



St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral
Ninth Sunday after the Pentecost

July 26, 2026 | Holy Eucharist, Rite II | 8:30 a.m.
305 E. Capitol St. | Jackson, MS 39201 | standrews.ms | 601-354-1535

Welcome to St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral!

Joyfully proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through grace-filled worship, radical hospitality, and incarnational faith.

We are glad we can worship together today. Children are always welcome in our service. If you would rather your child be in the nursery or supervised playroom, feel free to take them out through the front right side door.

You are welcome to bring them back into the service at any time.

HYMN H-1982 #398

I sing the almighty power of God

FOREST GREEN

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER (BCP), PAGE 355

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

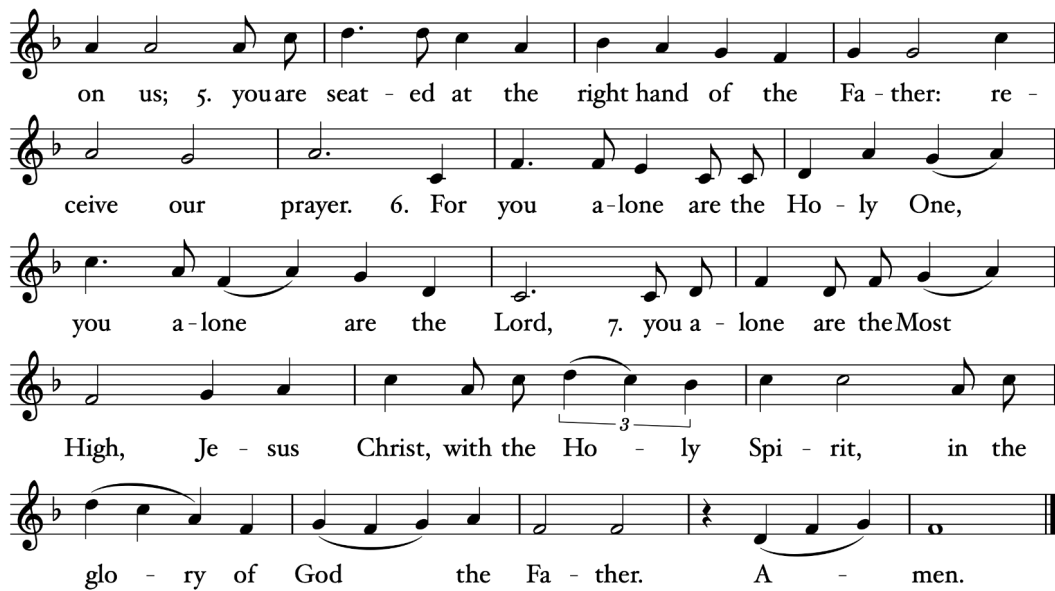
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE, H-1982 #S-280

Gloria in excelsis

Robert Powell

1. Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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 FIRST READING

1 KINGS 3:5-12

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

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

THE PSALM

PSALM 119:129-136

¹²⁹ Your decrees are wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with all my heart.

¹³⁰ When your word goes forth it gives light; *
it gives understanding to the simple.

¹³¹ I open my mouth and pant; *
I long for your commandments.

¹³² Turn to me in mercy, *
as you always do to those who love your Name.

¹³³ Steady my footsteps in your word; *
let no iniquity have dominion over me.

¹³⁴ Rescue me from those who oppress me, *
and I will keep your commandments.

¹³⁵ Let your countenance shine upon your
servant *
and teach me your statutes.

¹³⁶ My eyes shed streams of tears, *
because people do not keep your law.

THE SECOND READING

ROMANS 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN H-1982 #615

Thy kingdom come

ST. FLAVIAN

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 13:31-33, 44-52

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

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

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour

until all of it was leavened.” “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The People are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Very Reverend Anne M. Maxwell

MUSICAL REFLECTION

The People stand at the invitation of the presider.

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 FORM III

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Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Dorothy, our Bishop, and all other priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Donald, our president, Members of Congress, Justices of the Supreme Court and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *Silence*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence*

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.

