

The 14th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 18, Year A September 10, 2017
The Holy Eucharist, Rite 2

10:30 am Worship

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 provided 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 Notes

The Communion Anthem that the Choir is singing today has become a classic in the sacred choral repertoire. Harold Friedell composed it for Pentecost Sunday, 1945, at Calvary Episcopal Church in New York City. The following year, Friedell was named Organist-Choirmaster at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in NYC, where a superb professional choir of 70 voices sang an entire major work of the choral repertoire each Sunday afternoon. The text had been published by English theologian Percy Deamer in 1931, and Friedell's tune was named Union Seminary, in whose School of Sacred Music Friedell taught (as well as at Juilliard).

The tune of today's Communion hymn is the melody which J. S. Bach employed in what is arguably his best-known work, Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, today's organ prelude.

Welcome back to the St. Andrew's Choir! It is a blessing to have your renewed contributions to our worship life, and we appreciate your commitment and your gifts.

We welcome all singers to the Choir! Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings in the Parish Hall, 7:00-8:30 p.m., and our Sunday schedule begins with rehearsal in the balcony beginning at 9:15. Please contact Organist-Choir Director Gerry Frank if you are interested in singing in the choir, either in person or at (405) 372-4844.

Prelude

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
– J. S. Bach

The Congregation may stand.

Hymn 376

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
blooming meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother:
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

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

The 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 in the Highest”

Priest Glory to God in the highest,
People **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.
Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

The Congregation may kneel.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Congregation may be seated.

Readings from Holy Scripture

EZEKIEL 33: 7-11

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119: 33-40



33. Teach me, O Lord, the way of your | **statutes**,
and I shall keep it to the | **end**.
34. Give me understanding, and I shall keep your | **law**;
I shall keep it with all my | **heart**.
35. Make me go in the path of your com- | **mandments**,
for that is my de- | **sire**.
36. Incline my heart to your de- | **crees**
and not to unjust | **gain**.
37. Turn my eyes from watching what is | **worthless**;
give me life in your | **ways**.
38. Fulfill your promise to your | **servant**,
which you make to those who | **fear you**.
39. Turn away the reproach which I | **dread**,
because your judgments are | **good**.
40. Behold, I long for your com- | **mandments**;
in your righteousness preserve my | **life**.

ROMANS 13: 8-14

A reading from Saint Paul's letter
to the Christians in Rome.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no

wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Congregation may stand.

Hymn 577

Stanzas 1-2 before the Gospel; stanza 3 afterwards.

Refrain

God is love, and where true love is
God himself is there.

Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling.
Christ, our love, is with us, gladness be his greeting.

Let us fear and love him, holy God eternal.

Loving him, let each love Christ in one another.

Refrain

When we Christians gather, members of one Body,
let there be in us no discord but one spirit.

Banished now be anger, strife and every quarrel.

Christ, our God, be always present here among us.

Refrain

Grant us love's fulfillment, joy with all the blessed,
when we see your face, O Savior, in its glory.

Shine on us, O purest Light of all creation,
be our bliss while endless ages sing your praises.

Refrain

MATTHEW 18: 15-20

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

✝ Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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.

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.

The Congregation may kneel.

The Prayers of the People

BCP 387
Form III

Let us pray.

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: Holland Hall School, Tulsa, Casady School, Oklahoma City, and Oak Hall School, Ardmore.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean, The Most Rev'd James Richard Wong Yin Song, Archbishop of the Province of the Indian Ocean, and Bishop of the Diocese of the Seychelles.

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 & Absolution [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.

Then 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.

Offertory Anthem

Sing Alleluia Forth
– Eric Thiman

Sing Alleluia forth in duteous praise,
Ye citizens of heaven; O sweetly raise
An endless Alleluia.
Ye Powers, who stand before th'Eternal Light,
In hymning choirs re-echo to the height
An endless Alleluia.

The Holy city shall take up your strain,
And with glad songs resounding wake again
An endless Alleluia.
In blissful antiphons ye thus rejoice
To render to the Lord with thankful voice
An endless Alleluia.

Ye who have gain'd at length your palms in bliss,
Victorious ones, your chant shall still be this,
An endless Alleluia.
There, in one grand acclaim, for ever ring
The strains which tell the honour of your King,
An endless Alleluia.

While Thee, by whom were all things made, we praise
For ever, and tell out in sweetest lays
An endless Alleluia.
Almighty Christ, to Thee our voices sing
Glory for evermore to Thee we bring
An endless Alleluia.

The Congregation may stand.

The 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 *Eucharistic Prayer A*

BCP 361

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.

Preface of 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”

**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.

The Breaking of the Bread & “Lamb of God”

Priest Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Priest Lamb of God,
People **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.**

The 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.

The 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.

Communion Anthem

“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”
– Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit’s tether;
For when humbly, in thy name,
Two or three are met together,
Thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluya! Alleluya!
Touch we now thy garment’s hem.

As the brethren used to gather
In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father
Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluya! Alleluya!
So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living
Make as sacraments of thee,
That by caring, helping, giving,
We may true disciples be.
Alleluya! Alleluya!
We will serve thee faithfully.

Hymn 336

Come with us, O blessèd Jesus,
with us evermore to be;
and though leaving now thine altar,
let us nevermore leave thee.
Be thou one with us for ever,

in our life thy love divine
our own flesh and blood has taken,
and to us thou givest thine.

Come with us, O mighty Savior,
God from God, and Light from Light;
thou art God, thy glory veiling,
so that we may bear the sight.

Now we go to seek and serve thee,
through our work as through our prayer;
grant us light to see and know thee,
in thy people everywhere.

Come with us, O King of glory,
by angelic voices praised;
in our hearts as in thy heaven,
be enraptured anthems raised.

Let the mighty chorus ever
sing its glad exultant songs;
let its hymn be heard for ever—
peace for which creation longs.

Sending out the 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.**

The Congregation may kneel.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

BCP 365

Let us pray.

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 518

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the Church in one;
holy Zion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.

To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
with thy wonted loving-kindness
hear thy servants as they pray,
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls always.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain;
what they gain from thee, for ever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.

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.

Postlude

Trumpet Tune on “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”
– Michael Helman

Introductions to the Bible Readings

Ezekiel 33: 7-11

In our first lesson the prophet Ezekiel is like a watchman: it is his responsibility to warn the wicked, but it is the individual's responsibility to stop sinning. Some people say it is too late to repent—that the burden of past sins is too great to overcome. Ezekiel is to tell them that it is the living God who calls them to cease sinning and find life. These oracles were delivered as Israel's exile was beginning and were meant to instill both a sense of accountability and the hope necessary for repentance.

Psalms 119: 33-40

The psalmist asks for the Lord's guidance and promises to keep God's commandments always.

Romans 13: 8-14

In this reading Paul summarizes the heart of the law and urges a way of life in full awareness of the nearness of salvation. All the commandments and all human responsibility for others are fulfilled by “loving your neighbor as yourself.” Disciples must recognize that the nighttime of sinfulness is passing. The daylight, the time for new conduct and the following of Jesus, now comes.

Matthew 18: 15-20

Our gospel presents teaching about how to deal with sin and grievances within the Christian community. The early churches did not have established codes and regulations and had to fashion their own ways of dealing with such matters. Here every effort is made to bring the sinful member to repentance. Failing this, the individual is to be treated as outside the church. Such decisions are understood to be ratified in heaven and by Christ’s presence even in the smallest of Christian gatherings.