



# St. Andrew's will resume in-person worship on Sunday, August 1, 2021.

We are excited to begin our return to regular worship and ask for your patience and understanding during this transitional period.

*Please be aware that a mask is required while indoors at St. Andrew's regardless of your vaccination status.*

## A PHASED RE-OPENING of in-person worship

*Unless otherwise noted, services will be held weekly starting on the date listed.*

### JULY

**Wednesday, July 28**

7:00 AM Holy Eucharist

*Resumes in the Chapel*

**Friday, July 30**

12:15 PM Holy Eucharist

*Resumes in the Church*

### AUGUST

**Sunday, August 1**

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist

*Begins in the Church*

**PLEASE NOTE:** This service will only be held from August 1 - September 5. It will be spoken, without hymns or music.

### SEPTEMBER

**Wednesday, Sept. 8**

6:00 PM Evensong

*Resumes in the Church*

**Sunday, September 12**

8 / 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

*Resumes in the Church*

9:15 AM Family Service

*Resumes in the Chapel*

**Sunday, September 19**

8:00 PM Compline

*Resumes in the Church*

Compline will be sung the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

## WHAT TO INITIALLY EXPECT

**Masks will need to be worn while inside the church and should be removed only for communion.** A supply of masks and hand sanitizer will be available at the doors.

**Wafers will be used for the communion bread.** Wine will not be offered. Communion will be distributed at the foot of the chancel steps.

**Offering plates will be placed in the aisle to receive your offering** as you come to communion or you can give online at [standrewsaa.weshareonline.org](http://standrewsaa.weshareonline.org).

**A bulletin will be produced for each service.** Hymnals and Prayer Books have temporarily been removed from the Sanctuary.

**These measures are designed to protect all of us,** especially those unable to take the COVID-19 vaccine, and may change as the public health situation in Washtenaw County evolves.

## VIRTUAL SERVICE OPTIONS

**Through September 5:** Pre-recorded services of Morning Prayer with hymns and music will be available on YouTube each Sunday. 'Service Links' emails with the eService Bulletin will be sent to the parish on Saturday mornings.

**Starting September 12:** A livestream of the 10:00 am Holy Eucharist will be available on YouTube each Sunday. The bulletin will be available on our website but not emailed to the parish weekly.

### LEARN MORE

St. Andrew's Phase 3: Re-Opening: [standrewsaa.org/phase3.html](http://standrewsaa.org/phase3.html)

EDOMI Re-entry plan: [edomi.org/covid-19-guidelines](http://edomi.org/covid-19-guidelines)

▶ [WATCH THE SERVICE](#) at 10:00 am

Use our [Morning Prayer text](#) or follow the Book of Common Prayer, pg. 75.

▶ **COFFEE HOUR** on Zoom at 10:45 am

**Prelude:** *Temp di Menuetto (Sonata, Op. 49 no. 2)* Ludwig von Beethoven  
(1770-1827)

**Hymn:** *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

Hymnal, no. 616

1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,  
3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,  
4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;  
5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;

1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!  
2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;  
3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:  
4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;  
5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:

1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;  
2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,  
3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;  
4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;  
5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.  
3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.  
4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.  
5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

## Opening Sentences

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 77

## Grace and Peace

### Preces

Hymnal, no. S-33  
Book of Common Prayer, pg. 80

### Invitatory: *Venite*

Hymnal, no. S-35  
Book of Common Prayer, pg. 80

## Psalm 23

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

### First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Shirley Harden

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be

saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

**Canticle 16:** *The Song of Zechariah*

Hymnal, no. S-248  
Book of Common Prayer, pg. 92

**The Gospel:** Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Shirley Harden

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

**Sermon**

Eric Braun, Seminarian Intern

In the Name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

*Do We See The Possible?*

When I tell people what I’ve been doing with my life for the last four years, they usually look at me a little sideways and say: “Really?”

Yes, really. I’m studying to be a priest. It turns out that’s a thing that people do, really. Depending on their connection with the church, we might share stories about how they grew up, or their memories of church, or their favorite Bible story. Some people are more curious than others of course, and every once in a while, someone asks: “How do you know what to preach on?”

They seem a bit disappointed at the answer, because the truth is... I don’t know. I never know.

Oh, there are broad themes of course, and depending on the time of the church year, I can guess the kinds of things that might be at the front of my

mind, but I try very hard not to “know” what I’m going to preach on before I actually do. Even now... Sure, I have notes written on these pages, but there’s no guarantee that what I wrote and what I say will end up being the same thing. I’d say... 70/30. Okay... 60/40.

There’s an element of mystery to preaching, because not all of it is up to me. What I will do, is go through all the readings for the week, and I’ll see what jumps out at me, or if a theme presents itself. The truth is, that I will go where the Holy Spirit leads me, more often than not, that’s the right call.

