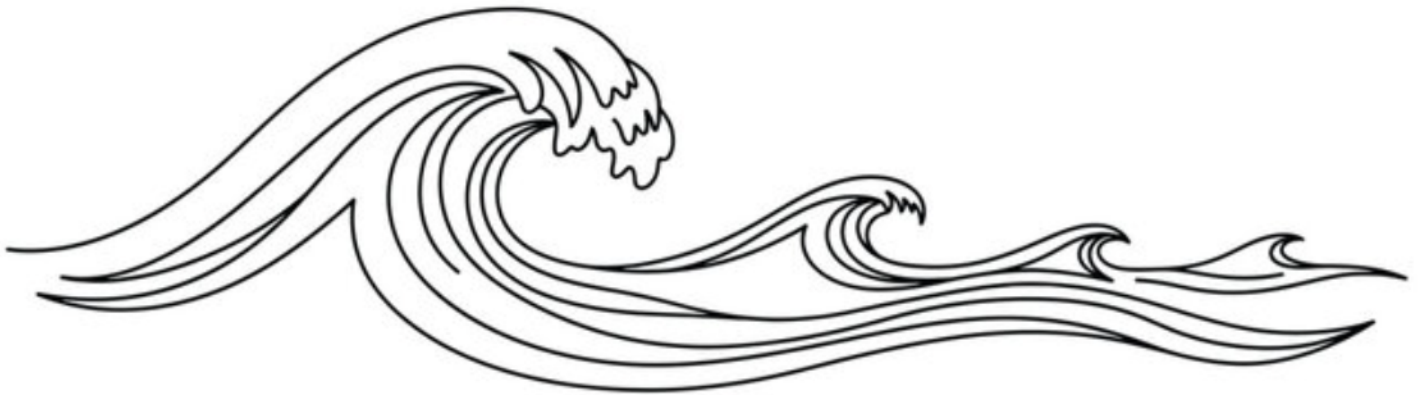


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Saint Andrew's
episcopal church

Holy Eucharist
Season of Creation
Year A



welcome!

Thank you for joining us today!

- **Everything you need for worship can be found in this booklet;** the congregation says the text in **bold**.
- At Saint Andrew's, **children are included in all aspects of our worship service;** we welcome their presence and all the sounds that come with it! There is a **changing table available** in our nursery; exit the sanctuary at the front and proceed down the hallway.
- **ALL are invited to the Lord's table,** regardless of where you come from, what you believe, or who you love.
- **Masks are optional,** but please **be considerate** of those who choose to mask. **Stay home if you are sick,** and get **vaccinated** ASAP!
- **Ushers** are in the narthex at the back of the sanctuary and are happy to answer any questions. Please note that **services are livestreamed and posted on our website.** If you have any questions, please speak with an usher.

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Prelude As Offered

Gathering Hymn – See Insert *All stand as able*

Remain standing as able

Celebrant Blessed be the One who creates all things
People **The Holy One's love is new every morning**

**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.**

Song of Praise

The musical score for the Song of Praise consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system has the following lyrics:

Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry be to God on high!
¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tur - as a Dios!

The second system has the following lyrics:

And on earth be peace to the peo - ple in whom God is well pleased.
Y en la tie - rra paz pa - ra a - que - llos . . . que a - ma el Se - ñor.

Collect of the Day – See Insert *All stand as able*

First Reading – See Insert *All may be seated*

Psalm – See Insert *All remain seated*

Second Reading – See Insert *All remain seated*

Gospel Acclamation

All stand as able



Holy Gospel – See Insert *All stand as able*

Sermon

Nicene Creed *All stand as able*

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 *Remain standing as able*

Leader In the beginning, the Spirit of God hovered over the waters.
The water that God called into being is at the heart of all that lives.
Mindful of the many ways water affects our lives, let us pray for our waters and for the life of
the world around us.

Silence

Leader God, Giver of life,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader I ask your prayers for all people of faith, and for the transformations in their lives that are
marked by the sacredness of water; at the Red Sea, in the Jordan River, in ritual baths, in the
washing of feet, and in Holy Baptism.

