

The 14th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 16, Year B
August 26, 2018 *10:30 AM Worship*
The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

WELCOME TO
St. Andrew's
Episcopal Church
STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA



About This Worship Service

Worship in the Episcopal Church is liturgical in nature; that is, we used a fixed “script” to guide us through a worship experience in which all are participants.

Although you may be new to a liturgical form of worship, much of the liturgy we use is ancient, some parts dating back to the first centuries following the life and ministry of Jesus; other parts, such as the Lord’s Prayer and parts of the Prayer of Consecration are original to Jesus himself.

This worship booklet contains everything you need to participate fully in this worship service, including suggestions for when it would be appropriate to stand, sit, or kneel; when it would be appropriate to “cross” oneself, etc. However, these are only suggestions and we don’t want you to do anything you’re uncomfortable doing or incapable of doing. Additionally, the responses which the congregation makes are shown in bold text.

Brief introductions to the Bible readings can be found on the last page.

If you have any questions about anything you see going on, please don’t hesitate to ask anyone sitting near you. Or, you can call the church office at (405) 372-3357. You can also call or text Fr. Jim Cook at (405) 780-5316. Or, you can visit our website: www.SaintAndrewsChurch.org

Childcare is normally provided during the school year from 9:15 AM through to the end of the 10:30 AM worship. You may ask an usher or greeter for directions to the nursery.

Bathrooms are available in both the Parish Hall and the Admin/Ed Building. You may ask an usher or greeter for directions.

Make no mistake, we’re glad you’ve joined us for worship! While you’re waiting for the service to begin, please take a moment to silence your cell phones and other electronic devices. Thanks!

MUSIC NOTE: We are happy to have David Hughes serving as our organist this morning. He is well known to many of us at St. Andrew’s, for he has played for us numerous times over the course of many years. When you see him, please give David a warm welcome to our service.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Organ Prelude

The Congregation may stand.

Hymn 408

Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation;
with healing balm my soul he fills,
and every faithless murmur stills:
to God all praise and glory.

What God's almighty power hath made,
his gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade
his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of his might,
lo! All is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory.

Let all who name Christ's holy Name
give God all praise and glory;
let all who know his power proclaim
aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from its throne,
the Lord is God, and he alone:
to God all praise and glory.

+ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

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.**

“Glory to God”

– Lance Massey

Priest

People

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the

Holy Spirit, ✚ in the glory of God the Father.

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

The Congregation may kneel.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Congregation may be seated.

Readings from Holy Scripture

JOSHUA 24: 1-2A, 14-18

A reading from the book of Joshua.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: “Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the

Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34:15-22

Lector: “That portion of the psalter appointed to be read is from Psalm 34. Let us recite it responsively by the whole-verse.

15. The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.

16. **The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.**

17. The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them, and delivers them from all their troubles.

18. **The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and will save those whose spirits are crushed.**
19. Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.
20. **He will keep safe all his bones; not one of them shall be broken.**
21. Evil shall slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
22. **The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, and none will be punished who trust in him.**

EPHESIANS 6:10-20

A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Christians in Ephesus.

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith,

with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Congregation may stand.

Hymn 508

Stanzas 1-3 before the Gospel; stanza 4 afterwards.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do or to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
till all this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die;
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

JOHN 6:56-69

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

✝ Jesus said, “Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Once the Minister has entered the pulpit and invoked the Holy Trinity, the Congregation may be seated.

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Let us reaffirm our faith.

The Congregation may stand.

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

BCP 387

Intercessor: “The Prayers of the People are taken from Form 3, which is found on page 387 of the Book of Common Prayer.”

Let us pray.

The Congregation may kneel.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the ✝ departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray for those in need of healing, especially [Names] and any others we might name in our hearts or aloud.

We pray for those with other cares and concerns, especially [*Names*] and any others we might name in our hearts or aloud.

We pray for those who have ✝ died, especially [*Names*] and any others we might name in our hearts or aloud.

We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces, especially [*Names*] and any others we might name in our hearts or aloud.

We pray for those who travel, especially [*Names*] and any others we might name in our hearts or aloud.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: Christ Church in Tulsa.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: The Anglican Church of Southern Africa, The Most Rev'd Thabo Makgoba, Archbishop of Capetown, and Primate of Southern Africa.

And we give thanks for the many blessings of this life:

We join in thanksgiving with [*Names*], and any others we might name in our hearts or aloud.

And in thanksgiving for [*Names*], and any others we might name in our hearts or aloud.

We pray for those celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary this week and invite them to come forward for a special prayer.

