



SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Sunday, August 16, 2020

Morning Prayer • Proper 15

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at 10:00 am

SERVICE LINK:

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Then join us for Coffee Hour on Zoom!

Sunday, August 16
at 10:45 am

Log-in information for this Zoom meeting can be found in the Saturday 'Service Links' email or you can send an email to Fr. Alan: agibson@standrewsaa.org.

We look forward to seeing you online!

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Help Food Gatherers fight hunger in our community!

Thank you for the generosity you have shown [Food Gatherers](#) over the years with donations of food and funds; as a result, we have been able to provide tens of thousands of meals.

Food Gatherers has seen food insecurity increase dramatically during the coronavirus pandemic. According to Food Gatherers, **40% of the people they are now providing with food had never before imagined needing help from a food bank.**

In lieu of our traditional fall food drive, St. Andrew's invites you to contribute to Food Gatherers via a much needed financial donation. ***Up to \$2,000 of our gifts will be matched by a couple from the parish so please be sure to put St. Andrew's on your memo line or use the following link!***

TO DONATE ONLINE:

give.foodgatherers.org/ge/standrews

TO CONTRIBUTE BY CHECK:

Make checks out to Food Gatherers with "St. Andrew's" on the memo line and send to:

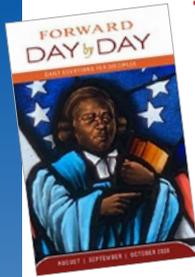


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Thank you,
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Announcements



The August-October edition of the “Forward Day by Day” devotional booklets are now available.

If you would like one sent to you, please send an email with your mailing address to:

agibson@standrewsaa.org,

or leave a message on the church voicemail at 734-663-0518, ext. 201.

If you requested the last edition you do not need to send another message. The current edition will be mailed to you.

The Breakfast at St. Andrew’s turns 38!

Thank you to all the volunteers, benefactors, and the Breakfast Director, Morgan Battle, who have helped this ministry provide a warm meal and fellowship since 1982. During the pandemic the Breakfast has switched to a take-out service. We deeply appreciate all those who have made it possible to continue serving our guests without missing a day.

Breakfast Donation Changes

Friends: *Please investigate a different place to donate your pop cans, clothing, shoes, blankets, calendars, stationary etc.* We kindly ask that you do not bring any unsolicited items to the building at this time.

Due to the limited volunteer presence and current take-out environment of the Breakfast, *we do not have the space or ability to distribute them to guests at this time.*

Thank you!

Morgan Battle and Kathy McPherson

Give Online with WeShare

Did you know you can pay your pledge or give a general offering to St. Andrew’s online? Visit <https://standrewsaa.weshareonline.org> to set up recurring or one-time donations!

Automatic Withdrawal of Offerings (ACH)

ACH withdrawal is made once per month, mid-month, and has the fewest service or transaction fees of any online giving option. If you are interested in establishing ACH as your giving method please visit <https://standrewsaa.org/donate.html> to learn more.

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Navigating this Service

A "full text" pdf of St. Andrew's Morning Prayer is available [HERE](#) or you can follow along with the service using the Book of Common Prayer, starting with page 75.

Prelude: *Simple Gifts*

arr. Jeanne Cotter

Opening Hymn: *From All that Dwells*

Hymnal, no. 380

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let
2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and
*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's
truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!
shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Opening Sentences

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 78

Confession

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 79

Preces

Hymnal, no. S-33

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 80

Invitatory

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 80

Venite

Hymnal, no. S-34
Book of Common Prayer, pg. 82

Psalm 67

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Old Testament: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant-- these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Canticle: *A Song of Creation*

Hymnal, no. S-228
Book of Common Prayer, pg. 88

The Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting,

“Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

Sermon

Fr. Alan Gibson

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

We’ve all had to adjust how we go about our daily living in order to protect our health. Things, like wearing masks, social distancing, limits on how many people we can be around, have gotten a lot of attention and some ugly push-back. But there is another adjustment that is just as important, that affects our spiritual health. It is perhaps even more difficult than those things that have caused protests and defiance in some quarters. For some people it has been the hardest thing to do during this pandemic: Asking for help.