Silence

Leader God, Giver of life,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader I ask your prayers for the leaders of nations, corporations, and communities around the
world, that they may exercise wise stewardship over the waters of their lands, so that all
people may have clean water to drink and may live free from waterborne diseases.

Silence

Leader God, Giver of life,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader I ask your prayers for the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We also pray for
our companion dioceses of Brechin, Eswatini, and Nzara. We pray for Trinity Cush Episcopal
Church and the Darfur Community of Iowa. We pray for the people of the Nuba Mountains,
Blue Nile, Darfur, and South Sudan. We pray for Ukraine, Palestine, and all other countries
afflicted by war. May peace come upon them. Let us pray for our own needs and those of
others, naming aloud or silently those printed on the prayer list in the bulletin insert.

Silence

Leader God, Giver of life,
People **Hear our prayer**

Leader I ask your prayers for the wisdom to shape creative solutions to conflicts over water in
the dry places of our planet, and for justice and peace in desert lands.

Silence

Leader God, Giver of life,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader I ask your prayers for all the waters of the earth; for oceans and seas, for rivers and streams,
for lakes and ponds, for watersheds, marshes, and swamps, for the waters beneath the
ground; and for all creatures that live in the waters of the earth.

Silence

Leader God, Giver of life,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader I ask your prayers for all who travel or work at sea or on inland waterways.
Silence

Leader God, Giver of life,
People Hear our prayer.

Leader I ask your prayers for all afflicted with too much water in flood or tsunami, storm or ice; and for those people and creatures who suffer as glaciers and ice floes melt and shrink.
Silence

Leader God, Giver of life,
People Hear our prayer.

Leader I ask your prayers for all who have died and for all who mourn, that their tears of grief may be turned to wellsprings of joy.
Silence

Leader God, Giver of life
People Hear our prayer

Celebrant Blessed God, fountain of life; Grant that we may see all water as holy, and so protect and preserve the waters of the earth and the life they sustain. In the name of Christ, the living water, we pay.
People Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and God's creation.
Silence

All Holy and merciful God, we confess that we have failed to honor you by rightly claiming our kinship with your creatures. We have walked heavily on your earth, overused and wasted its resources, taken for granted its beauty and abundance, and treated its inhabitants unjustly, holding future generations hostage to our greed. Have mercy on us and forgive our sin. Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as you desire and intend, with grateful and compassionate hearts, through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, Amen.

Celebrant 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.
People Amen.

The Peace *Remain standing as able*

Celebrant Peace with yourself.
Peace with Creation.
Peace with one another.
The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people exchange signs of peace.

Celebrations *All may be seated*

We pray for persons desiring prayer for special celebrations, such as anniversaries of birth, baptism, marriage, etc. Persons may identify themselves and come to the front or stay where they are for the prayer and blessing.

All **O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as they celebrate. Grant that they may continue to grow in wisdom and love, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offerings may be made at standrewsdsm.org/give or may be deposited in the plate and/or Orange Bucket to support organizations combatting hunger in Iowa.

Offertory – See Insert

Great Thanksgiving *All stand as able*

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to God.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We should always remember to thank you, Creator God, our Root and Source of life. For you brought light and life into the world, you made the wind your messenger, and you commanded the sun. You have created the little blue stem and the blazing star, you made the monarch butterfly and the bald eagle, and you created us to live upon the earth as neighbors to all living things. You yourself lived upon the earth in the person of Christ Jesus, and by becoming one of us, you showed us the way of love. Like the roots of your prairie grasses, in Christ you are deeply dug into the earth to be our foundation and anchor.

For all this we give thanks and praise, joining together with the voices of all your saints who have lived the way of love, as we sing this hymn that proclaims your glory.

