



The 10th Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 14
August 9, 2020
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome! I'm so thrilled to be worshipping with you this morning! While we all may miss our traditional ways of celebrating, I'm so grateful for all of you that are worshipping with us on Facebook or YouTube or just praying in your homes. This time of physical distancing has made it more clear than ever that the church is resilient and that the Body of Christ remains strong even when we can't be together in person.

All churches in the Diocese of Virginia continue to fast from in person worship at the direction of Bishop Goff. We don't yet know when we will begin to regather, but the Vestry is working to put together plans for what this might look like. This is an opportunity to really live in to our certainty that worship from home is just as sacred as worship in our churches. Over the coming weeks, you'll see different members of the parish participating in worship from their homes. I couldn't be more grateful to everyone who is helping make our worship at a distance so meaningful and fulfilling.

I'm so incredibly grateful for the love, grace and flexibility that you show on a regular basis, and especially in challenging times. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions that you have. I may not have the answers, but I will do the best to find them as we move forward together in the great tradition of St. Andrew's. May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, be with you and those you love, now and always.

Grace & Peace,

Andrew+

Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Common Worship

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

The First Lesson

Genesis 37:14, 12-28

NRSV

A reading from the book of Genesis:

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Response

Psalm 105, 1-6, 16-22, 45b

Psalter for the Christian People

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon God's name; *
make known the deeds of the LORD among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to the LORD, sing praises, *
and speak of all God's marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in God's holy name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- 4 Search for the LORD and the strength of the LORD; *
continually seek the face of God.
- 5 Remember the marvels God has done, *
the wonders and the judgments of God's mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham, God's servant, *
O children of Jacob, God's chosen.
- 16 Then the LORD called for a famine in the land *
and destroyed the supply of bread.
- 17 The LORD sent a man before them, *
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.
- 18 They bruised his feet in fetters; *
his neck they put in an iron collar.
- 19 Until his prediction came to pass, *
the word of the LORD tested him.
- 20 The king sent and released him; *
the ruler of the peoples set him free.

21 He set him as a master over his household, *
as a ruler over all his possessions,
22 to instruct his officials according to his will *
and to teach his elders wisdom. Hallelujah!
Glory to the Father, and to the Son *
and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second Lesson

Matthew 14:22-33

NRSV

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

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

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

Andrew Moore

The Apostles' Creed (said in unison)

BCP, p. 96

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.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant 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.**

The Prayers of the People

from *Praying the Scriptures*

Intercessor Sisters and brothers, the word of faith that we proclaim is near you, on your lips and in your heart! So let us pray to the God, saying, be generous to all who call on you;

People **Lord, save us.**

Intercessor Lord God, capture our hearts May your Holy Spirit prepare a way upon which the beautiful feet of your servants can bring good news to all those who are wearied by too much bad news. Be generous to all who call on you;

People **Lord, save us.**

Intercessor Lord of all, your love makes no distinction between peoples or nations. We pray that wars and violence cease. May your reign of peace and justice come quickly. Be generous to all who call on you;

People **Lord, save us.**

Intercessor Holy God, your Son walked on the water even as your Spirit moved over the face of the waters in creation May we learn to respect the beauty and mystery, the power and goodness, of all you have made. Be generous to all who call on you;

People **Lord, save us.**

Intercessor Strong God, give us wisdom like your servant Joseph that this congregation may be a symbol of hope and integrity to the leaders of our city. Be generous to all who call on you;

People **Lord, save us.**

Intercessor Lord Christ, you bid your people be not afraid. You have promised that all who call on your name shall be saved. And so make your deeds known among the people – especially those in trouble, sickness, and pain. We pray for all who live, work, and go to school on Oregon Hill; and for all who are celebrating birthdays this week, including Nicole Inge, Skylar Pollard, Sumner Jenkins, and Thomas Cyrus. Be generous to all who call on you;

People **Lord, save us.**

Intercessor God of our ancestors, by your strength you rescue life even from the depths of the pit. You raised your Son from the grips of death and through him have promised to give new life to all who have died. May the dead rest in peace, especially William Mitchell Fridley, even as they await the day of resurrection. Be generous to all who call on you;

People **Lord, save us.**

Intercessor I invite you to offer your own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Please add your own prayers either silently or aloud.

Concluding Collect

Officiant God of all humanity, you call us to bring about healing and wholeness for the whole world – for women and men of all races and cultures and creeds. Help us to respond to a world that is groaning under the weight of injustice and broken relationships. Remind us that differences are a gift, and interdependence a strength from the same creative God. Strengthen us to resist the forces that encourage polarization and competition rather than understanding and cooperation. We know that your reign is not built on injustice and oppression, but on the transformation of hearts – new life, not just reordered life. Teach us forgiveness, O God. Bring us reconciliation. Give us hope for the future. We pray in Jesus' love. **Amen.**

The Blessing

The Dismissal

BCP, p. 366

Deacon Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!
People Thanks be to God!

Worship Participants

Officiant & Preacher The Rev. Andrew Moore

Deacon: The Rev. Deacon Barbara Ambrose

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The Prayers of the People:

- Donna Alexander, Gary Bailey, Phyllis Bailey, Richard Bowen, Mac Bridgewater, Sarah Bridgewater, Dwayne Briggs, Rob Burger, Davison Chapman, Bryan Colgin, John Cyrus, Tom Davis, Shirley Dolan, Sarah Dowles, Renee Ferrucci, Ellen Field, Susan Goff, Carlton Green, Jack Greener, Melissa Groome, Van Haywood, Georgia Jonkman, Jeeha Kamran, Diane Klisavage, Elaine Kriskus, Shawna Methaney, Lillian Miller, Craig Millward, Crystal Munnings, Henry Randolph, Jerrie Richardson, Audrey Rowe, Greg Rowe, Karen Salter, Lizzy Schrass, Donnie Thomas, Ramon Torres, Robin Underwood, Barrett Walters, Tom Wieleba, Flo Williams.
- We pray for the departed and all those who mourn, especially William Mitchell Fridley.
- We pray for the workplaces and businesses of Metropolitan Richmond: For financial institutions, sustainable and just investment policies, and elective development efforts to benefit the entire Community.
- Pray for those who live and work and go to school on Oregon Hill and for the ministry of St. Andrew's School.
- Pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week: Nicole Inge (8/9), Skylar Pollard (8/9), Sumner Jenkins (8/10), Thomas Cyrus (8/15).

