Allen; Thursday, Oct. 3: Grady Jolly, Garland Lyell, Steve Browning; Friday, Oct. 4: No birthdays; Saturday, Oct. 5: Betty Heatherly, Grace Smith, Neil White, Alexandra Long; Sunday, Oct. 6: Iain Brumley-Halfacre, Mike Lightsey.

WE GIVE THANKS FOR WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER: John Lever and John Davis, Sept. 3, 2016; Danielle and Robert Ireland, Sept. 13, 2003; Jean and Tim Medley, Sept. 13; LaDana and Dean Joseph, Sept. 25, 2001.

IN OUR COMMUNITY CYCLE OF PRAYER, WE PRAY FOR STEWPOT COMMUNITY SERVICES: Stewpot Community Services, located at 1100 West Capitol St. in Jackson, offers myriad services to both homeless and less fortunate

members of our community. One of the founding entities of Stewpot, St. Andrew's provides volunteers who donate to the clothes closet, bag groceries, serve lunch, provide meals for the Opportunity Center on cold winter nights and serve in many other capacities. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Gina Halfacre at gchalfacre@gmail.com.

WEDDINGS | Please contact The Very Rev. Anne M. Maxwell at amaxwell@standrews.ms.

HOLY BAPTISM | Please contact The Very Rev. Anne M. Maxwell at amaxwell@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 Very Rev. Anne M. Maxwell at amaxwell@standrews.ms.

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 | 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 or you may call the Lay Pastoral Minister on call as listed in the sleeve.