

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
St. Andrew's Church
August 16, 2026**



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 #533

How wondrous and great

1 How won - drous and great thy works, God of praise!
2 To na - tions of earth thy light shall be shown;

How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!
their wor - ship and vows shall come to thy throne:

O who shall not fear thee, and hon - or thy Name?
thy truth and thy judg - ments shall spread all a - broad,

Thou on - ly art ho - ly, thou on - ly su - preme.
till earth's ev - ery peo - ple con - fess thee their God.

Words: Henry Ustick Onderdonk (1759-1858), alt.; para. *The Song of the Redeemed*. Music: Lyons, att. Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806).

Opening Acclamation

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

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

Song of Praise Hymnal #370, verse 6

*6. Christ be with me, Christ with - in me, Christ be - hind me,
Christ be - neath me, Christ a - bove me, Christ in qui - et,
Christ be - fore me, Christ be - side me, Christ to
Christ in dan - ger, Christ in hearts of all that
win me, Christ to com - fort and re - store me,
love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran - ger.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

LEM

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Genesis 45:1-15

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

LEM: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

LECTOR

Psalm of the day

Psalm 133

read responsively, by half verse.

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
 when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
 that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
 and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
 that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
 life for evermore.

LECTOR

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

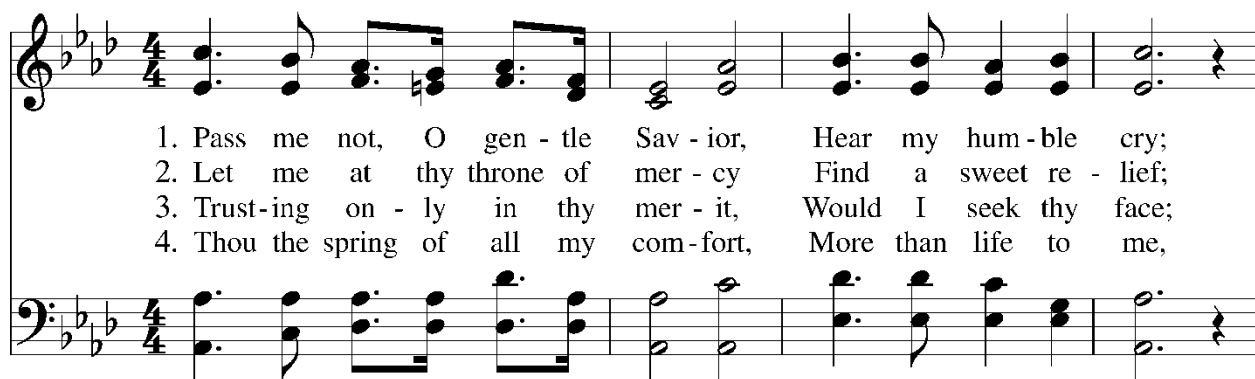
For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn LEVAS #139

