

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Centered in God, Focused on Others



The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 19

Sunday September 17, 2023

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- Masks are optional.
- Seek designated area if you wish to remain masked and socially distanced.
- Hand sanitizer is available at the entrance to the church, and for use before and after Holy Communion.

The Word of God

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *All creatures of our God and King (Lasst uns erfreuen) (H 400) (vs 1-3)*



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
*3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be the One who creates all things.

People **The Holy One's love is new every morning.**

OPENING COLLECT

Celebrant: 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.**

CHILDREN'S HOMILY

SING AS CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED

to the tune of "ELLACOMBE" or "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

We thank you, God, for teachers
Who help us learn your Way,
Who show by their example
How we can serve and pray,
Who find great joy in worship,
Who listen with concern;
For in their loving witness,
They help us want to learn.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

HYMN *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation (Lobe den Herren) (H 390)*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:

join the great throng,

psaltery, organ, and song,

sounding in glad adoration.

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING: **Genesis 50:15-21** A Reading from the book of Genesis.

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13

The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.

He will not always accuse us, nor will he keep his anger forever.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us.

As a father cares for his children, so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12 A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome. Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.” So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

GRADUAL HYMN *Come down, O Love divine (Down Ampney) (H 516) (V 1-2)*

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SEQUENCE HYMN *Come down, O Love divine (Down Ampney) (H 516) (V 3)*



3 And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
shall far out-pass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace, till Love create a place
where - in the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Pattie Handloss

PROFESSION OF FAITH

We believe in God, who creates all things, who embraces all things, who celebrates all things, who is present in every part of the fabric of creation. We believe in God as the source of all life, who baptizes this planet with living water. We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one, the malnourished one, the climate refugee, who loves and cares for this world and who suffers with it. And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life, who came to reconcile and renew this world and everything in it. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, who moves with God and who moves among and with us today. We believe in everlasting life in God. And we believe in the hope that one day God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For The Right Reverend Allen Gates our Diocesan Bishop, and all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

We will exalt you, O God our Creator;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
Silence may be kept.

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.

Let us ask the God of creation to send a blessing upon us. Upon the rich earth send a blessing, O Lord. Let the earth be fruitful and its resources be hallowed. Creator of all life, giver of all gifts, We ask you for guidance and patience as we seek our new Rector. Grant us the ability to hear your word and know your presence as we go about the business of choosing the Priest who will be our companion and leader in the future. Give us the Grace to see ourselves as we are and know the goodness of ourselves as we go through this process. We ask this in the name of the Risen Lord. *Amen.*

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

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

Celebrant
People

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE Walk in Love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Judge eternal, throned in splendor (Komm, du Geist des Lebens) (H 596)*

1 Judge e - ter - nal, throned in splen - dor, Lord of lords and
2 Still the wea - ry folk are pin - ing for the hour that
3 Crown, O God, thine own en - deav - or; cleave our dark - ness

King of kings, with thy liv - ing fire of judg - ment
brings re - lease, and the ci - ty's crowd - ed clang - or
with thy sword; feed all those who do not know thee

purge this land of bit - ter things; sol - ace all its
cries a - loud for sin to cease; and the home - steads
with the rich - ness of thy word; cleanse the bo - dy

wide do - min - ion with the heal - ing of thy wings.
and the wood - lands plead in si - lence for their peace.
of this na - tion through the glo - ry of the Lord.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

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, God, 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

S 125 Holy, holy, holy (Proulx) (S 125)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious God: 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 Creator 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 God, 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, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

THE 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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast.** Alleluia.

INVITATION: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on God in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome at God's table. If you wish a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION: The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Creator, 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

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and Jesus the Christ. The blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with you and remain with you always. *AMEN.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN *All creatures of our God and King (Lasst uns erfreuen) (H 400) (v 4-7)*



4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
*6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

DISMISSAL

Celebrant:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People:

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER LIST 2023

Rev. Chris Capaldo - Teddy-Jackie H.-Michael Curry-John and Janet-Dwayne- Tracy Sprows-Sally W.-
Cathey Gately-Andrea & George Mumford- Barbra W.- Betsy S.- -Barbara K.-JoAnn K.-Pam W.-
Charlotte C.-Paul M.-Karen C.- Carolyn R.- Ashley E.-Sue G.-Meredith C.-Seth H.-Joann K.- Gerry
M.-Paul Sheehan-Bonnie T.-Tim Sweeney- Jerry-Bob S.-Nancy Huntley-Sally D.- Janice- Lisa- Alex-
Bruce- Muriel- Paul R. - Susan J.- Diane G.-Beth -Marilyn

VESTRY MEETING today. ALL WELCOME!

SUNDAY SCHOOL resumes today, “Welcome Home Sunday”. There will be a
cookout after church next Sunday (24th). We hope to see everyone there. Courtney Taylor
and crew are looking forward to a great year!

REHOBOTH HOUSE SHOWER: Thank you for everyone’s support! See “The Call”
for pictures.

PRAYER SHAWLS NEEDED: Calling all knitters! We need prayer shawls. The
recipients truly feel the love from St. Andrew’s when they are gifted a shawl! Bring
shawls to the office. Thank you!

OFFICE HOURS: In September, the office will be open every Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to
3:30 p.m.; every Thursday noon to 6:00 p.m. and alternating Tuesdays and Fridays, 9:30 a.m.
to 3:30 p.m. as follows: Tuesday, September 12th and 26th and Friday, September 8th and 22nd.

HANOVER FOOD PANTRY: St. Andrew’s collects items for the Hanover Food
Pantry. Please drop off in the narthex. As children return to school, our focus this week is on
SCHOOL SNACKS of all kinds including peanut-free & gluten-free items.

Fall Organ Recitals (4:00pm; free & open to the public; retiring collection will be gathered.)

St. John's Episcopal Church in Duxbury (410 Washington St) is holding a series of organ recitals this
Fall. Sept. 10 will be Heinrich Christensen, who has been music director at King's Chapel in Boston
for the past 23 years. Oct. 1 will be Cathy Meyer, who is sub-dean of the Boston chapter of the
American Guild of Organists (AGO). Oct. 22 will be Andrew Scanlon, who is Associate Organist and
Choirmaster at The Church of the Advent in Boston.

The Boston Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (BAGO) will kick off its 2023-2024
program year with an opening service & recital at historic King's Chapel on Sunday, September 24 at
5:00pm. As a member of BAGO's executive committee and program committee, our own Sean
Glennon will serve as a reader during the service. The recital portion of the event will feature BAGO's
emerging artists (organists between the ages of 18-30). A reception will follow the recital. The event is
free and open to the public. King's Chapel is located at 58 Tremont Street in Boston, just one block
from the Park Street MBTA station.