



SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Sunday, June 21, 2020

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Dear friends:

Today is the day for our annual recognition of the dedicated volunteers who give so freely of themselves and their time to support the ministries of St. Andrew's Church. The help given at our weekly services, at events, receptions, answering phones, running meetings, working in the office, serving on committees, all sustain our parish family and make St. Andrew's a wonderful place. Even though the church building has been closed for the past three months much of this work and ministry continues, keeping the members of the parish connected, providing outreach to our community, and upholding the well-being of our church. In these past dozen years with you I have been continually grateful for the committed staff and volunteers who support each other in making St. Andrew's the thriving and engaged place many call their home. I can't say thank you enough, and how much I look forward to the day when our common work can be done face-to-face.

Today is also Father's Day. While the Covid-19 pandemic may not have dramatically changed how one goes about being a parent, I have heard that in these times, many fathers and mothers have had to alter the ways they spend their time with their children. It has also given them the opportunities to develop skills never before imagined by their own parents. So, to all you Zoomed-out dads (and moms), Thank You and God bless you.

And lastly, in a different world, today would have been the day our young pilgrims, their teachers and I would have returned from their Pilgrimage to San

Diego. Having to postpone this long-anticipated trip was one of the biggest disappointments of this season. Traveling with a purpose, in this case: Finding God in New Places, always makes travel so much more fun and challenging, but oh so interesting. Traveling with young people also adds many moments of enlightenment to a trip. I'll never forget seeing the expressions on young faces when they got their first sight of the Pacific Ocean, or when they discovered an oasis on a hot desert hike and jumped into a pool made by a natural spring. I'll always treasure the barrage of questions that comes from young persons after their first visit to a monastery and the joyful pandemonium in the kitchen that arises when they cook dinner together for the whole group. Unfortunately, none of this was able to happen last week, but Carol, the teachers and I hope to offer a fulfilling pilgrimage experience next year. Thank you for your support of these young people who worked so hard for this time to be with each other and God. We still look forward to it.

As we move further into the summer, I hope you will do all that you can to find time for refreshment and recreation, all the while staying as safe as you can. Our eService Bulletins and Church School Faith At Home will continue, as well as our Zoom Coffee Hours.

Starting June 28, we will begin livestreaming a service from the church at 10:00 am. While we can't open the church for this service you will be able to watch it on YouTube. Details will be sent out next week.

God bless, *Fr. Alan*

2019-2020

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITIONS

Leaders in Liturgy

ALTAR GUILD: Carmela Brown, Julie Case, Pam Dooley, Anna Dutton, Judy Dyer, Floice Frazer, Liz Frieze, Carol Himelhoch, Claire McLaughlin, Harry McLaughlin, Felicity Thompson, Sue Upton, Cathy Vaughan, Kay Wade, Susan Wakefield (*Director*), Bob Westveer, Jude Wilson, Kristine Wise, Paul Wise, Judy Woods

BREAD BAKERS: Carol Bennett, Nancy Borgeson, Kristin Hermanson Briegel, Roger King, Claire & Harry McLaughlin, Elaine Mouradian, Dennis & Jeanie Powers, Liz Sweet

LAY PREACHERS: Katherine Beck-Ei, Carol Bennett, Bob Westveer, Donna Wessel Walker, James White

8:00 Service

ACOLYTES: Elizabeth Calhoun (2009), Ann Garvin (2003), Dave Hunsche (2019)

INTERCESSORS: Elizabeth Calhoun, Margaret Faulkner, Ann Garvin, Steve Jones, Bryce Kelley, Olu Osuntuyi, Mary Porter, JoAn Wetzel

LECTORS: Elizabeth Calhoun, Margaret Faulkner, Ann Garvin, Suzy Heinzman, Steve Jones, Bryce Kelley, Olu Osuntuyi, John Riedel, Allan Stillwagon, Alice Sano Teachout, JoAn Wetzel, Paul Wise

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Elizabeth Calhoun, Pamela Dooley, Margaret Faulkner, Ann Garvin, Suzy Heinzman, David Hunsche, Bryce Kelley, Diane Long, Leigh Magnuson, JoAn Wetzel, Marcia Wilkinson, Kristine Wise, Paul Wise

