

September 15, 2024 - Proper 19B
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Prayer Rite II

Opening Hymn: Just a Closer Walk with Thee

LEVAS #72

1. I am weak but thou art strong;
2. Through this world of toil and snares,
3. When my fee - ble life is o'er,

Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with thee,

1. Je - sus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be sat - is - fied as
2. If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my bur - den
3. Time for me will be no more; Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly

Refrain: Grant it, Je - sus, is my plea, Dai - ly walk - ing close to

D.C. for Refrain

1. long As I walk, let me walk close to thee.
2. shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
3. o'er To Thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.

Refrain: thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

The Officiant begins with a sentence of Scripture

The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for the Father seeketh such to worship him. *John 4:23*

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, standing or kneeling

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.

The Officiant stands and says

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

The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

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.

Except in Lent, add Alleluia.

Officiant and People

Venite (*Psalm 95:1-7*)

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.*
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Psalm 116:1-8 (St. Helena Psalter)

- 1 I love you, O God, because you have heard the voice of my supplication, *
because you have inclined your ear to me whenever I called upon you.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon your holy Name: *
“O God, I pray you, save my life.”
- 4 Gracious are you and righteous; *
you are full of compassion.
- 5 You watch over the innocent; *
I was brought very low, and you helped me.
- 6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, *
for God has treated you well.
- 7 For you, O God, have rescued my life from death, *
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.
- 8 I will walk in the presence of God, *
in the land of the living.

The Lessons

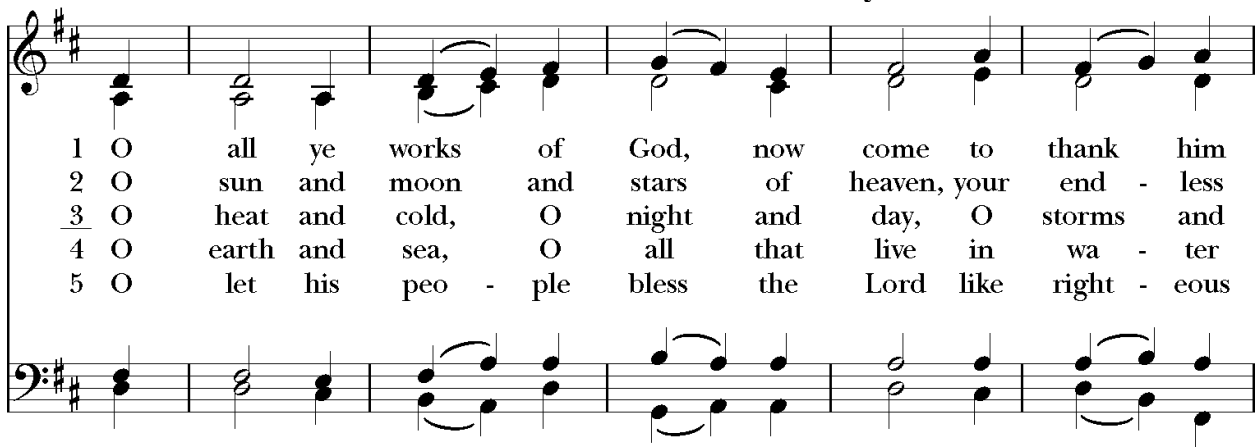
A Reading from Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens--wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

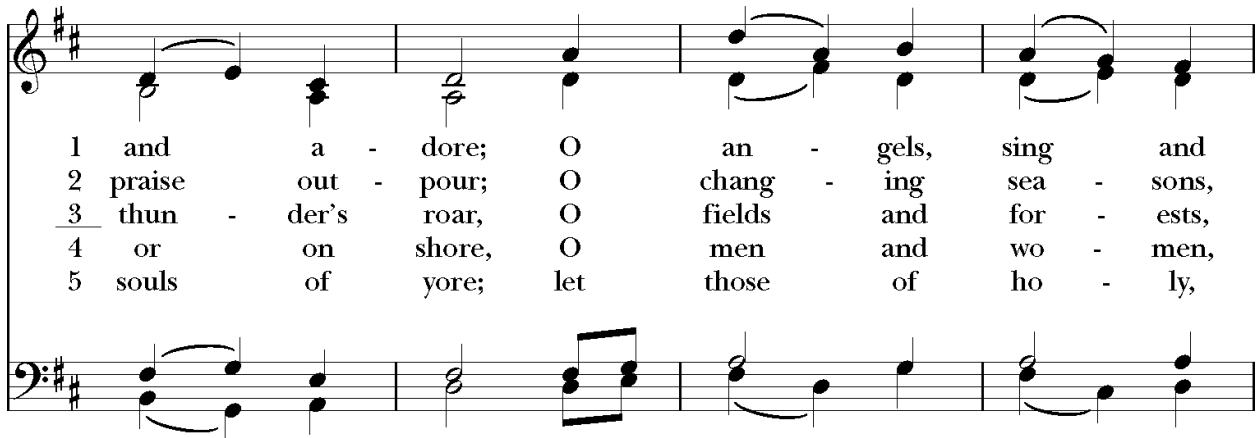
Reader The Word of the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

