

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost:
St. Andrew's Church
June 21, 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 WLP #757

Will you come and follow me

1. Will you come and fol - low me if
2. Will you leave your self bc - hind if
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if
4. Will you love the "You" you hide if
5. Christ, your sum-mons ech - oes true when

I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and
I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and
I but call your name? Will you set the pris - 'ner free and
I but call your name? Will you quell the fear in - side and
you but call my name. Let me turn and fol - low you and

nev - er be the same? Will you let my love be shown? Will you
nev - er be the same? Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your
nev - er be the same? Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do
nev - er be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to re -
nev - er be the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your

let my Name be known? Will you let my life be grown in
 life at - tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer prayer in
 such as this un - seen? And ad - mit to what I mean in
 shape the world a - round through my sight and touch and sound in
 love and foot - steps show, thus I'll move and live and grow in

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. (Final Ending)

you and you in me?
 you and you in me?
 you and you in me?
 you and you in me?

5. you and you in me.

Words: from the Iona Community. Music: *Mary Alexandra*, John L. Hooker (b. 1944).

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: O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; 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

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Genesis 21:8-21

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

LECTOR

Psalm of the day

Psalm 131

read responsively, by half verse.

- 1 O LORD, I am not proud; *
I have no haughty looks.
- 2 I do not occupy myself with great matters, *
or with things that are too hard for me.

3 But I still my soul and make it quiet,
like a child upon its mother's breast; *
my soul is quieted within me.

4 O Israel, wait upon the LORD, *
from this time forth for evermore.

The Gospel

Matthew 10:24-39

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

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

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

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, Alex, Julie & Lily, Lesley and Matthew, 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 Alex on his birthday*; 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: Loving God,
Thank you for fathers and children and for all the joy of family life.
Be with those who are grieving because they miss their fathers;
Heal those who are struggling with relations between fathers and children,
Thank you for those who act as fathers to people they love.

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

LEM: I ask your prayers for the departed, *especially Chet Mazur and Maddy Adams 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.

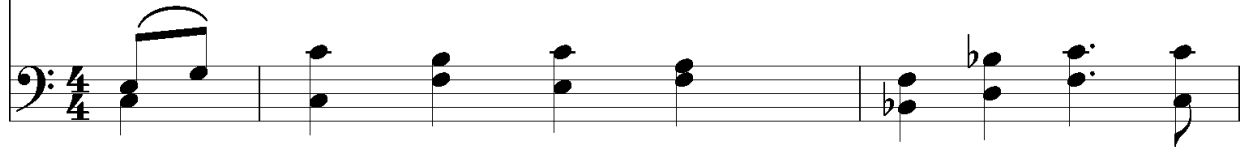
Come, it is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here.

Offertory Hymn LEVAS #62

In Christ there is no East or West



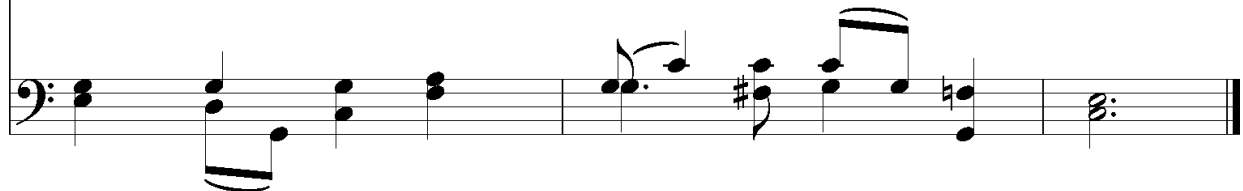
1. In Christ there is no East or West, In
 2. In Him shall true hearts ev - ery - where Their
 3. Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, What
 4. In Christ now meet both East and West, In



1. Him no South or North; But one great fel - low -
 2. high com - mu - nion find; His ser - vice is the
 3. e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther
 4. Him meet South and North; All Christ - ly souls are



1. ship of love Through - out the whole wide earth.
 2. gold - en cord Close - bind - ing hu - man kind.
 3. as a son Is sure - ly kin to me.
 4. one in him Through - out the whole wide earth.



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

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.

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

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.**

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 LEVAS #217

He's got the whole world in his hands

1. He's got the whole— world— in His hand,— He's got the
 whole world— in His hand,— He's got the whole world—
 in His hand,— He's got the whole world in His hand.—

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are placed between the staves.

- 2. He's got you and me sister, etc.
- 3. He's got you and me brother, etc.

- 4. He's got the pretty little baby, etc.
- 5. He's got everybody here, etc.

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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:	Rae Slingerland
Acolyte:	Carla Mancuso
Lector:	Annette Johnson
Usher:	David Slingerland
Altar Guild:	Susan Piowaty
Organist:	Janet Frommer
Live Stream Tech:	MaryAnn Lis-Simmons

Sources of liturgy:

Eucharistic Prayer and Prayers of the People, St. Mark's in the Bowery, 2016

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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)