

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost:
Eucharist Honoring the 250th Anniversary of Independence Day
St. Andrew's Church
July 5, 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 #719

O beautiful for spacious skies

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain ma - jes - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain!
who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life!
thine al - a - bas - ter ci - ties gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,

and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.
and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.

The musical score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

Words: Katherine Lee Bates (1859-1929), alt. Music: *Materna*, Samuel Augustus Ward (1848-1903).

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 for the Nation

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the

strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; 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 Isaiah

Isaiah 26:1-8

On that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah:

We have a strong city;

he sets up walls and bulwarks as a safeguard.

² Open the gates,

so that the righteous nation that maintains faithfulness
may enter in.

³ Those of steadfast mind you keep in peace,

in peace because they trust in you.

⁴ Trust in the Lord forever,

for in the Lord God^[a]

you have an everlasting rock.

⁵ For he has brought low

the inhabitants of the height;

the lofty city he lays low.

He lays it low to the ground,

casts it to the dust.

⁶ The foot tramples it,

the feet of the poor,

the steps of the needy.

⁷ The way of the righteous is level;

straight is the path of the righteous that you clear.

⁸ In the path of your judgments,

O Lord, we have placed hope;

your name and your renown

are the soul's desire.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

LECTOR

Psalm of the day

Psalm 47, OSH

read responsively, by half verse.

- 1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.
- 2 For God Most High is to be feared; *
God is the great Sovereign over all the earth.
- 3 God subdues the peoples under us *
and the nations under our feet.
- 4 God chooses our inheritance for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom God loves.
- 5 God has gone up with a shout, *
the Most High with the sound of the ram's-horn.
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our Sovereign, sing praises.
- 7 For God is Sovereign over all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.
- 8 God reigns over the nations; *
God sits upon the holy throne.
- 9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *
with the people of the God of Abraham.
- 10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, *
who is highly exalted.

LECTOR

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Romans 13:1-10

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. ² Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³ For rulers are not a terror to good conduct but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval, ⁴ for it is God's agent for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority^[a] does not bear the sword in vain! It is the agent of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵ Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience. ⁶ For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's agents, busy with this very thing. ⁷ Pay to all what is due them: taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honor to whom honor is due.

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn #518

Christ is made the sure foundation

Descant

4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

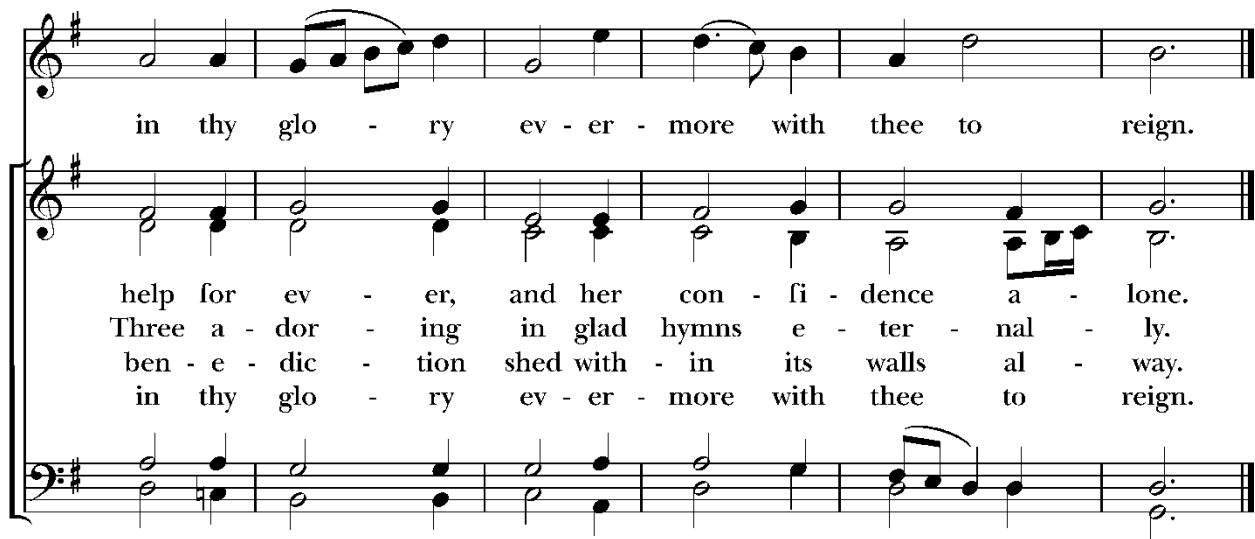
1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
 3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
 4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
 Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter



in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.
 help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818-1856), alt. Music: *Westminster Abbey*, Henry Purcell (1659-1695), adapt; desc. James Gillespie (b. 1929). Descant by permission of Church Society, London.

