



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.

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

EDOMI Re-entry plan: edomi.org/covid-19-guidelines



SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Sunday, July 4, 2021

Proper 9

Prelude: *Choral Variations on "Vater Unser"*

Georg Philip Teleman
(1681-1767)

Hymn: *God Bless Our Native Land*

Hymnal, no. 716

1 God bless our na - tive land; firm may she
2 For her our prayers shall rise to God, a -

ev - er stand through storm and night; when the wild
bove the skies; on him we wait; thou who art

tem - pests rave, ru - ler of wind and wave,
ev - er nigh, guard - ing with watch - ful eye,

do thou our coun - try save by thy great might.
to thee a - loud we cry, God save the state!

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 123

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, *
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

First Lesson: Ezekiel 2:1-5

Mary Bates

The Lord said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Canticle 16: *The Song of Zechariah*

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

The Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

Mary Bates

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?"

And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Sermon

Fr. Alan Gibson

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

We usually think of God as all-knowing. The Prayer Book refers to God as the one, “from whom no secrets are hid.” But in today’s Gospel we see Jesus climbing the steep end of the learning curve. The early days of his mission had gone remarkably well. A group of disciples was gathered who traveled with Jesus throughout Galilee. He preached what would become some of his most memorable sayings. The sick were healed, the hungry fed, storms were calmed, and demons put to flight. The kingdom was on a roll; Jesus was creating something. It is at this point that he made a visit to Nazareth, in part, to see his family. The real reason for this homecoming is for Jesus to continue the remarkable work that had begun to make a name for him. Was he ever in for a surprise!

Jesus had been gone for a while, but not so long that folks from the old neighborhood had forgotten him. They knew Jesus, they had known him for nearly his entire life, just as they knew his mother and his siblings. However, when he goes to the local synagogue to teach, just as he had done in so many other places, it is Jesus, not his neighbors, who learns something.

“Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.”

There is no warm welcome for the local boy who has come home. They know all about him, his brothers and sisters. Maybe one of them was a crook, or a drunk, or beat his wife. Maybe one of them had a shady past,

or some strange habits. They also know his mother and take pains to point out the apparent absence of a father and husband in this family. Oh, yes, the people of Nazareth know all about Jesus, and had made up their minds concerning him long ago, as people tend to do. Jesus was the eldest son, who up and left his mother, and the family business, to run around with a bunch of questionable characters. That's the Jesus they knew. 'It's hardly surprising he turned out this way,' they must have thought. 'That family was always kind of peculiar.'

Those who had known Jesus the longest can't imagine him in any other way than they have always viewed him. And Jesus "was amazed at their unbelief" -- which is surprising. What's so amazing about the reaction of the people of Nazareth? They were simply reacting the way people do. Reputations and our preconceived notions of people, their character and worth, don't die. If anything, once we've formed an opinion of someone, that judgment is fixed in our minds, where it 'changeth not.' What Jesus learned that day is that the hardest thing to change is one person's opinion of another. Anyone who has been around the block a couple of times could have told him that.

The gospel writers don't give us much information about Jesus' early years, or his family life, other than his unusual birth and that he took up Joseph's trade. On what the people of Nazareth based their opinion of Jesus, we don't know. What we do know, is he was one of them, and when he came home, he was different, no longer acting like the person they once knew. When one of our own turns out to be different, it challenges the status quo and all we believe about ourselves. Jesus should not have been amazed at their unbelief. What would have been amazing is, if on hearing Jesus, the people of Nazareth were to believe.

What deeds of power could have come about if they had believed? Who would they have become, if the people of Nazareth had been open to God working in their midst? How would their lives have been transformed if they could put aside their prejudices, and truly looked at the person who had come to them, not the person about whom they had already made up their minds? Where would their own potential as children of God have led them, if they had embraced one of their own as the Son of God?

Who knows? None of that happened. Hearts and minds bound by pride would not allow it. It was a sad lesson in human nature Jesus learned that day. It's a sad lesson that is replayed, day after day, that keeps us stuck, separated from God and each other.

It's an old story, fortified by the human need to protect our self-image. The people of Nazareth are no different than us. What's frightening in this story is that not even Jesus could budge the attitudes of his neighbors. And in

being unable to do that, he couldn't do much else for them. So, he leaves it up to us to decide which we value more: our egos, or him?

As toxic attitudes fortify seemingly countless divides and threaten to tear our 245-year-old nation apart, that question takes on an even more profound implication on this most significant of national holidays. When we, as a country, put ourselves aside long enough to explore new ideas, to appreciate an outside perspective, to admit that we might not always be right all the time, we have prospered and moved our nation into a better place. When we have closed our minds and thrown up barriers, we have invariably hurt ourselves and everyone around us. As we celebrate our Independence today, we might ask ourselves what kind of country we want ours to be and what part we are going to take in creating it. Every generation faces this question. How will we answer it in our time?

Putting anything before our own selves is difficult. It runs contrary to every strand of human pride and sense of self-importance we possess. But the life of the Gospel, the life Jesus offers, turns its back on exactly those things. Jesus knows this is hard for us and it is tough to accomplish on our own, which is why he's more than willing to lead us up that learning curve, as long as we want to learn and believe that we can.

Apostles Creed

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 96

The Prayers

Collect of the Day

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Anthem: *Der Herr ist Gross*

Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672)

Celia Bridges, Deborah Friauff, Sopranos

*The Lord is great and worthy of praise; and his greatness is unspeakable.
Generations will praise his works and speak of his great power. Alleluia.*

General Thanksgiving

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 101

Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Concluding Versicle

Hymnal, no. S-54

Closing Hymn: *Go Forth for God*

Hymnal, no. 347



1 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in peace;
2 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in love;
3 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in strength;
4 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in joy,



be of good cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace,
strength - en the faint, give cour - age to the weak;
hold fast the good, be ur - gent for the right;
to serve God's peo - ple ev - ery day and hour,



in God's good Spi - rit dai - ly to in - crease,
help the af - flict - ed; rich - ly from a - bove
ren - der to no one e - vil; Christ at length
and ser - ving Christ, our ev - ery gift em - ploy,



till in his king - dom we _____ be - hold his face.
his love sup - plies the grace _____ and power we seek.
shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his light.
re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power.

Postlude: *America the Beautiful*

arr. Mark Hayes (b.1953)

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Directory Updates Needed!

In the last year, did you or members of your household...

Move to a new house,
apartment, or condo?

Disconnect your landline?

Switch your cell phone number?

Have a child?

Change your
preferred email
address?



**If you need to update any part of your directory listing
please email Kathy at kmcperson@standrewsaa.org by July 14!**