THE ABSOLUTION

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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

BCP, PAGE 360

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION



OFFERTORY SENTENCE www.standrews.ms/offertory *This link will take you to our giving page for donations.*

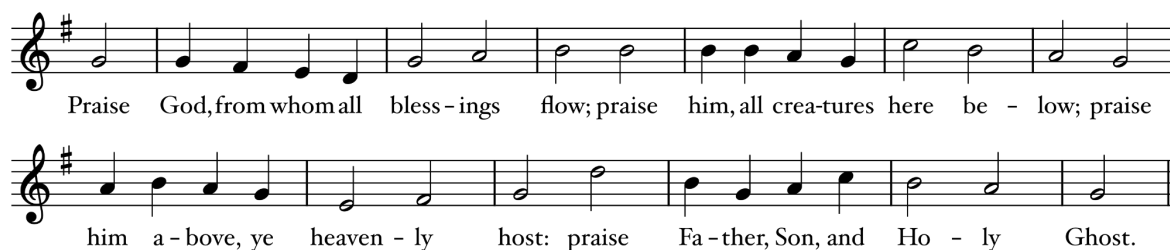
At the offertory, acknowledging all we are given from God, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, sacramentally in the bread and wine, and in the money we give.

OFFERTORY

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION H-1982 #380 v. 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

OLD 100TH



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, PRAYER A

All stand.

BCP, PAGE 361

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

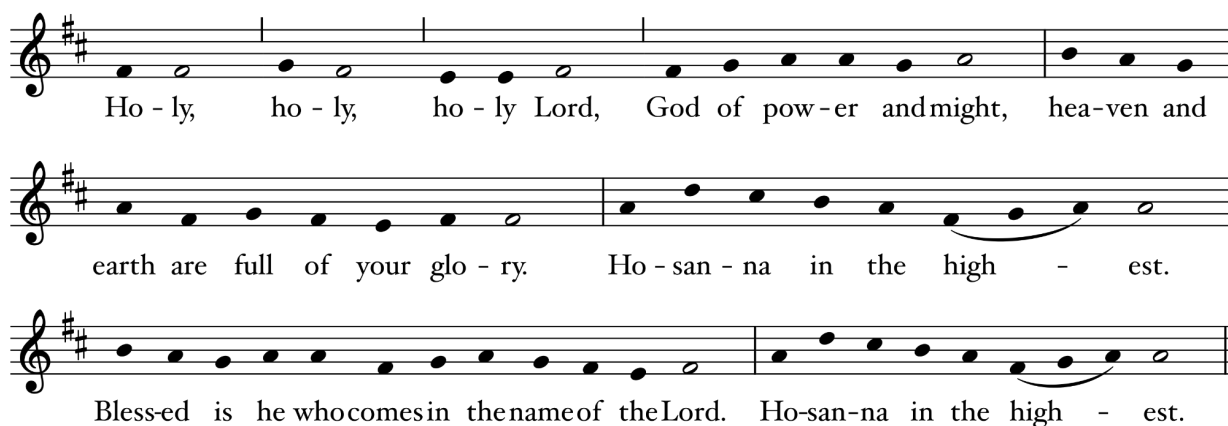
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our 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. *proper preface* 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:

SANCTUS, H-1982 #S124

David Hurd, *New Plainsong Mass*



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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, Andrew, and 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,

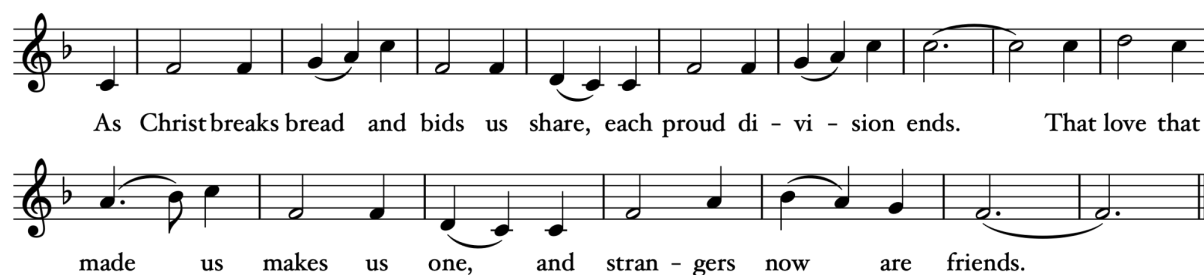
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

FRACTION H-1982 #304, v. 3

LAND OF REST



THE INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The People may be seated. If you do not wish to receive the sacrament, you may come forward with your arms crossed over your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten free bread is available upon request. The table of bread and wine is the table of

company with Jesus, and all those who love him. So come to this table, you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more; you who have been to this Sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus in the world, and you who have failed; come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

HYMN H-1982 #488

Be thou my vision

SLANE

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

DISMISSAL OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

In the Name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these Holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many share one bread, one cup, because we are one body in Christ Jesus. Amen.

