



The 20th Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 24
October 18, 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.

O God, forasmuch as 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 your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson

Exodus 33:12-23

NRSV

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Response

Psalm 98

Psalter for the Christian People

1. Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for the Lord has done marvelous things.
2. The right hand and the holy arm of the Lord*
have secured the victory.
3. The Lord has made known this victory; *
and has openly shown righteousness in the sight of the nations.
4. The Lord remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
5. Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
6. Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
7. With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the Sovereign, the Lord.
8. Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
9. Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
who is coming to judge the earth.
10. In righteousness shall the Lord judge the world *
and the peoples with equity
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 22:15-22

NRSV

Deacon

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

People The Word of the Lord.
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 Siblings in Christ, beloved by God: Grace to you and peace. Let us pray to the Holy One, saying, be gracious to us, O God;

People Show us your mercy.

Intercessor We always give thanks to you, O God, for the Church, constantly remembering before you its work of faith, labor of love, and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. Inspire us by the Holy Spirit. We pray for all who live, work, and go to school on Oregon Hill; for all who are celebrating birthdays this week, including Milo Williams, Reid Inge, Aiden Crowe, Nicole Georges, Elaine Baur. Be gracious to us, O God;

People Show us your mercy.

Intercessor Almighty God, make us more like your Son, Jesus, who did not regard people with partiality. May we love justice. May we be gracious with all people. Be gracious to us, O God;

People Show us your mercy.

Intercessor God our King, the earth shakes in your presence. All that is belongs not to us, but to you. May we be good stewards of all you have created Be gracious to us, O God;

People Show us your mercy.

Intercessor Holy One, you answer those who call upon you. Hear the voices of the weak and wronged. May this city know and experience your presence. Be gracious to us, O God;

People Show us your mercy.

Intercessor Great Lord, give your people rest. Cover the sick and sorrowful with your healing hand. May the lonely and forgotten find favor in your sight. Be gracious to us, O God;

People Show us your mercy.

Intercessor Living God, you have rescued the dying and dead from the coming wrath through the death and resurrection of your Christ. May our voices blend with theirs as they proclaim your greatness and worship around your throne forever. Be gracious to us, O God;

People **Show us your mercy.**

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!**

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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, Sarah Bridgewater, Dwayne Briggs, Rob Burger, Bee Butler, Davison Chapman, Tom Davis, Shirley Dolan, Sarah Dowles, Jim Evans, Renee Ferrucci, Cyrus Field, Ellen Field, Susan Goff, Carlton Green, Jack Greener, Melissa Groome, Van Haywood, Michelle Butler Hinnant, Georgia Jonkman, Jeeha Kamran, Diane Klisavage, Elaine Kriskus, Eileen LoSasso, Shawna Methaney, Lillian Miller, Craig Millward, Crystal Munnings, Ann Olliff, Henry Randolph, Jerrie Richardson, Audrey Rowe, Greg Rowe, Karen Salter, Lizzy Schrass, Donnie Thomas, Ramon Torres, Robin Underwood, Barrett Walters, Tom Wieleba, Flo Williams.
- Pray for those who live and work and go to school on Oregon Hill and for the ministry of Anna Julia Cooper Middle School.

- We pray for public, non-profit, and religious social service work and ministries in Metropolitan Richmond: For all who suffer from addiction, dependency or co-dependency of any sort; for twelve-step programs, recovery programs, therapists, and addiction counselors; for advocates who provide a voice for the rights of persons whose voices are not heard.
- Pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week, including, Milo Williams (10/19), Reid Inge (10/20), Aiden Crowe (10/21), Nicole Georges (10/22), Elaine Baur (10/24).

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.
- **November Book Chat - *In the Shelter* by Pádraig Ó Tuama:** For our November book conversation, we'll read Pádraig Ó Tuama's beautiful book *In the Shelter*. Part memoir, part poetry collection, Ó Tuama wrestles with questions of identity and how we define our relationship with God. Ó Tuama is a native of Northern Ireland and is a past leader of the Corymeela religious community focused on peacemaking and community building. We hope you'll join us on Zoom [at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 5](#), for a conversation about this timely and powerful book
- **Connect at Digital Coffee Hour:** Like most of you, I dearly miss Sunday morning worship services at St Andrew's. But mostly I miss our community which is a big part of our service. I appreciate the effort that Andrew and others have done to put together great online worship experiences, either Noonday Prayer or our Sunday service. And while I'm so happy to continue with this type of worship it doesn't fulfill my longing for connection. What fills me up is our [Digital Coffee Hour](#). It's so great to see familiar faces, to laugh or exchanges stories of our trials and tribulations in dealing with the pandemic. Only then do I feel like it's Sunday! It's really quite simple to log in. If you need help please call me at 804-548-5956 or ask a child or grandchild for help, LOL. 😊 - Sue Barrett
- **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.
- **New Free Digital Publications:** Church Publishing Incorporated has once again updated their selection of free digital publications with new titles for the season, [which you can browse by clicking here](#). These include *The Book of Common Prayer* in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#), and more for children, teens, and adults!
- **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.
- **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.