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ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We seek to share the unconditional love of God



The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King

November 22, 2020

Virtual Service of Holy Communion 10:45am

Assisting in Liturgy

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Opening Hymn 433 We Gather Together

**We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens his will to make known;
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing:
sing praises to his Name; he forgets not his own.**

**Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, ordaining,
maintaining his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning:
thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glory be thine!**

**We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant, and pray that thou still
our defender wilt be. Let thy congregation escape tribulation:
thy Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!**

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.**

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.**

Gloria S280

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been

scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

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

Psalm 100

- 1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; *
 serve the LORD with gladness
 and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 Know this: The LORD himself is God; *
 he himself has made us, and we are his;
 we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
 go into his courts with praise; *
 give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

4 For the LORD is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Hymn 416 For the Beauty of the Earth v 1

**For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
for the love from which our birth over and around us lies,
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

The Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave

me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Gospel Response 416 For the Beauty of the Earth v 4
**For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

Sermon

The Very Rev Randi Hicks Rowe

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

**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 worshipped 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.

Prayers of the People **Form 1** BCP 383
With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, especially the Episcopal church in Dublin, GA and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to

the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Presiding Bishop, Michael; our Bishop, Sean; our Priest, Randi; our Deacon, Martha; and St Andrew's Deanery Prayer Partner, Church of the Advent...let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the town of Newfane, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially Joe Breczka Sr, Connie Ekback, Dorothy Hass, Laura Hubbard, Emily & Michael Lanighan, Debbie Noon, Ed Reeb, JR Reid, Armand, Dean, Jamie, Nick, Pam, and any that you now name... and the people on our long-term prayer list which we will read as the table is set, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who are serving in the military, especially Garrett Adelizzio, Vincent Adelizzio, Matthew Cheasty, James Clark, Joseph Depew, Hannah Federico, Ryan Hass, Ethan Knott, Ryan Lanighan, Pegg Maigret, Jeremy Martin, Rudy Sanchez,

Bryce Smith, & Mark Vogt, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially; Jim Allan, Walter Bye, Judy Donaldson, Bruce Howlett, James Knott, Roy Lambertson, Mildred Leyland, David Waters and any you now name...let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of St Andrew and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

May we who are merely inconvenienced, remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors, remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home, remember those who must choose between preserving their health and making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close, remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips, remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market,

remember those who have no margin at all.
May we who settle in for a quarantine at home, remember those who have no home.
As fear grips our country, let us choose love.
And during this time when we may not be able to physically wrap our arms around
each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our
neighbors. **Amen**

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart
and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may
crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we
may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven
and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by
this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their
witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom
all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for
ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Confession & Absolution

BCP 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

**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.**

The Priest stands and says

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

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem

Presentation Hymn Doxology 380 v 3

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP 369

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, faces them and says

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 him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord S125

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebecca, Leah, Rachael, Bilhah, and Zilpah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

Now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

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Fractional Anthem

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

Grant us peace.

The Administration

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

The Celebrant invites the following prayer to be said by all

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn 397 Now Thank We All Our God vs 1 & 3

**Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands,
and voices, who wonderous things have done,
in whom his world rejoices; who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and
still is ours today.**

**All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
eternal, Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore; for
thus it was, is now, and shall be, ever more.**

Dismissal

Benediction Anthem

Happy Birthday

Nov 22 William Steen Nov 25 Brooke Beilein, Abby Munger
Nov 27 Ethan Gailie Nov 28 Pamela Bochnewetch, Autumn Poole

2021 Pledges

The finance committee will soon be starting the 2021 budget. Please return your pledges as soon as possible by mailing in your Pledge Form or emailing the Pledge Form information directly to the office.

Pampered Chef Online Fundraiser

Now until Dec 12th, you can purchase items by clicking on this link:

[St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Pampered Chef Fundraiser](#)

Or if you would prefer to shop using a catalog and order form, please pick up a catalog just inside the entrance door at church.

For questions, contact Pam Leibring - leibring@yahoo.com or (716) 807-9535

Thanksgiving Service

A virtual Thanksgiving prayer service for all the Episcopal churches in Lockport and along Lake Ontario will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov 25 via Zoom.

Everyone is invited to thank God for our blessings.

The link to join in the Zoom service is <https://zoom.us/j/542100252> The password is **Ontario** (if requested). If you would like to join in from your phone, the phone number is **646-876-9923**. When prompted, enter meeting code **542100252#**, enter participant id **#**, enter passcode **1772247**

Adopted Families

We are beginning to accept donations for our three adopted families for Thanksgiving and Christmas this year. Due to the COVID restrictions, the easiest way to contribute is by making a monetary donation and Jamie will do the shopping for them. Please mail a check or donate thru PayPal with *Adopted Families* in the memo line. If you would like to donate an item, please contact Jamie Gailie to make arrangements.

Updated Store Hours

The Community Store is now open 4 days per week.

Thank you to Cindy Harrington and all the volunteers for making this happen.

Wed 11-4pm, Thurs 1-4pm, Fri 12-3pm, Sat 10-2pm

Prayer List

We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, that they may be comforted & healed, & especially: Michael Alexander, Johanna Andritz, Holliane M Balk, Joe Breczka Sr, Rabe Butler, Dorothy Cheasty, Kayla Clark, Julie & Dan Costello, Wayne Coulson, Roxan Davis, Gene Dold, Connie Ekback, Noah Finley, Dorothy Hass, Tina Hedley, Laura Hubbard, Dee House, Paula Jones, Jim Jonewell, Joan Krauss, Emily & Michael Lanighan, Ronnie Lapp, Ronald Lasker, Sue & Kevin Mandaville, Russell Martin, May McNally, Sandy Miller, Margaret Moran, Mike Normoyle, Lori Pallisano, Sam Payne, June Platt, Roger Platt, Diane Porter, Ed Reeb, JR Reid, Tim Rose, Jennifer Ross, Don Ryan, Shirley Salter, Rev Abuid Sam, Jay Shaw, Jody Shaw, Sandy Smith, Swetlana Surkova, Gary Swartzenberg, Ellen Truesdale, Sherril Truscio, Colleen Vinson, Michael Vogt, Chris Wagner, Margaret Wagner, Kurtis Wendler, Kelly Williams, Armand, Dean, Jamie, Nick, & Pam