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 #493

O for a thousand tongues to sing

AZMON

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon

People **Thanks be to God.**

OUR PRAYER LIST

Ashley, Rob, Lily and family, Johnny, Andrew, Susan, Kristen, Ruth, Joe, Betty, Rhett, Clay, Kathleene 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: Margaret, Lisa, Alex, Robert, Chip, Bob, Jackson, Tasha, Barbara, Betsy, Matt, Betty, Chris, Paula, Floyd, Anthony, Cindy, Trey, Norma, Mary, Martha, Gray, Mike, Chip, Anne, Elizabeth, Vee, Jeff, Joanne, Linda, Harrison, James and Joel.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Helen Rogge, mother of Ruth Fletcher; Rick Smythe, friend of David Elliott; David Clark, friend of both Katie Hester and Robert Hauburg; Jeff Grisham, Barbara Ladner, and Paul Hoffman.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK: Sunday, July 26: Anne Maxwell, Jane Smith, Martha Thompson, Robin Walton; Monday, July 27: No birthdays; Tuesday, July 28: Janet Grills; Wednesday, July 29: Chisomaga Akubee, Margaret Lowery; Thursday, July 30: Frank Alley; Friday, July 31: Dickie Yelverton, Simba Barath; Saturday, August 1: Sarah Allin; Sunday, August 2: Betsy Copeland, Chellie Revord.

WE GIVE THANKS FOR WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN JULY: Gina and Jimmy Halfacre, July 3, 2010; Kathy and Dan Woodliff, July 5, 1980; Ruth and Spence Fletcher, July 6, 1991; Nancy and Jim Loome, July 11, 1992; Darri and Keith Mansel, July 15, 1978; Diane and David Morse, July 25; Jan and Bill Kientz, July 26, 1969; Judith and Bickham Forshee, July 30, 1994.

IN OUR COMMUNITY CYCLE OF PRAYER, WE PRAY FOR GRACE HOUSE: Grace House is a non-profit organization offering transitional and semi-permanent housing and support services for homeless men and women living with HIV/AIDS and women recovering from substance abuse. For more information, contact Chellie Revord at mrevord11@gmail.com

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

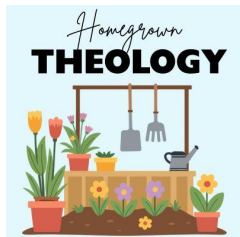
HOLY BAPTISM | Please contact The Very Rev. Anne M. Maxwell at amaxwell@standrews.ms

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 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.

A Look Ahead



Summer Offerings for All Ages

Through August 23 | Sundays at 9:30am

Homegrown Theology | Parish Hall | Adults | standrews.ms/adult-formation

- July 26 & August 2: "Thoughts at 3:00am", led by John Allin

Nursery and Playroom | Infants - 5 year olds

Godly Play | Upstairs hallway classroom | Rising 1st - 5th graders

Youth Gathering | Downstairs EYC Room | Rising 6th - 12th graders

Mahjong Group

Monday, July 27 & August 10 at 1:00pm

Join us to play Mahjong on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month!

Contact Susan Duke to participate: 601-937-3828



Next Thursday! COLLAB Art Reception



Thursday, July 30 at 6:00 - 7:30pm | Parish Hall

In partnership with artists of our parish, each season we will feature a new installation in the Parish Hall.

Our first display will feature the work of **Susannah Morse Mylroie**.

Reception will include light refreshments, and a nursery will be available.

Food Pantry Sunday

Sunday, August 2

Bring your non-perishable food items to be donated to the Stewpot Food Pantry.

The Howlelujah Tour

Thursday, August 13 at 5:00-6:00pm | Lemuria Books | Howlelujah.org

This tour is a joyful event of songs and animal stories with musician Joey McGee and author and priest "Padre" Bill Miller. The duo is traveling with shelter dog, Sister Mary Rosetta Tharp. The Jackson leg of the tour will be fundraising for CARA Animal Rescue and Adoption, hosted by St. Andrew's Cathedral, Lemuria Books, and Broad Street Bakery.

Drawdown to Build Up: Supporting Habitat for Humanity

Friday, August 14 at 6pm | St. James' Episcopal Church, 3921 Oakridge Dr.

St. Andrew's is jointly hosting this drawdown with other local parishes at St. James' in support of Habitat for Humanity. Including a silent auction, live music from The Red Hots, dinner, and libations.

Purchase tickets at standrews.ms/drawdown

Cursillo: Registration deadline- August 7

September 18-20 | Camp Bratton Green

This Three-Day Weekend is an experience of a joyous introduction into a growing and supporting community of friends in Christ. Register at standrews.ms/cursillo

Call for Volunteers: McClean Fletcher Grief Center

- Must be at least 17 years old
- 2 nights/month, August-May commitment
- Mandatory training-August 8th and 9th

Call the Center for more details. 601-206-5525