

Celebration of God's Creation

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church October 1, 2023 10:00 am **Welcome** Thank you for joining us today at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church! Our spiritual call is to "Worship Christ, Grow Together, and Serve Others."

Guests We would love to meet you and give you a gift at the Information Kiosk in the Gathering Space. We ask that you sign the Guest Register. You can learn more about our parish family at www.standrewsvalpo.org.

**Children** Our Children's Ministry, (ages 3 (potty-trained) thru 5<sup>th</sup> grades) meet Sundays at 9:15 am in the Education Wing. We use the Godly Play program. Please contact Jennifer Rodd at sundayschool@standrewsvalpo.org

**Youth** For Youth Group information, please contact Jennifer Rodd at sundayschool@standrewsvalpo.org

Prayer Ministry Our Intercessory Prayer Team meets Tuesdays at 9:00 am. Please contact Katy Hamilton at khamilton@standrewsvalpo.org



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#### **Church Office Hours** Tuesday - Friday 9am-4pm

Worship /Bible Studies

Saturday 5:30 pm Rite II Service 8:00 am Rite I Service Sunday

10:00 am Rite II Service

Tuesday 7:00 am Men's Bible Study

Wednesday 9:00 am

Morning Prayer w/Discussion

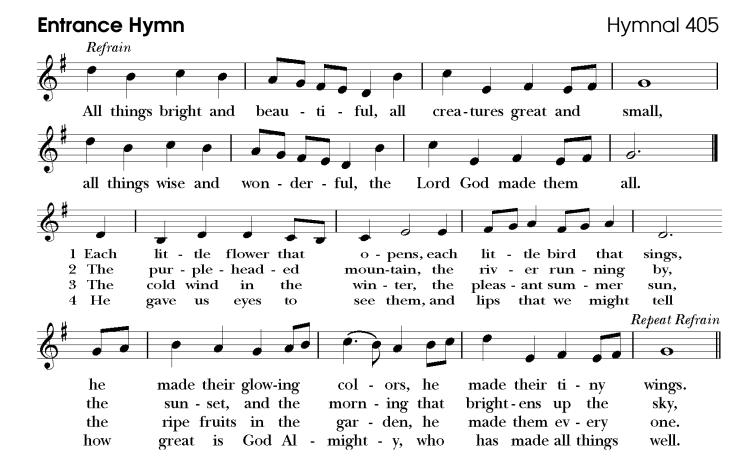
## Celebration of God's Creation Holy Eucharist

Sunday, October 1, 2023, 10:00 am



The flowers are given to the Glory of God from Nancy Seeley in celebration of her son John Barth's birthday.





Please stand.

Priest Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

Priest

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.** 

#### This is my Father's world

#### Song of Praise

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears All nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.

This is our Father's world,
Oh, let us not forget
That though the wrong is great and strong,
God is our Father yet.
He trusts us with his world,
To keep it clean and fair,
All earth and trees all skies and seas,
All creatures everywhere.

#### Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

**First Reading** Genesis from Desmond Tutu's *Bible Stories for Children* 

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

In the very beginning, God's love bubbled over when there was nothing else—no trees, no birds, no animals, no sky, no sea—only darkness.

Out of this love, God spoke. "Let there be light." And there was day. And there was night. And when the first day was done, God smiled and knew that it was good.

On the second day, God said, "Let there be sky where the clouds can float and the wind can blow."

And the sky was bright blue and beautiful.

On the third day, God said, "Let the waters gather together into oceans and let the dry land appear". Now God decided to make the world even more dazzling, with tall trees and long grass. And then the first flower opened in all its glory.

On the fourth day, God said, "Let the sky be filled with the sun and the moon". And God scattered stars across the sky like sparkling diamonds.

On the fifth day, God said, "Let there be birds to fly and sing and fish to swim and splash". And the world was filled with the joyous sound of birdsong.

On the sixth day, God said, "Let there be animals—elephants and giraffes, cats and mice, and bees and bugs". And suddenly the world was a very noisy place.

