

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

## THE OFFERTORY

**ANTHEM** The Lone Wild Bird arr. David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

*The lone, wild bird in lofty flight  
Is still with thee, nor leaves thy sight.  
And I am thine! I rest in thee.  
Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.*

*The ends of earth are in thy hand,  
The sea's dark deep and far-off land.  
And I am thine! I rest in thee.  
Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.*

**PRESENTATION HYMN** Hymn 380, v. 3

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*All stand, as able.*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** (*Eucharistic Prayer A*) BCP 361

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

*People:* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**SANCTUS** LEVAS 255

*All stand or kneel, as able.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive

this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

**AMEN** Hymnal S-146

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

**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

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## THE COMMUNION

*Gluten-free wafers are available; please let an usher or priest know your desire.*

**COMMUNION HYMN** *Before thy throne, O God, we kneel* Hymn 574  
*Let thy blood in mercy poured* Hymn 313

**THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER** BCP 366

*All stand or kneel, as able.*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

*If Lay Eucharistic Visitors are being sent out, the following is prayed:*

*Celebrant:* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*People:* **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

## THE BLESSING

**FINAL HYMN** *A mighty fortress is our God* Hymn 688

## THE DISMISSAL

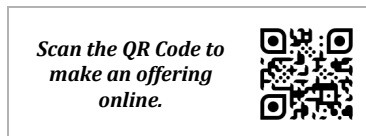
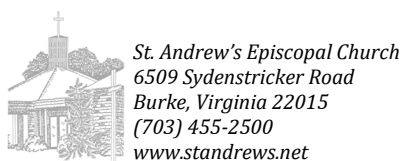
*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

## POSTLUDE

## THE ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

*For the birthday of Chris Umberger  
For the birthday of Julie Morgan*



# THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*The Holy Eucharist*

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

10:00 AM

*St. Andrew's Episcopal Church † Burke, Virginia*

## PRELUDE

**OPENING HYMN** *Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth* Hymn 598

## THE WORD OF GOD

*All stand, as able.*

BCP 355

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE** Hymnal S-236

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

*People are seated for the readings and psalm.*

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah. *Zephaniah 1:7,12-18*

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 90:1-12

*The choir sings the antiphon, then all repeat it. The choir sings the verses alone.*



- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge \* from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, \* from age to age you are God.

*All repeat the antiphon.*



- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, \*  
"Go back, O child of earth."  
4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past \*  
and like a watch in the night.  
5 You sweep us away like a dream; \*  
we fade away suddenly like the grass.  
6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; \*  
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

*All repeat the antiphon.*

- 7 For we consume away in your displeasure; \*  
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.  
8 Our iniquities you have set before you, \*  
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.  
9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; \*  
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.  
10 The span of our life is seventy years,  
perhaps in strength even eighty; \*  
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,  
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.  
11 Who regards the power of your wrath? \*  
who rightly fears your indignation?  
12 So teach us to number our days \*  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

*All repeat the antiphon.*

A reading from Paul’s first letter to the Thessalonians. *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.  
*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE HYMN** *Not here for high and holy things* Hymn 9

**THE GOSPEL** *Matthew 25:14-30*  
*All stand, as able.*

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.  
*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy

slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Children may now exit for Children’s Chapel, held in the Parish Hall.*



**THE SERMON** The Rev. William L. Packard

*Rector*

**THE NICENE CREED** BCP 358  
*All stand, as able.*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**  
*The Intercessor and People pray responsively.*

Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! With grateful hearts, we pray saying “Loving God, hear our prayer.”

Loving God, look upon your Church with eyes of great compassion and love. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for *the Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)*. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for *Our Saviour, Montpelier; St. Clement’s, Alexandria; St. Luke’s, Remington; and St. Margaret’s, Woodbridge*. We pray for St. Andrew’s, Ramallah. Let us pray,

**Loving God, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, as we all seek to proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ, we pray for ministers. We pray in particular for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Bishops Stevenson, Harris, and Smith, our bishops; for Will, our priest, for Justin, our Aspirant. We pray for all of us, ministers in your Church. Let us pray,

**Loving God, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, have compassion on the people of our region. We pray for all of our government and elected officials in the nation and in our community. We pray for our military, civil servants, and all who serve the common good. Let us pray,

**Loving God, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, all that you have created tells of your love for us. Guide us in the stewardship of creation. Let us pray,

**Loving God, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, you promise to give rest to all those who carry heavy burdens. Lift up those who are weighed down by the burdens of violence, discrimination, depression, and despair. Guide us to seek your justice in racial inequality and wherever human dignity is diminished. Let us pray,

**Loving God, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, your son Jesus revealed your heart to be gentle and humble. We pray for those who have restless souls. We pray in particular for those who struggle with addiction and other mental health conditions. We pray for other struggles of our frail human nature either out loud or in the silence of our hearts. Let us pray,

**Loving God, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, you are good and we praise you with a joyful noise. We thank you for all of the blessings of this life. We pray for other thanksgivings, either out loud or in the silence of our hearts. Let us pray,

**Loving God, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, you adorn the poor with victory: be with the hungry and the oppressed. Comfort the grieving. Give peace and your loving presence to all places in this world and our country upset by disaster, including Afghanistan, Ukraine, Yemen, South Sudan, Libya, Morocco, Hawaii, Israel, Palestine, and other places we now name out loud or in the silence of our hearts. Let us pray,

**Loving God, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for all who suffer in this world and need healing. We pray in particular for *Bishop Michael Curry, John Carver, Nancy, Andrea, Tony Durso, Don & Marlene Taggart, Steve Ramsdell, Libby Fike, Larry Packard, Eve Albanese, Sally Heyer, Obadiah & Claudia Dugan, Alice Roerig, Ann Colvig, Kate Chipps, Bob Gleason, Mary Jeanne Sabo.*

We pray for those newly added to our prayer list, *Michael & Bronwyn Alleman, Benn Crandall, Stephen Crispell, Jennifer Herzog, Marco, Gary Nash, Cathy Withers, Ed Zaptin*, and all those on our extended parish prayer list. (*Bill Hartig, Olivia, Felix, Frank, Maureen Sullivan, John & Gayle Brooks, Eddie Fortune, Michelle, Mike, Diane, Miguel, Andrea, Edie, Angela Kennedy, Butler Family, Jacia, Karen, Bishop Carl Wright, Karen, Judy, Dom Grady, Patrick Payne, Deanna, Doug & Kat Connell, Bishop Shannon Johnston, Francisco, Bill Reid, Elaine Askew, Terri Bennett, Sylvia, Bill Armour, Marcia & Jim Compton, Manuel, Kim Reisig, Wally Morgan, Ava Taggart*). We pray for others we now name out loud or in the silence of our hearts. Let us pray,

**Loving God, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, you rescue us from death. We pray especially for *Micha Capalowa (family of Peggy Fink), Bryan Herzog (friend of Alice Redman)*, and for all who have died. We pray out loud or in the silence of our hearts for others who have died, from any time. May we come to know that heavenly comfort you have prepared for us. Let us pray,

**Loving God, hear our prayer.**

*Concluding collect.*

**THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** BCP 360  
*All stand or kneel, as able.*

**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.**