Sanctus



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of



hosts, Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo - ry, Ho -



-san - na in the high - est, Bless-ed is He who comes in the



name of the Lord, of the Lord, Ho - san - na



in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

Creator and Source of life, we are grateful that in love you made us part of your creation, but like the branch that separates from the vine, we turned away from you. We have forgotten to live the way of love, as neighbors to your people and to the natural world. When the time was right, in faithful love you sent your son, Jesus, to teach us the way back to you. Just as fire in the prairie restores new life, Jesus baptized us with the fire of the Holy Spirit, offered his own body on the cross and restored all creation to new life in you.

On the night before he died, Jesus taught his disciples, saying, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." He took bread, broke it, gave thanks, and shared it with them saying, "Take and eat, this is my Body, given for you and for all. Do this to remember me."

He also taught them saying, "I am the vine and you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit."

He took the cup of wine, gave thanks and shared it with his friends, saying, "Take and drink, this is my Blood, shed for you and for all. Do this to remember me."

Together, let us tell of the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering Jesus' life and death, and celebrating our place in salvation, we offer these gifts of bread and wine, as a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. They were made with human hands from the gifts of your creation. We also offer ourselves, a living sacrifice, to be your people.

Send your Spirit on these gifts, to be for us the Body and Blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Spirit on us, also, that we may be a Sacrament to the world. Strengthen us to be branches of the Vine, bearing fruit as the hands of Christ, healing the earth and all of your people. Give us hope in the promise that you will bring all creation to fulfillment through Jesus Christ our savior.

We ask all of these things through your Son Jesus Christ. Through him and through the Holy Spirit, the breath of all creation, all honor and glory belong to you, Creator God, throughout all time and forever.

All say loudly: **Amen.**

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

All then pray preferred translation of the Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant This is Living Bread, given for all Creation.
People All who eat this bread share in Christ's Body.

All are invited to come forward for communion, sanitizing hands, forming a line. The **wine will be offered in the common cup** (wiping and turning after each use). **Intinction will also be available using a separate bowl and non-alcoholic wine.** The **fullness of communion** is available by receiving both or either the bread and wine. **If you would like a blessing** instead of bread and wine, please cross your arms over your chest. All are encouraged to participate (or not!) in the way that makes them **most comfortable**.

Communion Hymn – See Insert

Sending Out of Eucharistic Visitors *All stand as able*

Celebrant In the name of Saint Andrew's, I 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.

People **We, who are many, are one body, for we all share one bread, one cup.**

Post Communion Prayer *All stand as able*

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God, that the gifts of your Spirit may work in us and renew the face of the earth. May we be one with you so that our work is yours and your work is ours. Lead us to transform our lives to reflect your glory in Creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.**

Announcements

Blessing *All standing, a priest may offer this or another blessing:*

Celebrant Go forth now to care for God's world. Use resources wisely. Share your knowledge. Sacrifice where necessary. Live in harmony with all creation. Go out into all the world as prophets of a new way of living and preach the good news to all.

And the blessing of the Creator God, the Risen Son, and the Promised Holy Spirit bless you that you might be a blessing to others today and always.

People **Amen.**

Closing Hymn – See Insert *All stand as able*

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into all Creation, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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Season of Creation Liturgy

Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church is participating in the global Christian observance of the Season of Creation, celebrated annually from September 1 through October 4. Rt. Rev. Betsey Monnot has approved the liturgy used in today's service. **This sacred season offers an opportunity for our parish community to deepen its understanding of God as Creator and to renew its commitment to environmental stewardship.** It affirms that we are co-creatures within God's creation, called to care for the Earth with love, responsibility, and faithfulness.

The Year A theme, "**Living Water,**" provides a powerful theological and spiritual framework for worship, formation, and action within our parish life.

Wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish once these waters reach there. It will become fresh, and everything will live where the river goes. On the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food and their leaves for healing.
Ezekial 47:9, 12

During this season, we:

- **Celebrate** God's life-giving presence, which flows outward, restoring even barren and damaged places
- **Recognize** that the faithful are called to step into this living water, becoming instruments of healing
- **Affirm** that renewal is not limited to individuals but extends to the whole created order
- **See** worship as a source of life that flows outward into the world
- **Connect** Eucharistic life with care for creation
- **Respond** to God's call through faith expressed in action



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