

November 19, 2023
Proper 28A - The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Prayer Rite II

Opening Hymn: 1982 Hymnal #680 – O God, our help in ages past

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;

1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." *Psalm 122:1*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all 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 says

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all your 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 as able.

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. Alleluia!

Officiant and People

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

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!

Then follows,

Psalm 90:1-8, 12

1 Lord, you have been our refuge *

from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, *

from age to age you are God.

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *

"Go back, O child of earth."

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *

and like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep us away like a dream; *

we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *

in the evening it is dried up and withered.

7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
 we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
 8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *
 and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
 12 So teach us to number our days *
 that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

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.

The Lessons

A reading from the Book of Zephaniah (1:7,12-18)

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Canticle 9: Surely it is God who saves me 1982 Hymnal #679

1 Sure - ly it is God who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not
 2 Make his deeds known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed
 fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing
 Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his
 help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -
 might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with
 va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -
 you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the
 liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
 great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians (5:1-11)

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

Canticle 21: Holy God we praise thy name

1982 Hymnal #366 vs. 1-4



1 Ho - ly God, we praise thy Name, Lord of all, we bow be - fore thee;
2 Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;
3 Lo, the a - po - sto - lic train join, thy sa - cred Name to hal - low;
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spi - rit, Three we name thee,
*5 Christ, thou art our glo - rious King, Son of God en - throned in splen - dor;



1 all on earth thy scep - ter claim, all in heaven a - bove a - dore thee;
2 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim, in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing,
3 pro - phets swell the loud re - frain, and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low;
4 while in es - sence on - ly One, un - di - vi - ded God we claim thee;
5 but de - liv - er - ance to bring thou all hon - ors didst sur - ren - der,



1 in - fi - nite thy vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.
2 fill the heavens with sweet ac - cord: ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
3 and, from morn till set of sun, through the Church the song goes on.
4 then, a - dor - ing, bend the knee and con - fess the mys - ter - y.
5 and wast of a vir - gin born hum - bly on that bless - ed morn.



Matthew 25:11-30

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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

The Message

Miss Jackie Skinner

Offertory Hymn: 1982 Hymnal #59 – Hark a thrilling voice is sounding

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par-don down from heaven;
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
5 with the ev - er - last-ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing as able

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 as able

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Suffrages A

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Collect of the Day

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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.

A Collect for Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings are offered at this time

Then, the prayer for mission is added

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.

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 ourselves 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

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Then is said

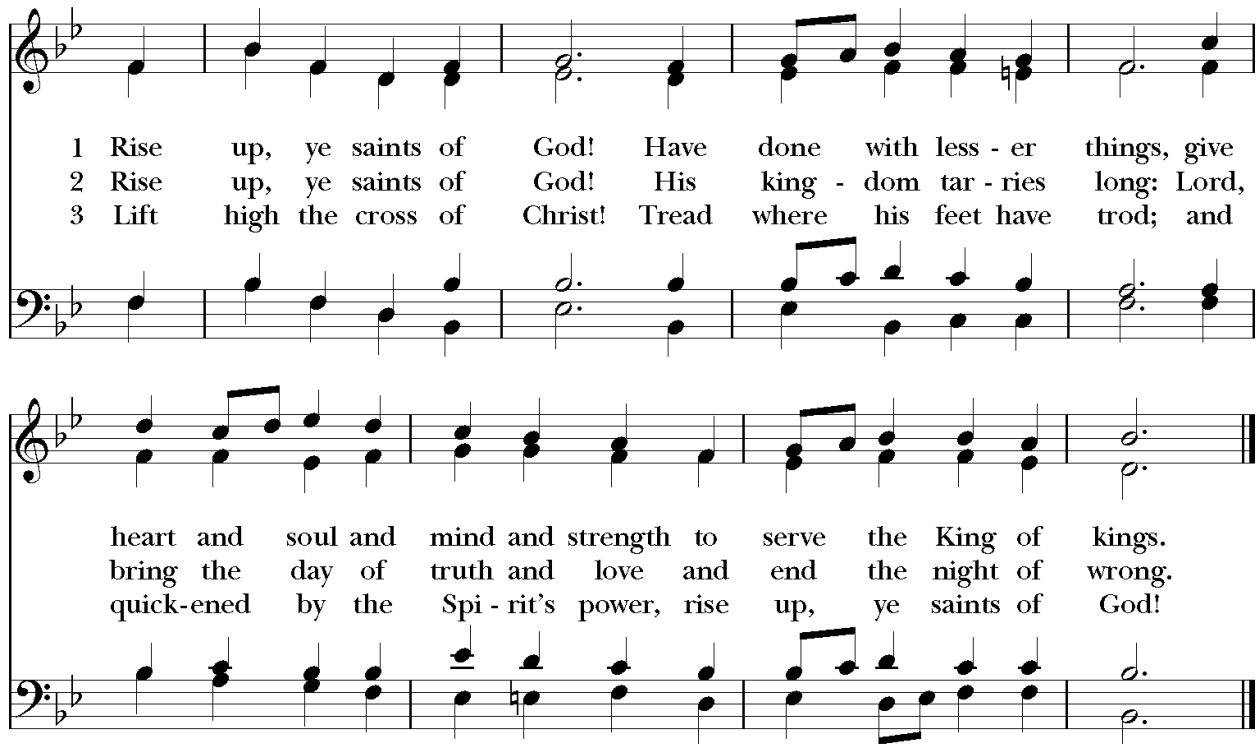
Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Announcements