USHERS: Elizabeth Calhoun, Jim Cooke, Lon Cooke, Ann Garvin, Suzy Heinzman, Bryce Kelley, Leigh Magnuson, Olu Osuntuyi, John Riedel, JoAn Wetzel

10:00 Service

ACOLYTES: Scott Gerstenberger (1975), *Acolyte Director*, Jonathan Crane (2004), Luke Thompson (2006), Chris Rochman (2008), Harry McLaughlin (2009), Jonathan Gardner (2010), Steve Feenstra (2011), George Dering (2013), Carol Bennett (2013), Minna Tremonti (2014), Ann Scott (2014), Anu Kolawole (2015), Bola Kolawole (2015), Vincent Tremonti (2016), Temi Kolawole (2016), Mahilet Ruitter-Feenstra (2017), Kaitlin McCreadie (2017), Dave Hunsche (2018), Elle McCreadie (2019), Leah Tremonti (2019), Beau Tennyson (2019)

INTERCESSORS: Mary Bates, Carol Bennett, Nancy Borgeson, Jackie Doneghy, Ann Garvin (*convener*), Aileen Gatten, Patricia Lyndale, Phil MacBride, Sharon MacBride, Rodger Piehl, Norm Richert, Suzanne Schluederberg, Donna Wessel Walker, Bob Westveer

LECTORS: Mary Bates, Carol Bennett, Nancy Borgeson, Billy Dering, George Dering, Jackie Doneghy, Aileen Gatten, Cindy Glovinsky, Shirley Harden, Mark Hildebrandt, Hilli Hockett, Steve Jones, Roger King, Anu Kolawole, Bola Kolawole, Temi Kolawole, Patricia Lyndale, Phil MacBride, Sharon MacBride, Barbara Mackey King, John McLaughlin, Jeanie Mack-Powers, Margaret Nesse, Rodger Piehl, Amy Porter, Norm Richert, Suzanne Schluederberg, Julia Sohn, Felicity Thompson, Luke Thompson, Michael Thouless, Larry Tweedle, Donna Wessel Walker, and *Church School Members*

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Carmela Brown, Bob & Mary Edwards, Charles Ferguson, Jonathan Gardner, Shirley Harden, Patricia Lyndale, Sharon & Phil MacBride, Harry McLaughlin, John McLaughlin, Norm Richert, JoAnn Socha, Leslie Stainton, Leah Tremonti, John Vaughn, Bob Westveer, James Wortley

USHERS: Patricia Bard, Stephanie Barker, Mary Bates, Katherine Beck-Ei, Nancy Borgeson, Kristin Hermanson Briegel, Rose Crandall, Billy Dering, George Dering, Monica Dering, Mary Edwards, Mary Clare Edwards, Ann Garvin, Elaine Gazda, Frank & Karen Gordon, Kurt & Liz Hagemester, Jim & Betsy Henrichs, Chris & Elizabeth Hoolehan, Sarah Inwood, Bola Kolawole, Temi Kolawole, Marjory Luther, Phil & Sharon MacBride, Judy & Roger Maugh, Elaine Mouradian, Chris Rochman, JoAnn Socha, Leslie Stainton, Sue & Joe Upton, George Watson, Allen Woodford

Leaders of Evensong

Celia Bridges, Deborah Friauff and the Junior Choir, Ann Garvin, Cindy Glovinsky, Shirley Harden, Leslie Stainton, Donna Wessel Walker, Jim Wessel Walker, Steven Whiting

Ministries & Committees

PARISH CALLERS: Patricia Bard, Jo Buchanan, Jackie Doneghy, Judy Dyer, Linda Hastings, Ginger Kinney, Julie Lewis, Marjory Luther, Sharon & Phil MacBride, Lucy & Norm Richert, Chris Rochman, Alice Sano, Suzanne Schluederberg, Georgiana Siehl, Felicity Thompson, Susan VanWagenen, Donna & Jim Wessel Walker, Leslie Weston, Bob Westveer

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FINANCE COMMITTEE: Julie Case, Alan Gibson, Kurt Hagemester, Chris Hoolehan, Dave Hunsche, Kathy McPherson, Norm Richert, Bruce Robinson, Kim Tucker-Gray, JoAn Wetzel, Ron Slone, John Riedel

OUTREACH PROJECTS: Patricia Bard, Carol Ferguson, Ann Garvin, Scott Gerstenberger, Ginger Kinney, Liz Sweet