The birthday tradition at St. Andrew's is that when you come forward for your prayer, if you wish, you may place in the birthday cross an amount of money in coins equal to your age. The funds contributed are added to the clergy discretionary fund. The Celebrant concludes with the following collect.

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

BCP 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

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 Congregation may stand.

The Peace

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

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

Afterwards, they may be seated.

Greetings & Announcements

The Offertory

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his name;
bring offerings and come into his courts.

Organ Voluntary

The Congregation may stand.

Presentation of Our Alms

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP 361

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Proper Preface for the Lord's Day 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:

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”

– Lance Massey

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of you glory;
Hosanna in the highest.
✚ Blessed is he who comes in
the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Congregation may kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father 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 Father, 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, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN!** 🚩

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

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

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.

Breaking of the Bread
& "Lamb of God"

– Lance Massey

Priest

Alleluia. Christ our Passover

is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**
Alleluia.

Priest
People Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world;
Grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

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

Communion of the People

- ❖ All persons who seek God are invited to receive Holy Communion.
- ❖ To receive the Bread, extend your palms, one crossed over the other, upwards towards the Minister, and a wafer will be placed into your hands. **Gluten-free wafers are available;** make your request known to the Minister administering the Bread.

- ❖ To receive the Wine, please assist in guiding the cup to your lips. Alternately, you may dip the wafer in the wine and place it in your mouth.
- ❖ If you wish to receive only a Blessing, cross your arms over your chest while kneeling or standing at the altar rail.
- ❖ If mobility-issues prevent you from coming to the Altar, Communion can be brought to you. Please alert the Greeter to your situation.
- ❖ Finally, it would be helpful if you blotted your lips of any lip balm or lipstick, as it leaves an oily and/or waxy residue on the linens that is difficult to remove.

Hymn 530

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word,
spread the kingdom of the Lord,
that to earth's remotest bound
all may heed the joyful sound;

word of how the Father's will
made the world, and keeps it, still;
how his only Son he gave,
earth from sin and death to save;

word of how the Savior's love
earth's sore burden doth remove;
how forever, in its need,
through his death the world is freed;

word of how the Spirit came
bringing peace in Jesus' name;
how his never-failing love
guides us on to heaven above.

Word of life, most pure and strong,
word for which the nations long,
spread abroad, until from night
all the world awakes to light.

Sending Out Our Lay Eucharistic Visitors

In the Name of God, we send you forth
bearing these holy gifts, that those to
whom you go may share with us in the
communion of Christ's Body and Blood; for
though we are many, we share one Bread and
one Cup. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

BCP 365

Let us pray.

The Congregation may kneel.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, 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.

The Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge
and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our
Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, ✚ the

Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you,
and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Congregation may stand.

Hymn 675

Take up your cross, the Savior said,
if you would my disciple be;
take up your cross with willing heart,
and humbly follow after me.

Take up your cross, let not its weight
fill your weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear your spirit up,
and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross, heed not the shame,
and let your foolish heart be still;
the Lord for you accepted death
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

Take up your cross, then, in his strength,
and calmly every danger brave:
it guides you to abundant life
and leads to victory o'er the grave.

Take up your cross, and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

The Dismissal

Grant, O Lord God, that what we have heard with our ears, and said and sung with our lips, we may believe in our hearts, and practice in our lives; for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude

Introductions to the Bible Readings

Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14-18

In our first lesson Joshua calls the people to renew their covenant with the Lord and to realize what it means to promise to worship the Lord as the only God. This takes place at Shechem after the journey through the wilderness to the promised land. Joshua's farewell speech is stern, for it is no easy matter to enter into relationship with such a holy Lord, who will not allow followers to reverence any other gods. (Historically it is possible that this ceremony was used to accept into the covenant peoples living in Palestine who were not themselves participants in the exodus.)

Psalms 34:15-22

The Lord is gracious toward all who turn from evil and have reverence for God.

Ephesians 6:10-20

In this New Testament lesson Christians are instructed to put on the whole armor of God in order to defend themselves from the powers of evil, which are beyond any human control. The passage recognizes that it is God who will take the active role against these superhuman forces. In this battle it is the Christian's primary task to stand and resist. The language and imagery may once have been used in an address to newly baptized disciples. Finally, they are urged to be constant in prayer, remembering Paul who is now in prison.

John 6:56-69

In the gospel we hear of different responses to Jesus' claim that he is the heavenly bread that gives the life of the eternal age to those who eat it. His are words of spirit and life, but many can understand them only in a materialistic sense and are like the Israelites who did not trust God in the wilderness. Yet, if this saying is hard for them to believe, more difficult still will be Jesus' ascent into heaven as the Son of Man. As Jesus knew would happen, many disciples now turn away, but Peter confesses him to be God's holy one who has the words of eternal life.