The Officiant concludes with the following

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen. *2 Corinthians 13:14*

Sending Hymn: 1982 Hymnal #551 – Rise up, ye saints of God



1 Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with less - er things, give
2 Rise up, ye saints of God! His king - dom tar - ries long: Lord,
3 Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod; and

heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.
bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.
quick-ened by the Spi - rit's power, rise up, ye saints of God!

Thanks to those who participated in today's service

Officiant: Jackie Skinner

Reader: Barb Austin

Sacristans: Judy Doyen, Sandy Whitmire

Music: Josh Howell

Internet Technology: Doug Goolsby

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR NOVEMBER 12, 2023

Pray for those who are ill or otherwise in need

Josh & Beverly Howell, Lotta Westlund, Susan Nye, Barb Austin, Merrilyn Walraven, Gerry & Marirose Rehagen, Patti Moore, Boughner Family, Truax Family, Brad & Maureen Derenzy, Bill Skinner, Richard Williams, Katie Coppernoll, Carol Greene, Michael Coonan, Samantha Hines, Mary Stafford, Linda Lucas, David Doyen, Laura Morris, Myra Morris, Donald Polla & Family, Darin Polla & Family, Kevin Underwood, Anthony Santini, Rev. Karen Thompson, Wendy McCallum, Ramona Skinner, Jim Reinhardt, Dani K., Thelma (Brig) Fuller, Debbie Casteale, Frank Fsadni, Steve Ames, Danielle Lawrence, Mary Stafford, Kathryn Rakich, Derek P., Leslie, Merhdad

All who are grieving from the loss of a loved one.

Peace in Ukraine and the rest of the world

The Victims of gun violence

Pray for our Church

The Most Rev. Michael Curry - Presiding Bishop
Julia Ayala Harris - President of the House of Deputies
The Standing Committee of the Diocese
The Rev. Pamela Lenartowicz - Priest-in-charge
The Vestry and Lay leaders of the Parish
Our Parish Family

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Paul's, Gladwin – Frank Bisogni, Sr. Warden
Trinity, Niles – Kathy Davies, Sr. Warden

Pray for our Country

President Joseph Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris
Governor Gretchen Whitmer and Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist
Our National and State Congresses
Our Military men and women throughout the world

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 12, 2023

NO BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK

ANGEL TREE

The gifts need to be returned to the church by today as Sharon will pick them up tomorrow. Thank you to all those who have participated in this ministry.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Thank you to all those who have already returned your pledges. This makes the work for the finance committee much easier! We will be blessing your pledges next **Sunday, November 26 at the 10:00 service.**

VESTRY MEETING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26 FOLLOWING THE SERVICE

CHRISTMAS PARTY

We will be holding a parish Christmas Party on **Saturday, December 2, at 5:00 pm** here at the church. The church will provide the turkey, coffee & tea. Please bring a dish to pass and a beverage of your choice (adult beverages are welcome). There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Hewitt Hall.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

The fourth annual ceremony will take place at Fairview Cemetery on **December 16, 2023 beginning at Noon.**

Laying of the wreaths will follow the ceremony. Participating cemeteries include Fairview, St. Mary, Resurrection, Bagley, and St. Thomas. Simply show up if you want to participate.

CHRISTMAS EVE

This year Christmas Eve falls on Sunday. We will have our usual Sunday morning service at 10:00 am – The 4th Sunday of Advent, and then we will hold our **Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 pm.**

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Welcome to St. Andrew Episcopal Church

We are glad you are with us today. We extend a special welcome to all our guests and visitors. You have honored us with your presence. If you would like to learn more about St. Andrews, please feel free to speak with anyone around you.

St. Andrew 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.

Services

Holy Eucharist Sunday at 10:00 AM
Noonday Prayers and Bible Study on Wednesday at 12:00 Noon

If you are in need of Pastoral services Rev. Pam Lenartowicz can be reached by calling the church at 989-732-4163 or her cell phone at 989-858-6199.

St. Andrew Leadership

Ministers – The Congregation
Priest-in-Charge - The Rev. Pamela Lenartowicz
Administrative Assistant – Ms. Susan Nye
Sr. Warden - Mr. Josh Howell
Jr. Warden – Mr. Doug Goolsby
Clerk - Ms. Susan Nye
Treasurer/Vestry Member – Miss Jackie Skinner
Vestry Member - Mrs. Beverly Howell
Vestry Member – Ms. Nadine Fortier
Vestry Member – Ms. Barb Austin

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