Looking at today’s readings, you’d be forgiven if you somehow thought that it was Good Shepherd Sunday. But, you’re all good Episcopalians, you’ve checked the calendar, and you know that it’s not. Still, the readings do seem to line up, don’t they? We have the text of perhaps the best known psalm in the world, where the very first line establishes how we might want to think of our relationship with the Lord. “The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.”

The prophet Jeremiah certainly doesn’t mince words. Much like the psalm appointed for today, Jeremiah uses that familiar, archetypal imagery of shepherds to help the people of Jerusalem remember that God will always look after them: “...and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.”

Mark’s gospel even continues the theme, as Jesus immediately recognizes that the crowds who are following him are hungry to learn more about him, “Because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.”

I have a certain fondness for Mark’s gospel, because he cuts to the chase. Short, declarative statements that center on the actions Jesus and the disciples take. Luke doesn’t waste a lot of time and space. Jesus in Mark’s gospel is dynamic. He’s on a mission, and this lends a sense of excitement to the whole story as Mark tells it. But notice... Mark doesn’t tell us what specific things Jesus taught. It’s enough to say simply, he did, and we’re invited into the story to imagine what those things might be. This isn’t ancient history! We’re invited to experience it now!

As I said, I try to approach the text with a fresh pair of eyes each time I write. One of the things I was taught to do to help with that, is read a little bit before and after the assigned readings, just to make sure I’m not missing an important detail. However, this week when I went through the text, I noticed something in the middle of the readings that cried out for some closer scrutiny. There’s the Holy Spirit pointing in the right direction.

Today's portion of the gospel starts with chapter 6, verse 30 and everything goes along for a bit, when we suddenly jump from verse 34, all the way to verse 53. So naturally, I had to do a little digging into what was missing. Figuring that out was easy. We have the feeding of the five-thousand, and Jesus walking on water. Now, let me say, if I were thinking of compelling stories to tell potential new believers about Jesus, those are precisely the kinds of things I would include to amaze the audience, and let them know just how powerful Jesus was, so the teacher in me is wondering why these things were skipped.

I thought about this for a long while. Again, thanks to a little nudge from the Holy Spirit, I think it might be this: Sometimes, the 'miraculous' actually takes us out of a moment. We're so astonished with the idea that Jesus walked on the sea that we're not thinking of what it means. Or, we're suddenly trying to work out just how five loaves and two fishes can feed thousands. That's our human nature. We're looking for a reason not to believe... any excuse for us to say inwardly or out loud, "That's impossible."

But, as I say, Jesus has things to do. He's not concerned with how. He just knows what needs to be done. If you look at the beginning, and the end of the gospel reading today, we see something important. We begin with Jesus bringing the disciples together, and because of the crowds that soon appear, it becomes clear that their ministry is working. People are seeking out this unusual man, and this amazing message, because they know that by being in his presence, they will be made whole.

What matters is being in relationship with Jesus. Sharing space, and intentionally sharing time with him. That's when the healing, feeding, and lasting transformation is possible. We're not told what diseases are cured, or anything about those people, because in this instance, knowing all that extra information would be a distraction. Because we're not concerned with labels and limitations, we're invited to imagine the crowd on the lake shore and in the countryside for ourselves. That's a tremendous gift because it allows us to see Jesus in action. He is there for them, where he needs to be, no matter who, no matter why, and no matter how. Jesus is there.

They are anyone.

They are everyone.

They are us. And Jesus is with us, too.

**Apostles Creed**

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 96

**The Prayers**

## Collect of the Day

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**Anthem:** *Bless this House*

May Brahe (1884-1956)

John McLaughlin, Tenor

*Bless this house, O Lord, we pray, Make it safe by night and day;  
Bless these walls, so firm and stout, Keeping want and trouble out;  
Bless the roof and chimneys tall, Let Thy peace lie over all;  
Bless this door, that it may prove Ever open to joy and love.  
Bless these windows shining bright, Letting in God's heavenly light;  
Bless the hearth ablazing there, With smoke ascending like a prayer;  
Bless the people here within, Keep them pure and free from sin;  
Bless us all that we may be Fit, O Lord, to dwell with Thee,  
Bless us all that we one day May dwell, O Lord, with Thee.*

**General Thanksgiving**

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 101

**Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

**Concluding Versicle**

Hymnal, no. S-54

Closing Hymn: *Savior Like a Shepherd Lead us*

Hymnal, no. 708

1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy  
2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;  
learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,

for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!  
with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.  
Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

Postlude: *Allegro, ma non troppo (Sonata, Op. 49 no. 2)*

Ludwig von Beethoven

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