The Gospel

Mark 12:13-17

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

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

Then they sent to him some Pharisees and some Herodians to trap him in what he said. ¹⁴ And they came and said to him, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not? ¹⁵ Should we pay them, or should we not?” But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, “Why are you putting me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me see it.” ¹⁶ And they brought one. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” They answered, “Caesar’s.” ¹⁷ Jesus said to them, “Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” And they were utterly amazed at him.

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.

Banns of Marriage

Celebrant: I publish the Banns of Marriage between Jenna Hunt of New Paltz, New York and Martin Bend of New Paltz, New York. If any of you know just cause why they may not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are bidden to declare it. This is the second time of asking.

O gracious and everliving God, look mercifully upon these two people who come to you seeking your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep the promises and vows they make. **Amen.**

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, the people of Venezuela affected by the earthquake, 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 David and Rae on their anniversary, Aileen on her birthday, and on the birth of Naomi Hildebrandt*; 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 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 #137

Just as I am

1. Just as I am, with - out one plea, But
 2. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With
 3. Just as I am, poor, wretch - cd, blind; Sight
 4. Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive; Wilt
 5. Just as I am, thy love un - known Has
 6. Just as I am, of thy great love The

1. that thy blood was shed for me,
 2. ma - ny-a con - flict, ma - ny-a doubt;
 3. rich - es, heal - ing of the mind,
 4. wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve,
 5. bro - ken ev - ery bar - rier down;
 6. breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,

1. And that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O
 2. Fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out, O
 3. Yea, all I need in thee to find, O
 4. Be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve, O
 5. Now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone, O
 6. Here for a sea - son, then a - bove: O

Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Words: Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871). Music: William B. Bradbury (1816-1868).

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

**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 LEVAS #1

Lift every voice and sing

The first system of piano accompaniment consists of two staves. The treble clef staff features a series of chords and some eighth-note patterns, while the bass clef staff provides a steady accompaniment with quarter and eighth notes. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 6/8.

The second system of piano accompaniment continues the musical texture. It includes some longer note values in the treble staff, such as a half note, and maintains the accompaniment pattern in the bass staff.

1. Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heav - en
2. Sto - ny the road we trod, Bit - ter the chast - 'ning
3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

The third system of piano accompaniment concludes the piece. It features a final cadence in the treble staff and a sustained bass line. The key signature and time signature remain consistent with the previous systems.

1. ring, Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
 2. rod, Felt in the days when hope un - born had
 3. tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the

1. ty; Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the list - 'ning
 2. died; Yet with a stead - y beat, Have not our wear - y
 3. way; Thou who hast by thy might, Led us in - to the

1. skies, Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea. _____
 2. feet Come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed? _____
 3. light, Keep us for - ev - er in the path, — we pray. _____

1. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 2. We have come o - ver a - way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 3. Lest our feet stray from the pla - ces, our God, where we met thee;

1. Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has
 2. We have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the
 3. Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for -

1. brought us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun Of our new
 2. slaugh - tered; Out from the gloom - y past, Till now we
 3. get thee, Shad - owed be - neath Thy hand, May we for -

1. day be - gun, Let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 2. stand at last Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 3. ev - er stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive land.

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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:	Brenda Hush
Acolyte:	Carla Mancuso
Lector:	Sally Vasse
Usher:	Martin Bend
Altar Guild:	Susan Piowaty
Music:	Charles Frommer
Live Stream Tech:	Jane Conger

Sources of liturgy:

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

Affirmation of faith — from the Lenten series *Journey into Wholeness* written by
Christine Sine. Published in 2009 by Mustard Seed Associates

Lord's Prayer Noohra Foundation

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

Dismissal, which is attributed to Deacon Francie)