

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Morning Prayer
St. Andrew's Church
July 26, 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.

Prelude

Opening Hymn #488

Be thou my vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought,— by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931); tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935), alt. Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927; harm. David Evans (1874-1948). By permission of Oxford University Press.

Opening Sentence

Officiant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

All: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

LEM: O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

All: **And your glory all the day long.**

LEM: Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

All: **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

LEM: Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit, one God

All: **O come let us worship.**

LEM: Blessed are you, God of all creation,
and blessed is the communion
into which you gather us.

LEM: Your Son has called us to continue his mission
and promised not to leave us alone,
but to send us a partner with wisdom and power.

All: **Send your Holy Spirit
to call us by name and lead us home.**

LEM: We look to you with eager expectation,
for you have promised gifts unimaginable
and opened us to the delight and wonder of life.

All: **Send your Holy Spirit
to call us by name and lead us home.**

LEM: Like a blazing fire, melt the stubborn grip of fear.
Like a wild wind, dispel the dust of complacency.
Like a crow's call, pierce pride with joy.

All: **Send your Holy Spirit
to call us by name and lead us home.**

Thanksgiving, Confession of Sin and Absolution

LEM: Dear God, we thank you for all that is good,

All: **for our creation and our humanity,
for the stewardship you have given us of this planet earth,
for the gifts of life and of one another,
for your love which is unbounded and eternal,
for the particular gifts you have given each of us to help make your Reign
known.**

Silence to reflect on the ways we have known God's grace

LEM: Blessed are you, O God, whose gift of the Holy Spirit is poured out continuously on all creation.

LEM: Gracious God, we confess our sins

Silence to reflect on the ways we have ignored or resisted your Spirit's leading.

All: **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.**

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

LEM

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Genesis 29:15-28

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then

have you deceived me?” Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm of the day

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b OSH

Led by Lector and read responsively, by half verse.

- 1 We give you thanks, O God, and call upon your Name, *
we make known your deeds among the peoples,
- 2 We sing to you; we sing your praise *
and speak of all your marvelous works,
- 3 We glory in your holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek you rejoice;
- 4 We search for you and your strength; *
we continue to seek your face;
- 5 We remember the marvels you have done, *
the wonders and the judgments of your mouth:
- 6 We, the offspring of Abraham, your servant, *
we, the children of Jacob, the chosen ones.
- 7 You are our God indeed; *
your judgments prevail in all the world.
- 8 You have always been mindful of your covenant, *
the promise you made for a thousand generations:
- 9 The covenant you made with Abraham, *
the oath that you swore to Isaac,
- 10 Which you established as a statute for Jacob, *
an everlasting covenant for Israel,
- 11 Saying, “To them will I give the land of Canaan *
to be their allotted inheritance.”
- 45 That they might keep your statutes *
and observe your laws. Alleluia!

Lector

A Reading from Paul’s Letter to the Romans

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.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn #635

If thou but trust in God

Unison or harmony

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through
 2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,
 faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -
 thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.
 sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

Words: Georg Neumark (1621-1681); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878), alt. Music: *Wer nur den lieben Gott*, Georg Neumark (1621-1681).

Lector

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

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.”

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection

The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
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.**

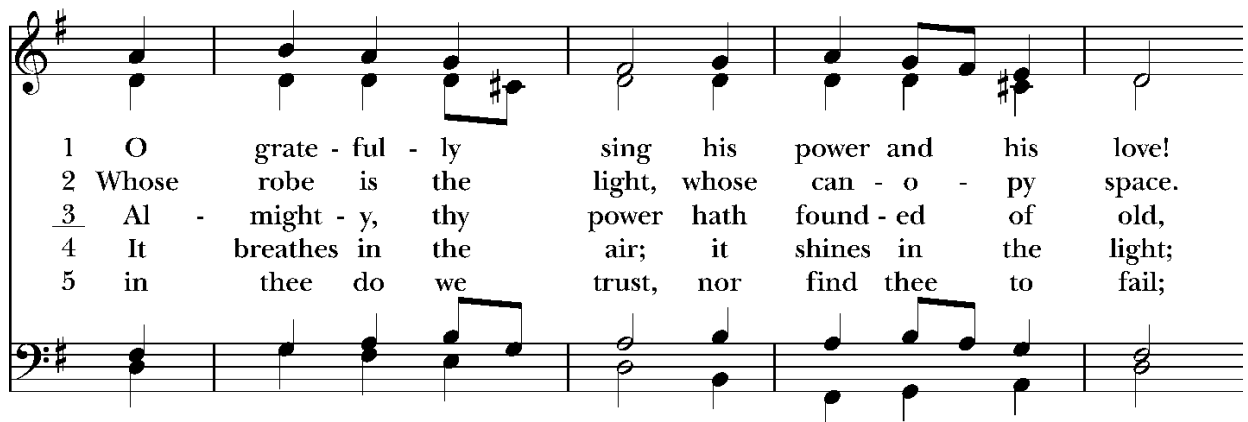
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory Hymn #388