Canticle 12

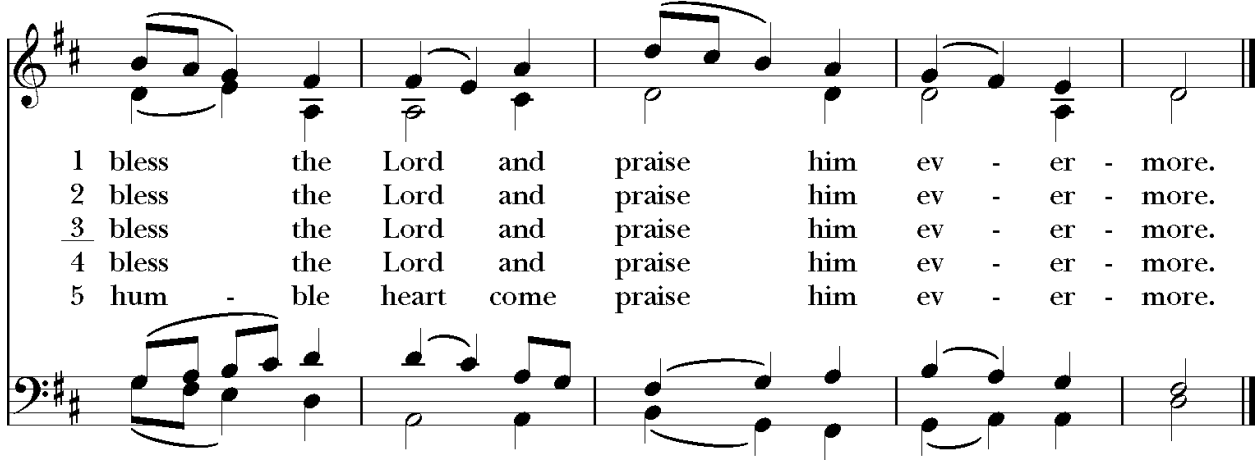
Hymnal 1982 # 428



1 O all ye works of God, now come to thank him
2 O sun and moon and stars of heaven, your end - less
3 O heat and cold, O night and day, O storms and
4 O earth and sea, O all that live in wa - ter
5 O let his peo - ple bless the Lord like right - eous



1 and a - dore; O an - gels, sing and
2 praise out - pour; O chang - ing sea - sons,
3 thun - der's roar, O fields and for - ests,
4 or on shore, O men and wo - men,
5 souls of yore; let those of ho - ly,



1 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
2 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
3 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
4 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
5 hum - ble heart come praise him ev - er - more.

6 So let us glorify and bless
the God we bow before,
the Father, Holy Spirit, Son,
and praise him evermore.

A Reading from James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

Canticle 19

Hymnal 1982 #533

1 How won - drous and great thy works, God of praise!
2 To na - tions of earth thy light shall be shown;

How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!
their wor - ship and vows shall come to thy throne:

O who shall not fear thee, and hon - or thy Name?
thy truth and thy judg - ments shall spread all a - broad,

Thou on - ly art ho - ly, thou on - ly su - preme.
till earth's ev - ery peo - ple con - fess thee their God.

A Reading from Mark 8:27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Message: “*The Old Spiritual Proclaims*” by Wayne Ray. Used with permission from Sermons that Work, a division of The Episcopal Church

Offertory Hymn: Just As I Am LEVAS #137

1. Just as I am, without one plea, But
 2. Just as I am, though tossed about With
 3. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Sight
 4. Just as I am, thou wilt receive; Wilt
 5. Just as I am, thy love unknown Has
 6. Just as I am, of thy great love The

1. that thy blood was shed for me,
 2. many-a conflict, many-a doubt;
 3. riches, healing of the mind,
 4. welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,
 5. broken every barrier down;
 6. breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,

1. And that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O
 2. Fightings and fears within, without, O
 3. Yea, all I need in thee to find, O
 4. Because thy promise I believe, O
 5. Now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O
 6. Here for a sea-son, then above: O

Lamb of God, I come, I come.

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

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

The people stand or kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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 for ever. Amen.

Suffrages B

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects

The Collect of the Day

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

*At this time I invite your Prayers and Thanksgivings
to be shared aloud or quietly in your heart*

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Announcements

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Officiant Let us pray.

Closing prayer

Closing Hymn: I have decided to follow Jesus

LEVAS #136

1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus,
2. Though no one join me, still I will fol - low,
3. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me,

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2. Though no one join me, still I will fol - low,
3. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me,

No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back!
(no turn - ing back,)

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

Thanks go out to those who participated in today's service:

Presider: Michelle Everman
Reader: Jackie Skinner
Sacristans: Judy Doyen and Joan Goolsby
Music: Mr. Josh Howell
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St. Andrew Leadership

Ministers – The Congregation
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Jr. Warden – Doug Goolsby
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Vestry Member – Barb Austin
Vestry Member - Beverly Howell

Welcome to St. Andrew Episcopal Church

We are glad you are with us today. Our Lord Jesus Christ promised that whenever two or three are gathered in his name, he will be in their midst. We extend a special welcome to all our guests and visitors. You have honored us with your presence. Please sign our guest book located in the Fellowship Hall by the entrance door. If you would like to learn more about St. Andrews, please feel free to speak with anyone around you.

St. Andrews Mission Statement

St. Andrew provides a loving Christian environment, welcoming all people. We embrace one another in our daily quest to accept God's love, and with joyful hearts do God's work in the world, in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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Holy Eucharist Sunday at 10:00 AM
Bible Study Wednesday at 12:00 Noon

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