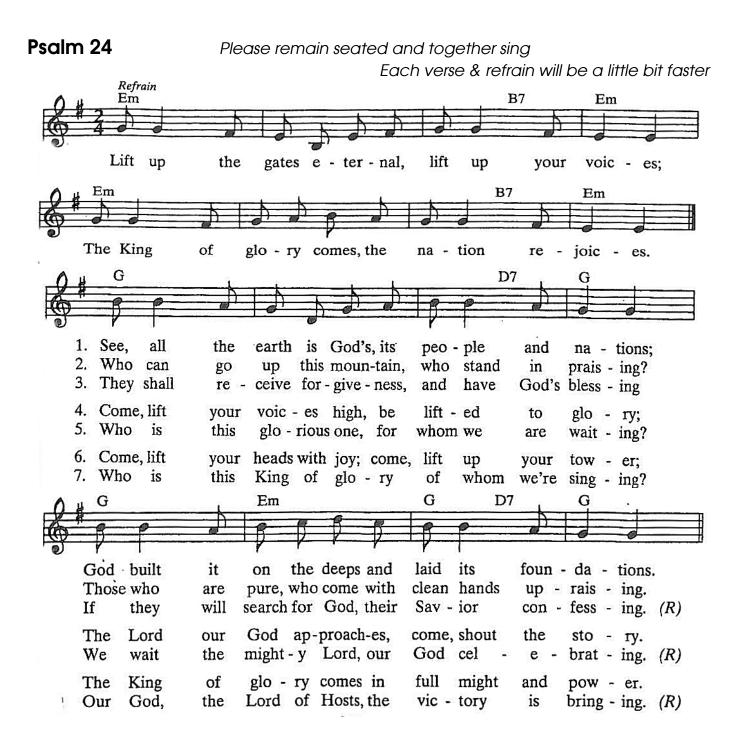
But something was still missing. Then God said, "I will make people, and I'll make them like me so they can enjoy the earth and take care of it". He did just as he had said, and it was all so very, very, good.

God looked at everything that he had made and clapped his hands together in delight. "Isn't it wonderful!"

And on the seventh day, God laughed, and rested, and enjoyed his glorious creation.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.



**Second Reading** Revelation 21:1-5 from *The Common English Bible* 

A Reading from the Revelation to John.

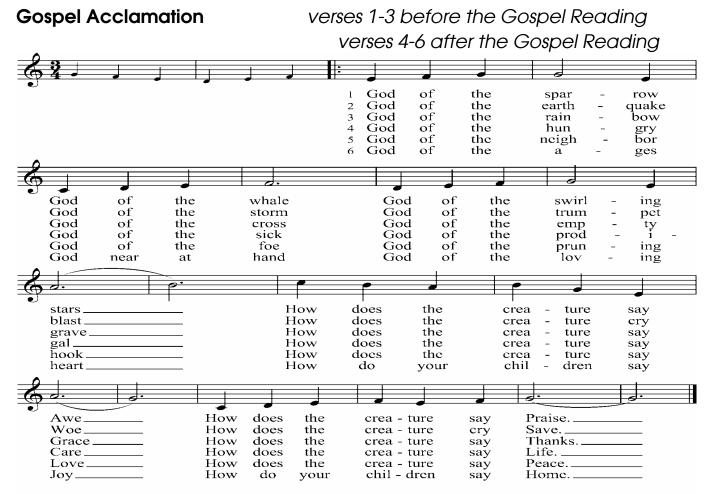
Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne say, "Look! God's dwelling is here with humankind. He will dwell

with them, and they will be his peoples. God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more. There will be no mourning, crying, or pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." Then the one seated on the throne said, "Look! I'm making all things new." He also said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand.



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Holy Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to

Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who was leaving on a trip. He called his servants and handed his possessions over to them. To one he gave five valuable coins, and to another he gave two, and to another he gave one. He gave to each servant according to that servant's ability. Then he left on his journey. After the man left, the servant who had five valuable coins took them and went to work doing business with them. He gained five more. In the same way, the one who had two valuable coins gained two more. But the servant who had received the one valuable coin dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money.

