



The 6th Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 10
July 12, 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 and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Genesis 25:19-34

NRSV

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger." When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle;

so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 119:105-112

Psalter for the Christian People

- 105 Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.
 - 106 I have sworn and am determined *
to keep your righteous judgments.
 - 107 I am deeply troubled; *
preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.
 - 108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, *
and teach me your judgments.
 - 109 My life is always in my hand, *
yet I do not forget your law.
 - 110 The wicked have set a trap for me, *
but I have not strayed from your commandments.
 - 111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; *
truly, they are the joy of my heart.
 - 112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes *
for ever and to the end.
- 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 13:1-9,18-23

NRSV

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but

the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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, siblings, you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. By that same Spirit let us pray, saying, accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips,

People **And teach us your judgments.**

Intercessor Great God, may the word of your kingdom find good soil in your Church. Cause your word to grow in our hearts and bear an abundance of fruit. Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips,

People **And teach us your judgments.**

Intercessor God of our ancestors, we pray that divided nations be united and warring nations find peace. May we recognize that we are created by your will and are all members of one human family. Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips,

People **And teach us your judgments.**

Intercessor God of the harvest, bless the seeds and the soil of the world. Give us the wisdom to bring forth its yield wisely and according to your will, that all people may have enough to eat. We pray for all who live, work, and go to school on Oregon Hill; and for all who are celebrating birthdays this week, including Gay Hamlet, Janice Christian, Kylie Booth, Allyson Booth, Jerrie Richardson, Blaine Cole, Ally Getlein, Tim Booth, Leiane Fridley, Austin Marshall, Olivia Midgett, Maria Finch. Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips,

People **And teach us your judgments.**

Intercessor Caring God, we are deeply troubled by the gun violence in our city. May all who set their minds on death, even now, be converted to the Spirit of life and peace. Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips,

People **And teach us your judgments.**

Intercessor Healing God, preserve the lives of the suffering and sick, according to your word. Speak joy into the hearts of the sorrowful. Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips,

People **And teach us your judgments.**

Intercessor Eternal God, you preserve all who are in Christ Jesus from condemnation. By the resurrection of your son we trust, that in the fullness of time, you will give life to our mortal bodies through his Spirit that dwells in us. Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips,

People **And teach us your judgments.**

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

The Prayers of the People:

- Donna Alexander, Gary Bailey, Phyllis Bailey, Elaine Baur, Richard Bowen, Sarah Bridgewater, Dwayne Briggs, Rob Burger, Davison Chapman, Bryan Colgin, John Cyrus, Tom Davis, Shirley Dolan, Sarah Dowles, Ellen Field, Susan Goff, Carlton Green, Jack Greener, Melissa Groome, Van Haywood, Georgia Jonkman, Jeeha Kamran, Diane Klisavage, Elaine Kriskus, Shawna Methaney, Lillian Miller, Crystal Munnings, Henry Randolph, Jerrie Richardson, Will Rose, Audrey Rowe, Greg Rowe, Lizzy Schrass, Donnie Thomas, Ramon Torres, Robin Underwood, Barrett Walters, Flo Williams.
- We pray for governments and governing bodies of Metropolitan Richmond: For the Boards of Supervisors, Councils, Administrators, and government employees of Charles City, Goochland, New Kent, Powhatan, Ashland, Petersburg, and Hopewell.
- 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: Gay Hamlet (7/12), Janice Christian (7/13), Kylie Booth (7/14), Allyson Booth (7/14), Jerrie Richardson (7/14), Blaine Cole (7/16), Ally Getlein (7/16), Tim Booth (7/17), Leiane Fridley (7/17), Austin Marshall (7/17), Olivia Midgett (7/17), Maria Finch (7/18).

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.
- **July Book Group: *The Warmth of Other Suns*:** In this epic, beautifully written masterwork, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Isabel Wilkerson chronicles one of the great untold stories of American history: the decades-long migration of black citizens who fled the South for northern and western cities, in search of a better life. Join us for a conversation about this remarkable chapter in American history on Tuesday, July 28, at 6:30 p.m. Zoom links to join will follow.
- **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](mailto:office@standrewsoregonhill.org) 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 Sunday](#) 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](#), a summer activity pack for families, and more for both children and adults! They are offering free shipping on all book orders over \$35 through July 15, 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.