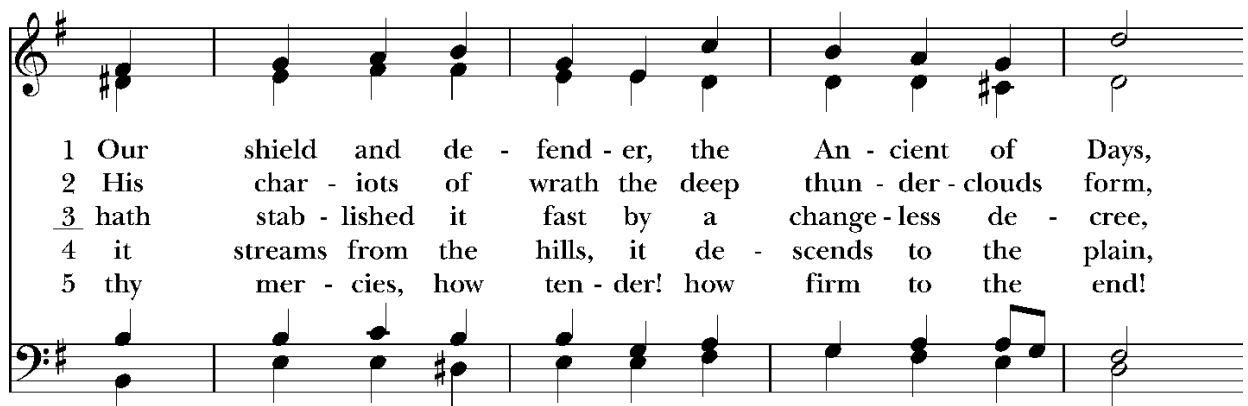
O Worship the King



1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
 2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!
 3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,



1 O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love!
 2 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.
 3 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old,
 4 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
 5 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;



1 Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 2 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
 3 hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 4 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
 5 thy mer - cies, how ten - der! how firm to the end!

1 pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 2 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 3 and round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 4 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 5 Our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

Words: Robert Grant (1779-1838). Music: *Hanover*, att. William Croft (1678-1727).

The Prayers

LEM: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

LEM: Let us pray.

All: **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.**

LEM

The Collect of the Day

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.**

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, Renee, 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 Lily on her 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: 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. Amen.**

LEM

Prayer for all immigrants

Holy God, your presence transcends all human made borders and your love crosses all boundaries. Help us join you at the borders and help us to extend some hope to those who live without future and dignity at the border. We pray that you help us to promote laws that protect the rights and dignity of everyone, especially those most vulnerable.

God of justice, your love transcends our limitations and our unfair rules that divide humankind. We pray that the dignity of all God's children will be acknowledged and protected in every country of the world but especially in our country.

God of mercy, your wisdom transcends our limited understanding and our conditioned charity. Help us to end the violence and poverty and climate catastrophes that displace so many people from their homes and homelands to find new dreams and horizons. We pray that employers and corporations may choose the dignity and worth of each human person over profit and power.

God of all peoples, your merciful compassion transcends our unlimited selfishness that condemns millions of people around the world to lives of misery, hungry, sickness and despair. May we be agents of your compassion and hope.

God of all nations, we are indeed a nation of nations. Help us to incorporate newcomers into the ever growing and diverse body we call the United States of America. You made us different yet all bearing your image. As we work to live in community with our brothers and sisters help us to discern that image in those around us.

Amen.

The General Thanksgiving

LEM: Let us pray together

**All: Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

Announcements

Closing Hymn #302

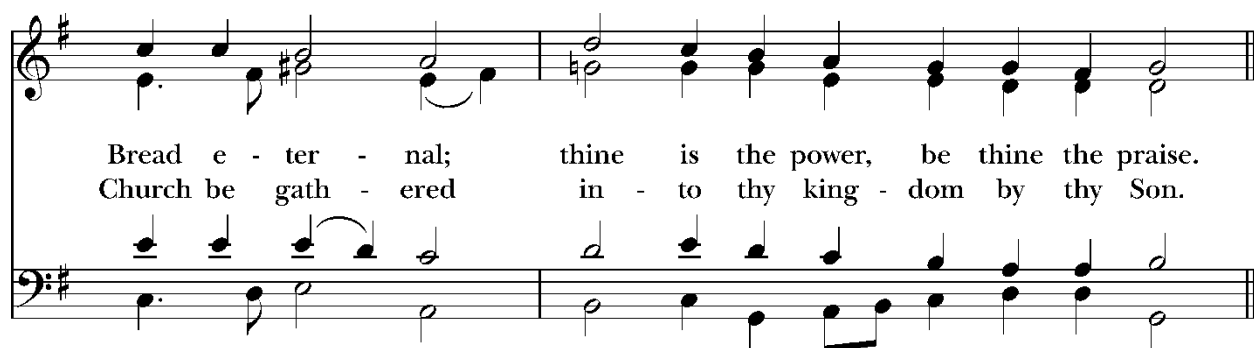
Father, we thank thee who hast planted

1 Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with -
 2 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,

in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy
 guard it still, per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -

Son to us im - parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,
 formed un - to thy will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,

didst give us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the
 was in this bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands thy



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Blessing and Dismissal

Officiant: Keep your eyes wide open,
your hands willing,
your hearts generous,
your ears attentive,
your senses awake,
your feel light,
your hope alive,
and your faith on fire.

All: **Go and shine wherever you may be.
Go and embrace with tenderness all of life
with its sorrows and joys.**

Officiant: Go and discover what divinity expects
and what our brothers and sisters seek.
May the creative force of God bless us.
May the divine solidarity of Jesus sustain us.
And may you be encouraged and enveloped in
the tender breath of the Holy Spirit which brings freedom.

All: **Amen, Alleluia!**

Postlude

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LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR TODAY

LEM: Rae Slingerland
Lector : Annette Johnson
Usher: David Slingerland
Altar Guild: Jennifer McPherson
Organist:..... Janet Frommer
Coffee Hour: Charlene Wynkoop
Live Stream Tech: Charlie Burgner

Sources for worship

Book of Common Prayer

Anglican Book of Common Worship (found at

<http://justus.anglican.org/~ss/commonworship/hc/presed/presedseasonal/pentecost2.html>

Laughingbird Liturgical Resources, found at laughingbird.net/seasonal

Prayer for All Immigrants: (*Source: [Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago](#)*)