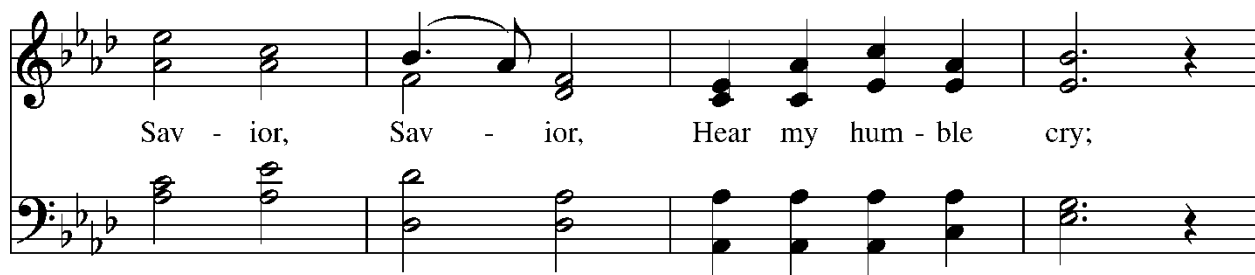
Pass me not



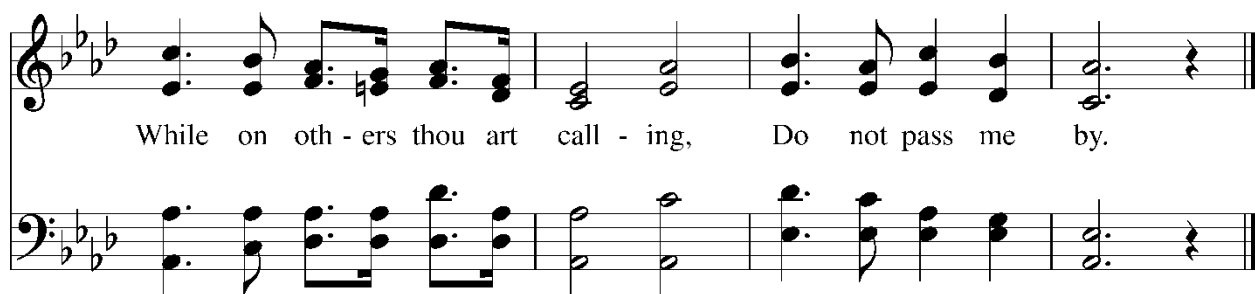
1. Pass me not, O gen - tle Sav - ior, Hear my hum - ble cry;
 2. Let me at thy throne of mer - cy Find a sweet re - lief;
 3. Trust - ing on - ly in thy mer - it, Would I seek thy face;
 4. Thou the spring of all my com - fort, More than life to me,



1. While on oth - ers thou art call - ing, Do not pass me by.
 2. Kneel - ing there in deep con - tri - tion, Help my un - be - lief.
 3. Heal my wound - ed, bro - ken spi - rit, Save me by thy grace.
 4. Whom have I on earth be - side thee? Whom in heav'n but thee?



Sav - ior, Sav - ior, Hear my hum - ble cry;



While on oth - ers thou art call - ing, Do not pass me by.

Words: Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915). Music: William H. Doane (1832-1915).

The Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

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

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

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Celebrant: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

An Affirmation of Faith

Please stand and face the cross.

**We believe in God above us,
Creator of all things, sustainer of all life.**

**We believe in Christ beside us,
Companion and friend, redeemer of all the broken pieces of our universe.**

**We believe in Spirit deep within us,
Advocate and guide, who lives with us eternally.**

**We believe in God's resurrection created world,
Where all things depend on each other, and all creation fits together in vibrant harmonies.**

**We believe in God above, beside, within,
God yesterday, today and forever, the three in one, the one in three,**

We believe in God.

LEM

The Prayers of the People

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

LEM: In confidence we pray, saying: Blessed Trinity, One God; how exalted is your Name in all the world.

LEM: Come Holy Spirit;
All: **and renew the face of the earth.**

LEM: Your majesty is praised from all creation: Let the leaders of our nation and all in authority, and all who work for justice throughout the world live in the grace of Jesus, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.

LEM: Come Holy Spirit;
All: **and renew the face of the earth.**

LEM: The whole creation is yours, O God – earth and sky and waters, trees and plants, birds and animals of all kinds: Bless everything that lives and protect your people everywhere, that all may enjoy the fruits of the earth, and be free from hunger, oppression and injustice.

LEM: Come Holy Spirit;
All: **and renew the face of the earth.**

LEM: I ask your prayers for the Lenape, Munsee, and Esopus peoples, original settlers of these lands

LEM: Come Holy Spirit;
All: **and renew the face of the earth.**

LEM: I ask your prayers for those who are poor, sick, hungry, oppressed, and in prison. Pray for members of our community ***Charles, Edna, Sheila, DuSean, Lisa, Mary, Gabriel, Joan, Gwenn, Nancy, Patricia, Ola, Joe, Janet, Charles, Martha, Elizabeth, James, Linda, Charlene, Christine, Jen, Jacob, Gisela, Miles, Rodger, Jennifer, Ann, Laura, those affected by the earthquake in Colombia, all facing exclusion or harm***, and those we now name. . . . Pray for those in any need or trouble.

LEM: Come Holy Spirit;
All: **and renew the face of the earth.**

LEM: I ask your prayers for those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, or accomplishments, *especially Bruce & Sandy on their anniversary*; and we pray for those we now name. [*Please add your own names, aloud*].

LEM: Come Holy Spirit;
All: **and renew the face of the earth.**

LEM: I ask your prayers for the departed, *especially Marty Lou Rossetti*, and those we now name... [pause]. Pray for those who have died.

LEM: Come Holy Spirit;
All: **and renew the face of the earth.**

LEM: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

All: **Have mercy upon us, most merciful God; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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: Come to the table made ready for those who love God and those who want to love God more.

Come you who have much faith and you who have little;
you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time;
You who have tried to follow and you who have failed.
Come, it is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here.