News and Upcoming Events:

- **Noonday Prayer:** Each weekday, join us in praying Noonday Prayer at 12:00 noon on Facebook Live at www.facebook.com/standrewsrva. You can follow along in the Book of Common Prayer on page 103 or online at www.bcponline.org. Click on The Daily Office and then an Order of Service for Noonday.
- **Digital Coffee Hour:** Join us on Sundays at 10:45 a.m. on Zoom! You can join by going to <https://zoom.us/j/97623461393> and entering the password 067460. You can also call (929) 205-6099 and entering the meeting ID: 976 2346 1393 and the password 067460. This has been a fantastic time to visit virtually and catch up with one another.
- **Faith & Film – *Moonlight*:** Join us at 6:30 p.m. on this coming Thursday, August 13, for a conversation about the Academy Award-winning Best Picture, *Moonlight*. This powerful film explores the intersection of race, sexuality, faith, and poverty in the life of one young man at three different points in his life. We'll look at how these many factors intersect and influence all of our lives. A Zoom link will be distributed closer to the date.
- **Help St. Andrew's with Kroger Community Rewards:** Help St. Andrew's by increasing donations every time you shop at Kroger! Thanks to their Community Rewards program, it's easy. Create or log into your digital account at kroger.com. In the Community Rewards section of your account, link your Kroger Plus Card to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Oregon Hill (organization ID AF019). Scan your Kroger Plus Card every time you check out at Kroger. St. Andrew's receives a periodic donation check from Kroger based on a percentage of designated transactions, all at no cost to you. Questions? Contact Chris Catanzaro at 804-922-1288 or Kroger Customer Service at 800-KROGERS (800-576-4377).

- **UGK Community First Volunteer Opportunities:** [UGK Community First](#) now produces about 3,000 meals each week that are distributed throughout the Richmond Area, Goochland, and Petersburg. We have lots of great volunteer opportunities available. Activities include scooping soup into containers, packaging meals, and transporting meals to agencies and residences with limited contact with others. Food preparation and packaging takes place at Roslyn where strict protocols and social distancing are in place. Shifts and teams of volunteers are limited to 2-4 people and take place 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. or 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Deliveries take place in the afternoon, but there are some morning routes. To sign up or learn more about volunteering email Barbara Ambrose, Volunteer Coordinator at cats4cats@comcast.net and include your *name, email address, and phone number*.
- **Children's Worship Videos:** Each week we will have a worship video designed specifically for families with children. They will include a reading from the Jesus Storybook Bible, a time for prayers, and a new segment called "Ask Andrew." This will be a chance for our young people to ask their questions about God and the world and Andrew will (attempt) to answer them! [Email Andrew](#) to submit questions for inclusion. The videos will be posted on our [YouTube channel](#) and links will be included in our weekly worship emails.
- **Sunday Paper Junior Bulletins:** While we cannot gather to worship in person, we encourage you to share these Sunday Paper Junior bulletins with your children. These are the same bulletins we have been offering in church each Sunday. Linked here are the Sunday Paper Junior bulletins for [last week](#) and [today](#). Email Britton at office@standrewsoregonhill.org if you'd like her to mail you paper copies.
- **Shields Returning Home:** Thank you to all of you who have provided a vacation home to the saint shields this spring! If you have finished administering their spa treatments, you might feel ready to return them to their church home. We will be setting up additional times to drop them off in the near future.
- **More Free Digital Books & Extended Free Book Shipping from Church Publishing:** Church Publishing Incorporated has a new selection of free digital publications, [which you can browse by clicking here](#). You can also download The Book of Common Prayer in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#) and more for both children and adults! They are offering free shipping on all book orders over \$35 through August 31, 2020. Please use code FREESHIP at churchpublishing.org, or call 800-242-1918 to place your order.
- **Options for Giving:** While we are unable to gather in person and offer our collective offering to God, it is critically important that we all continue to give as we are able. Even though we are not meeting in person, the expenses of the church remain. If you are already accustomed to giving online, thank you! If it is your practice to place your offering in the plate on Sundays, we invite you to consider either mailing your offering to the church or giving through our secure site. Simply visit the [Giving page of our website](#). Choose from a drop down menu whether this is a pledge payment or if it is just a gift, select Give Now. You can choose to make this a recurring gift online as well. If you do choose to give online, please consider adding an additional 2-3% to your pledge to cover the service fees the church is charged for each gift. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Andrew or a member of the Vestry.
- **Telling Our Story Stewardship Campaign:** Thanks to your generosity we have received 62 pledges for \$143,840 so far. Thank you, thank you, thank you to all of you who already made your gift! It is never too late to make a pledge. No amount is too small-every dollar pledged will help, especially during this time of uncertainty. Let's pull together to ensure the financial health of our beloved St. Andrew's. You can pledge securely online at www.standrewsoregonhill.org/pledge.
- **UPDATED Cell Phone Number for Andrew:** Andrew has a new cell phone number, which was previously advertised incorrectly! If you need to reach him, please call him at 804-251-0363. You can also email him at amoore@standrewsoregonhill.org.