"Now after a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five valuable coins came forward with five additional coins. He said, 'Master, you gave me five valuable coins. Look, I've gained five more.' His master replied, 'Excellent! You are a good and faithful servant! You've been faithful over a little. I'll put you in charge of much. Come, celebrate with me.' The second servant also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two valuable coins. Look, I've gained two more.' His master replied, 'Well done! You are a good and faithful servant. You've been faithful over a little. I'll put you in charge of much. Come, celebrate with me.' Now the one who had received one valuable coin came and said, 'Master, I knew that you are a hard man. You harvest grain where you haven't sown. You gather crops where you haven't spread seed. So I was afraid. And I hid my valuable coin in the ground. Here, you have what's yours.' His master replied, 'You evil and lazy servant! You knew that I harvest grain where I haven't sown and that I gather crops where I haven't spread seed? In that case, you should have turned my money over to the bankers so that when I returned, you could give me what belonged to me with interest. Therefore, take from him the valuable coin and give it to the one who has ten coins. Those who have much will receive more, and they will have more than they need. But as for those who don't have much, even the little bit they have will be taken away from them. Now take the worthless servant and throw him out into the farthest darkness. People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Sermon** The Rev. Cathy Carpenter

Please stand.

The Nicene Creed

Priest and People

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 worshiped 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** previously written by the Children of our Parish

Dear God, we pray for our church, that we would love God and that we would be kind to one another.

God of love and mercy

People - Hear our prayer

We pray for peace in the world and for wars to end. For the people of Sudan, Ukraine, Haiti, Mali, and all other places of conflict God of love and mercy

People - Hear our prayer

We pray for our country, for our President, our Governor and our local leaders. Help us to get along and make good decisions.

God of love and mercy

People - Hear our prayer

We pray for St. Andrew's, that anyone who comes here feels welcome. Please help us carry our faith during the whole week, not just Sunday.

God of love and mercy

People - Hear our prayer

We thank you for the autumn time of year; for apples and pumpkins and football. Help us to take care of the earth and to recycle.

God of love and mercy

People - Hear our prayer

We pray for those who are homeless or don't have enough to eat, and those without good clothing for the winter.

God of love and mercy

People - Hear our prayer

We pray for people who are sick or hurt. Please heal them, and keep them loved by their families and friends.

God of love and mercy

People - Hear our prayer

We thank you for food, for clean water, for our families – for parents who help us with homework, and for our brothers, sisters, and grandparents. God of love and mercy

People - Hear our prayer

We pray for all who will celebrate a birthday or anniversary this week, especially our parishioners Jeff Barth (10-2), Kathy Hamilton (10-2), Karen Paupp (10-3), Jack Brink (10-4), Umberto and Lisa Devany (10-2), Jason and Megan Myers (10-5), Doug Porritt and Tonnie Carter (10-7) that their futures will be filled with hope and possibility.

God of love and mercy

People - Hear our prayer

We pray for all who have died, especially Cheri Emringer (2022), Frances Heise (2021), Janet L. Kerr (1999), Harold W. Hawkins (1999), Robert E. Smith (1979), and those we name or keep silently in our hearts.

God of love and mercy

People - Hear our prayer

The Priest says

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.** 

#### **Confession of Sin**

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silence is observed.

Priest and People

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen** 

Please be seated.

#### Blessing of the Stuffed Animals

The Rev. Cathy Carpenter

Episcopal churches throughout the country will once again observe the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi with the Blessing of the Animals. The patron saint of animals believed that the light of God was perfectly reflected in all of nature and nowhere is His essence better revealed than in the unconditional love, companionship and devotion of the pets we hold dear to our hearts. This day is for creatures, great and small, to receive God's blessing -- a blessing they so richly deserve.