Offertory Hymn

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2026

O God of Love, this is a time of turning

Finlandia

Jean Sibelius, 1899



1. O God of love, this is a time of turn - ing—
2. O God of peace, we hear your gra - cious prom - ise:
3. O God of all, of im - mi-grant and neigh-bor,
4. O God of love, have mer - cy on your chur-ches;



a time of change, with con - flict in the news. For in our
Your love can heal the hearts of hu - man-kind. May we stand
of those in power—and of the re - fu - gee, You give us
Take from our hearts our pa - ra - lyz - ing fear. Give us new



land, some migh - ty winds are churn-ing; There's much at stake that
firm for truth and peace and jus - tice; May we leave fear and
all our com-mon life and la - bor— our com-mon hope, the
faith! Make us cou-ra-geous work-ers. Help us to la - bor



we could gain or lose. Love sings out strong, yet fires of hate are
 ha - tred far be - hind. May we sing out, and—sing-ing—be a
 peace we long to see. God, may we turn and be made strong to-
 on from year to year. When oth - er voi - ces call out to dis-

burn - ing; O God of all, you call us all to choose.
 wit - ness, and show re - solve to work for what is kind.
 ge - ther. May we seek jus - tice, love and u - ni - ty.
 tract us, May we choose well and seek your king-dom here.

All are welcome to receive communion. Gluten-free wafers are available and if you would like to receive a blessing, you may come to the altar and cross your hands over your chest.

Please stand as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Spirit of God be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Holy One.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God.

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

Celebrant Thanks and praise, glory and honor are rightly yours, God of life. In the beginning, your Spirit moved across the face of the waters, and when we were formed from the red dust of the earth, you breathed into us the breath of life. Even when we resisted and grieved you, your Spirit came upon diverse people, empowering them to speak your word of life.

All: **Your steadfast love endures forever and ever.**

Celebrant And so we praise you with the faithful of every time and place, gathered in word and spirit with choirs of angels and the whole creation in the eternal hymn

Sanctus S128

The musical score for Sanctus S128 is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est."

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high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Celebrant: In the fullness of time, you gave us your Son Jesus Christ, to be for us the way, the truth, and the life. At his baptism in the Jordan your Spirit came upon him declaring him to be your beloved Son.

All: **With your Spirit within him he resisted temptation; he proclaimed justice to all peoples, good news to the poor, release to the captives, sight for the blind, and liberty for those who are oppressed.**

Celebrant: In that never-to-be-forgotten night, the night of his betrayal, as he sat at the table with his friends, he took bread, gave you thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:

All: **“Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you.”**

Celebrant: When supper was over, he took the cup, gave you thanks, gave it to his disciples, and said:

All: **“Drink from this all of you; this is my blood, poured out for you and for all, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.”**

Celebrant: On that never-to-be-forgotten day when you raised him from the dead, he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your people have continued in the breaking of the bread and in prayer. Remembering his death and resurrection, his ascension and his promise to be with us always, we pray that you will send the power of your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, blessing this sharing of bread and wine, Christ’s life in us.

All: **Send us as your witnesses into all the world, empowered by your Spirit and following Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Celebrant: All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray in the language that is closest to your heart,

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.

Translated from Aramaic

“Our Father who is everywhere
Your name is sacred.
Your kingdom is come.
Your will is throughout the earth
Even as it is throughout the universe
You give us our needful bread from day
to day,
And you forgive us our offenses
Even as we forgive our offenders.
And you let us not enter into
materialism.
But you separate us from error.
Because yours are the kingdom, the
power and the song and praise.
From all ages, throughout all ages.
Amen.”

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

All: We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

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: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Please stand to receive God's blessing.

Celebrant: The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

Announcements

Closing Hymn #470

There's a wideness

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
 2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven;
 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure of the mind;

there's a kind-ness in his jus - tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
 there is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
 and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good;
 There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed;
 If our love were but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word;

there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
 there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
 and our life would be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt. Music: Beecher, John Zundel (1815-1882), alt.

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.**

Postlude

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LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR TODAY

Celebrant:	Rev. Allison Moore
LEM:	Brenda Hush
Acolyte:	Ella Brown
Lector:	Kappa Waugh
Usher:	Jane Conger
Altar Guild:	Jennifer McPherson
Music:	Janet Frommer
Live Stream Tech:	Charlie Burgner

Sources of liturgy:

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Affirmation of faith — from the Lenten series *Journey into Wholeness* written by

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Lord's Prayer Noohra Foundation

Canticle of Julian excerpts from *Showings*, Summations 54, 59.

Dismissal, which is attributed to Deacon Francie)