I don’t think this is a uniquely American trait, but there is a strong veneration for the autonomy of the individual in our culture. In everything from Revolutionary War slogans like “Don’t Tread on Me,” to fictional radio and TV characters like the Lone Ranger, the self-sufficient individual standing against overwhelming forces has become an American icon. Being able to take care of yourself is something every human being should strive for, but everyone has their limits. No one is completely self-sufficient. Like so many other uncomfortable things, this is another one that the pandemic has laid bare. From getting food on our table, to a roof over our heads, to the assurance that someone cares about us – nothing can be taken for granted anymore. Which may mean we have to summon up the courage to ask for what we need, materially and emotionally. If we have built an image of ourselves as masters of our own souls, then asking can be tough. It might make us look weak, but probably in no one’s eyes but our own.

In this morning’s gospel we meet a woman who is anything but weak. She is someone with an extraordinarily developed sense of independence. She is an outsider, a Canaanite in a Jewish world, a very unwelcomed alien. She has worked hard to survive in a world that wishes she weren’t there and would not miss her if she were to disappear. From what Jesus and his

disciples say to her, she's obviously someone they would rather not see and definitely don't want to hear. They can't really get rid of her altogether, there are too many like her. But they can try to keep her at a safe, ignorable distance. But she won't be pushed aside. She is a mother who needs an answer, and she will be heard. Her daughter is sick and Jesus, this man whom she, a gentile, calls the "Son of David," is the only one who has the power to help. Her gods have let her down, answering her cries with impotent silence.

Of course, she's making a spectacle of herself. When she finally gets Jesus to acknowledge that she even exists, he does so with an insult, and a particularly crass one at that. He calls the Canaanite woman and her sick daughter, dogs, unclean animals who served the same purpose in the ancient world that our garbage disposals do today. But she doesn't let Jesus get away with that. She neither slinks away, nor lashes out in anger. She stands her ground and forces Jesus to treat her as he would anyone "formed in the image and likeness of God." She asks for things that few of us would ever articulate. But she doesn't simply ask, she demands a commitment, compassion, respect, and love -- from the one person she knows can give it, Jesus, the Son of David, the Son of God. Her background and heritage didn't tell her that. Something else was at work in her.

The urgency of her need gave her the ability to overcome any hang-ups she might have, and ask. The Canaanite woman would rather have heard, 'No' than to wonder, forever, if Jesus would help her child. One of the saddest things in the world is a person with a lifetime wasted with regrets, with questions never answered, needs never met, opportunities missed and hopes that died an early, unnatural death -- all because they never asked for help from those who could give it, or even from God. Christ's response to the Canaanite woman's faith was to grant her request.

This is a strange story that casts Jesus in a less than flattering light. Yet it reveals something as basic to humanity as our genetic makeup. If we want an answer to those most personal needs, we must overcome our pride, or whatever obstacle it is that holds us back. We must learn to ask and not be afraid to hear the answer. Asking is not a sign of weakness. It's our need for each other, and our ultimate need for God, that make us human.

"I need," may be two of the most difficult words for an adult to say. We risk being rejected. We risk being thought of as unable to take care of ourselves. Our pride may take a bruising, but we can be pretty sure that we'll have those same old needs for as long as we keep them to ourselves. Life is far too short to waste it wondering and waiting when all we have to do is ask.

Apostles Creed

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 96

The Prayers

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Voluntary: *What Wondrous Love*

arr. Jonathan Gardner

Jonathan Gardner, Guitar and Vocals; Melissa Gardner, Mandola

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul! That caused the Lord of bliss!
To bear the dreadful curse, For my soul, for my soul!*

*When I was sinking down, beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown For my soul, for my soul!
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing!*

*And while from death I'm free, I'll sing on and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on.*

General Thanksgiving

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 101

Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Concluding Versicle

Hymnal, no. S-54

Closing Hymn: *Christ is the World's True Light*

Hymnal, no. 542

1 Christ is the world's true Light, its Cap-tain of sal - va - tion,
2 In Christ all rac - es meet, their an-cient feuds for - get - ting,
3 One Lord, in one great Name u - nite us all who own thee;

the Day - star clear and bright of ev - ery race and na - tion;
the whole round world com - plete, from sun-rise to its set - ting;
cast out our pride and shame that hin-der to en - throne thee;

new life, new hope a - wakes, for all who own his sway;
when Christ is throned as Lord all shall for - sake their fear,
the world has wait - ed long, has tra - vailed long in pain;

free - dom her bond - age breaks, and night is turned to day.
to plough-share beat the sword, to prun - ing - hook the spear.
to heal its an - cient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

Postlude: *Morning*

Jeanne Cotter