STEWARDSHIP: Scott Gerstenberger, Norm Richert, Charles Carlson, Harry McLaughlin, Dave McCreadie, Derek Peterson, Kathy McPherson, Alan Gibson

THE VESTRY: Trent Collier, *Senior Warden*; Dave Hunsche, *Junior Warden*; Carmela Brown, *Secretary*; Norm Richert, *Treasurer*; JoAn Wetzel, *Asst. Treasurer*; Alan Gibson, Carol Bernard, Catherine Carver, Ransom Duncan, Judy Dyer, Sandra Murchison, Luke Thompson, David VanWagenen, Susan Wakefield, Jude Wilson

CONVENTION DELEGATES: Katherine Beck-Ei, Sarah Inwood, Margaret Wessel Walker

THE WELCOME COMMITTEE: Danielle Augsburg, Kathryn Barnes, Patricia Bard, the Rev. Sally Boelter, Jackie Doneghy, Carol Ferguson, Karen & Frank Gordon, Tom Grove, Chris & Beth Hoolehan, Sandra Jackson, Patricia Lyndale, Sharon MacBride, Sharon Morioka, Derek Peterson, Merilynne Rush, Ann Scott, Mary Wessel Walker, Bob Westveer, Allen Woodford

The Breakfast at St. Andrew's

The Breakfast at St. Andrew's would like to thank all its volunteers. We are grateful for all the time, talent, and treasure you give so freely. There are too many of you to name and we couldn't continue without every one of you!

Morgan Battle, *Director*
Susette Jaquette, *Volunteer Coordinator*

In the Church Office

Our sincere thanks to our finance and staff office volunteers: Stephanie Barker, Chris Bickley, Scott Gerstenberger, Claire McLaughlin, Sharon MacBride, Elaine Mouradian, Marcia Sojkowski, Susan VanWagenen, Bob Westveer, Mary Jane Williams

Our sincere thanks to our gardeners: Kay Kendall & Rudy Haertl, Julie Ritter, Angie Todd

Thank You!

Prelude: *Quatre Études: No. 1 Prélude* Jean Roger-Ducasse (1873-1954)

Hear the prelude as performed by Joel Hastings:
<https://youtu.be/mgr6pwAEmqM>

The Collect

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson: Jeremiah 20:7-13

O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

The Response: Psalm 69:8-11, 18-20

Hear the entire psalm as performed by the Choir of Gloucester Cathedral:
<https://youtu.be/qPwcmsRzPIk>

- 8 Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, *
and shame has covered my face.
- 9 I have become a stranger to my own kindred, *
an alien to my mother's children.
- 10 Zeal for your house has eaten me up; *
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.
- 11 I humbled myself with fasting, *
but that was turned to my reproach.
- 18 Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind; *
in your great compassion, turn to me.'
- 19 "Hide not your face from your servant; *
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.
- 20 Draw near to me and redeem me; *
because of my enemies deliver me.

The Epistle: Romans 6:1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

Anthem: *Crux Fidelis*

Jean Roger-Ducasse

Faithful cross, above all other, one and only noble tree: none in foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit thy peer may be. Sweetest wood and sweetest iron, sweetest weight is hung on thee!

Hear the anthem as performed by the Chester Cathedral Choir:
<https://youtu.be/WzpRVWvQGKI>

The Prayers

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sermon

Fr. Alan Gibson

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

Terror, denunciation, reproach, shame, loneliness, conflict, death.

Are you still with me? These are some of the causes for fear mentioned in today's scriptures. (Along with a less threatening fear of thinning hair.) Jeremiah, the Psalmist, Paul, and Matthew all put names to things that make us afraid. These causes were not unique to them or their time. We have had our own experience of these and can add some of our own. Lately, I find I spend a lot of time worrying about my own fears: Will I ever be able to do my job in the way I am accustomed and have valued? Will I ever sing again or hear someone else sing, in person? Will I ever be able to share a meal, or even an unmasked, face-to-face conversation with those I care about? These fears don't rise to the level of terror, denunciation, etc., but they are mine, and are some of the fears that cloud my mind and invade my dreams.