#### Peace

Priest The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

#### **Announcements**

#### **Holy Communion**

#### Please stand.

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all.

#### 1 Chronicles 29:11



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#### **Great Thanksgiving**

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

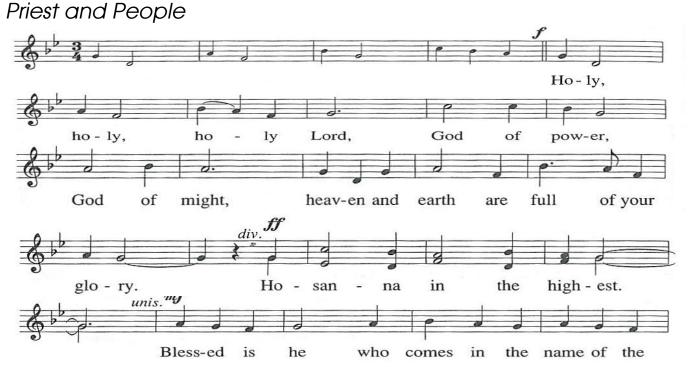
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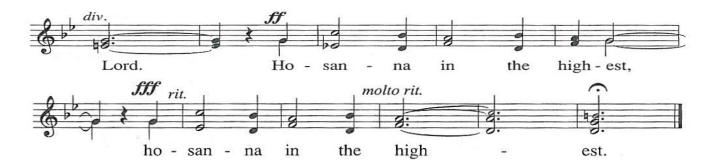
Enriching Our Worship 1 (Prayer 2)

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

#### Sanctus





Please stand, sit, or kneel as you are able.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

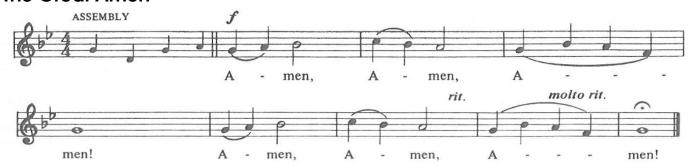
On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN**.

#### The Great Amen



And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, Priest and People

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

#### Fraction Anthem - Breaking of the Bread



The Priest says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

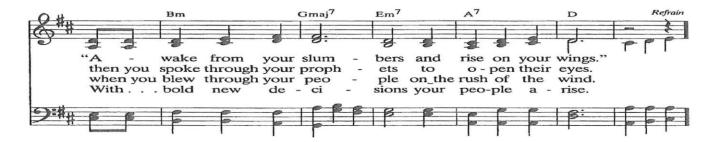
All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. For those who are gluten-sensitive, please come forward and stand at the altar-rail opening. If you prefer to only receive a blessing, indicate this by folding your arms across your chest at the altar-rail.



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#### **Communion Hymn**





#### **Post Communion Prayer**

Enriching Our Worship 1

Priest Let us pray.

Priest and People

Loving God,

we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

#### **Blessing**

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always.

\*\*Amen.\*\*
\*\*Enriching Our Worship 1\*\*



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#### **Dismissal**

Priest Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

#### **Postlude**

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#### Thank You God NCH 559

#### Thank You, God

Brian Wren, 1973



John Weaver composed the tune Amstein for Brian Wren's text for The Presbyterian Hymnal (1990). It is named for Charles A. Amstein, associate pastor of Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York, where Weaver was named music director in 1970.

Tune: AMSTEIN 9.10.10.9. John Weaver, 1988



# 17th Annual PET BLESSING SUNDAY, Oct 1 2:00pm

### St. Andrew's Episcopal Church 505 Bullseye Lake Road

Pets of ALL faiths, breeds, sizes and fitness welcome, and their owners! (pets on a leash or in a secure crate please!)

We'll remember St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals, with a short service and a blessing prayer over each animal.

DON'T MISS THIS SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT!

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Admission: A Donation for the Porter County Animal Shelter: Canned dog or cat food, laundry detergent, bleach or spray cleaners, heavy duty dog leashes, dryer sheets, paper towels, large and tall kitchen size trash bags