

**The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost Eucharist
And Baptism of Quentin Douglas Van Pelt
St. Andrew's Church
October 18, 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 LEVAS #136

I have decided to follow Jesus

1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus,
2. Though no one join me, still I will fol - low,
3. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me,

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— No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back!
(no turn - ing back,)

Opening Acclamation

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

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

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

All: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

All: **One God, creator of all.**

Song of Praise Hymn #400
This week we will sing verse 6 only

All creatures of our God and King



- 1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
 *2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
 *3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
 4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
 5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
 *6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
 7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



- 1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
 2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
 3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
 4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
 5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
 6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
 7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



- 1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
 2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
 3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
 5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
 6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
 7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:



The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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.

LEM

Psalm of the day

Psalm 139:1-17, *OSH*

1 O God, you have searched me out and known me; *

you know my sitting down and my rising up;

you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *

and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *

but you, O God, know it altogether.

4 You press upon me behind and before *

and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *

it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

6 Where can I go then from your Spirit; *

where can I flee from your presence?

7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *

if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

8 If I take the wings of the morning *

and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

9 Even there your hand will lead me *

and your right hand hold me fast.

- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God; *
how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

LECTOR

A Reading from the First Letter to the Thessalonians 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an

example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead - Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

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

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Celebrant: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

Baptism of Quentin Van Pelt

Presentation of the Candidate

Celebrant: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Then Quentin is presented by his Parents and Godparents, as follows

Parents and Godparents: I present *Quentin* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the parents and Godparents:

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and Godparents who speak on behalf of Quentin:

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *Quentin* in his life in Christ?

All: We will.

Celebrant: Let us join with *Quentin* who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

All: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

All: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

All: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

All: I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for *Quentin who is* to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader: Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Open his heart to your grace and truth.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Send him into the world in witness to your love.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now, Mother, sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying

Quentin, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, One God and Mother of us all. **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on Quentin's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying

Quentin, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

When this action has been completed, the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring

and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All: **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

LEM

Prayers for the Parish

LEM: We remember those who have died and those we now name. *[Please add your own names, aloud].* Gracious God,

All: **into your hands we commend them.**

LEM: Have compassion on those who suffer from sickness, grief, or trouble, especially: **Charles, Edna, Sheila, Lisa, Mary, Gabriel, Joan, Gwenn, Nancy, Patricia, Ola, Joe, Janet, Charles, Martha, Elizabeth, James, Linda, Christine, Jen, Jacob, Gisela, Miles, Rodger, Jennifer, Ann, Laura, Terrell, Davette, Sally, Charlene, all facing exclusion or harm,** and those we now name. *[Please add your own names, aloud].* Jesus,

All: **in your presence may they find strength.**

LEM: Look with your kindness on our homes and families, especially on those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, or accomplishments, and those we now name. *[Please add your own names, aloud].* Loving God,

All: **grant that your love may grow in our hearts.**

LEM: Creating God, your name is written in every leaf, every bird, every river, every stone, every living being. Thank you for calling us by name. Thank you for your continued creating power in water, rivers, forests and oceans. Make us attentive to the wounds of the earth and willing to work for the healing of all creation, that our children may enjoy its abundance, and a long life on your beloved earth. **Amen.**

The Peace

Remain standing.

Celebrant: Peace with yourself.
Peace with Creation.
Peace with one another.
The peace of Christ be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: All that we are and all that we have are yours, O God, and you are all this. We offer ourselves to you for your glory and the well-being of all creation.

Offertory Hymn WLP #810

You who dwell

1. You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -
2. Snares of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, and
3. For to the an - gels God's giv - en a com - mand to

bide in his sha - dow for life, say to the Lord: "My
fam - ine will bring you no fear; un - der God's wings your
guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"
ref - uge with faith - ful - ness your shield.
bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff for the voice, and a grand staff (treble and bass) for the piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each corresponding to a line of music. The first system includes three numbered verses. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system concludes the hymn with a final line of lyrics.

Refrain



“And I will raise you up on ea - gle’s wings,

bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the

sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand.”

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Eucharistic Prayer with Creation II

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 in all times and in all places to thank and praise you Creator of all. We praise you here between the Shawangunk Ridge and the Hudson River, Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean. We praise you at a time when the body of earth is broken again and again.

All: **We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation.**

Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration.

They depended on the land, were displaced from the land and displaced others from their lands.

They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens.

Celebrant: Together with angels and ancestors, bluebirds and beavers, roses and sugar maples, we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honor song:

Sanctus *LEVAS #256*

Holy, holy, holy

Leader
(piano) Ho - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow'r— and might, heav - en 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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Celebrant: We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough. He was baptized in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness, he traveled in fishing boats and told parables of famers and seeds, labor and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth, he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me.

Again after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you do this, do it in memory of me.

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup.

Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts so that we know Jesus in them and are gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community.

All: **Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of creation.**

Celebrant: Bring us with St Andrew and all your saints to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and beggar which is both now and yet to come.

All honor and glory are yours, Creator, Christ, and Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

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

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Creator God, you fed us from the beginning.

All: **You invite all to the Supper of Creation. 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: **Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.**

**Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God,
that the gifts of your Spirit may work
in us and renew the face of the earth.
May we be one with you
so that our work is yours
and your work is ours.
Lead us to transform our lives
to reflect your glory in Creation;
through Jesus Christ our Savior
who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant: May God who established the dance of creation,
Who marveled at the lilies of the field,
Who transforms chaos to order,
Lead us to transform our lives and the Church
To listen to the voice of all creatures
That reflect God's glory in creation. **Amen.**

Announcements

Closing Hymn

Praise Ye the Lord

Hal-le-lu, hal-le-lu-, hal-le-lu, hal-le-lu-jah, Praise ye the Lord! Hal-le-lu, hal-le-lu, hal-le-lu, hallelujah, Praise ye the Lord! Praise ye the Lord, hal-le-lujah! Praise ye the Lord, halle-lu-jah! Praise ye the Lord, hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Tend the earth,
care for God's good Creation;
as you have received freely,
so give freely.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR TODAY

Celebrant: Rev. Allison Moore
LEM: Jennifer Cutter
Acolyte: Ella Brown; Valerie McAllister
Lectors: Charlene Wynkoop
Usher: Martin Bend
Altar Guild: Jennifer McPherson
Coffee Hour: Luba Brown
Live Stream Tech: Jane Conger

Sources of Worship:

Episcopal Church Creation Care Website

https://newcreationliturgies.org/seasonofcreation/#_idTextAnchor019

St. Stephen's, Pittsfield, MA <https://www.ststephenspittsfield.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Creation-Season-Booklet-2025.pdf>

Book of Common Prayer

By action of the State Legislature, the bluebird, beaver, brook trout, sugar maple, rose, nine spotted lady beetle, bay scallop, eurypterid, and garnet officially represent the state's birds, mammals, fish, insects, mollusks, trees, wildflowers, fossils, and minerals.