Fear usually has two components to it: loss, or the anticipated loss, of something of value – a person, a thing, a way of life; and the isolation that is the result of that loss. To some degree we have all experienced both through three months of staying-at-home. As commercial activity begins to reopen and with opportunities to resume some of our past activities, new worries arise. Is it worth the risk to venture a trip to the barber (probably not), the dentist (maybe), the eye doctor (absolutely - all things I'm considering) right now? None of us ever imagined being forced to make such serious calculations over what was once routine. Weighty considerations are usually reserved for things like buying a home, changing jobs, entering into a relationship - all of which seem too colossal to even consider right now. In time, this is all likely to change. Haircuts won't require a second thought and potential life-changing investments of resources and emotions will resume their rightful place in keeping us awake at night.

Which raises the question of what have we learned of Fear in the past three months? Jesus has a lot to say about Fear. Jesus might say that beside

it being a tool to keep us alert, Fear is largely a waste of time. But does he really mean that or even know what he is talking about?

In today's gospel Jesus prepares his newly chosen disciples for the work that lies ahead of them and the opposition they will face. 'Don't worry about it,' he says. Tell people what you hear and see and know from me. Tell them about the forgiveness and acceptance and love that you have experienced first-hand. Better yet, be examples of it yourselves by being forgiving and accepting and loving. Will everyone, including some members of your own family, be receptive? No. Don't worry about that, either. Don't let that stop you because there is nothing they can do to you, or the message, that will ultimately destroy you. Be who you are: a disciple.

In the hills of first-century Galilee that was certainly encouraging advice. As we know, Jesus and his disciples faced opposition, persecution, and death at the hands of the Roman state and the religious establishment. Yet, in a way, they signed up for it. Jesus didn't force them. Choosing to be a disciple of Christ meant putting yourself at risk and learning to manage your fears, or to give them over to a power stronger than your own. But what of those who have no choice in who they are, whose very being puts them at the mercy of powers stronger than their own, powers that are not inclined to show mercy or share their strength?

The videos that have captured state-sanctioned brutality in our own country reveal that for certain segments of society there is, and always has been, a lot to fear as they live as targets for being who they are. No one signed-up for this. Most people do not set out to be targets. Most people simply want to live their lives, enjoy their lives, be part of a community, create a family, have a good life – all of which is in keeping with the teachings of Jesus and his disciples.

But how can anyone claim to enjoy the abundant life Jesus offers when the basic elements of life are denied to some of our neighbors? That's not in keeping with the teachings of Jesus or the sacrifice he made for us all. Jesus' disciples have a responsibility to call out this injustice and work to create a new reality, a Christ-like reality where all can know the benefits of forgiveness and acceptance and love.

It has long been the case that not everyone wants that to happen. The reasons are varied: greed, prejudice, ignorance, arrogance – all variations on fear. It got Jesus and many of his early disciples killed. Following his call, living and proclaiming the life he offers costs something: giving Jesus control. Those who couldn't face such costs retaliated, as Jesus knew they would, by trying to silence him and make him go away.

So, maybe Jesus does know what he is talking about when he encourages his disciples to have no fear. Fear is deadly both to the body and the soul. His loving is liberating. There is plenty of him and what he offers to go around, so go ahead and share it. The supply will never be exhausted. If what he offers is not shared by us, is not made available to those to whom it has been denied, then we run the risk of our own destruction, which Jesus said is what we should truly fear.

Our faith teaches us that "perfect love casts out fear." (1 John 4:18). If we seek to know that perfect love for ourselves we must first begin by seeking to understand the fear of others for whom the thought of getting a haircut is not really a cause for concern, but for whom the threat of terror, denunciation, reproach, shame, loneliness, conflict, and death are constant companions. Only then can we start to understand the true power of Love as we see how we can be agents to cast out fear. Only when we do that will we be able to move forward with our brothers and sisters as we all leave our fears behind.

Postlude: *Pastorale*

Jean Roger-Ducasse

Hear the postlude as performed by Andrew Dewar:
<https://youtu.be/TPn16zj3IHQz>



Happy
Father's
Day!

The Vestry of St. Andrew's and Fr. Alan invite you to join us for
Zoom Coffee Hour: This Sunday at 10:00 am

Log-in information for this Zoom meeting can be found in the Friday emails with the eService Bulletin or you can send an email to Fr. Alan: agibson@standrewsaa.org.



A Statement on Race from
The Rt. Rev. Dr. Bonnie A. Perry

Read, sign the letter, and share this important message with your friends and family at <https://www.edomi.org/letter/>.