Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church

Sunday 30th August 2026
(14th Sunday after Pentecost)

Opening hymn

1. We love the place, O God,
wherein thine honour dwells;
the joy of thine abode
all earthly joy excels.

2. It is the house of prayer,
wherein thy servants meet;
and thou, O Lord, art there
thy chosen flock to greet.

3. We love the sacred font;
for there the holy Dove
to pour is ever wont
his blessing from above.

4. We love thine altar, Lord;
O what on earth so dear?
For there, in faith adored,
we find thy presence near.

5. We love the word of life,
the word that tells of peace,
of comfort in the strife,
and joys that never cease.

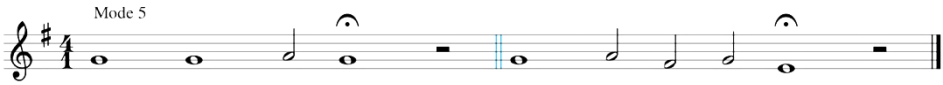
6. We love to sing below
for mercies freely giv'n;
but O, we long to know
the triumph-song of heav'n.

7. Lord Jesus, give us grace
on earth to love thee more,
in heav'n to see thy face,
and with thy saints adore.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Psalm 115



[1] Not to us, Lord * not to us * but to your name be **the** glory:
because of your **love** and **faithful**-ness.

[2] Why do the na-**tions** say:
'Where **is** their-- God?'

[3] Our God is **in** heaven:
he does whatso-**ev**-er **pleases** him.

[4] But their idols are silver **and** gold:
made **by** hu-**man** hands.

[5] They have mouths, but can-**not** speak:
Eyes **have** they **but** see not

[6] They have ears, but can-**not** hear:
noses, **but** can-**not** smell.
[7] They have hands, but cannot feel * feet, but can-**not** walk:
nor can they utter a **sound** with **their** throats.
[8] Those who make them will be **like** them:
and so will all **who** trust **in** them.
[9] All you Israelites, trust **in the** Lord:
he is **their** help **and** shield.
[10] House of Aaron, trust **in the** Lord:
he is **their** help **and** shield.
[11] You who fear him, trust **in the** Lord :
he is **their** help **and** shield.
[12] The Lord remembers us and will bless us * he will bless his peo-**ple** Israel,
he will bless **the** house **of** Aaron,
[13] he will bless those who fear **the** Lord:
Both small **and** great **a**-like.
[14] May the Lord cause you **to** flourish:
both you **and** your **child**-ren.
[15] May you be blessed by **the** Lord:
the Maker **of** heaven **and** earth.
[16] The highest heavens belong to **the** Lord:
but the earth he has given to **the** hu-**man** race.
[17] It is not the dead who praise **the** Lord:
those who go down to **the** place **of** silence;
[18] it is we who extol **the** Lord:
both now and **for** evermore.

Glory to the Father, and to **the** Son :

and to **the** Ho-**ly** Spirit :

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be :

world with-**out** end, **A-**men.

Offertory Hymn

1. Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,
if thou wouldst my disciple be;
deny thyself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me.

2. Take up thy cross – let not its weight
fill thy weak spirit with alarm:
his strength shall bear thy spirit up,
and brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.

3. Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,
nor let thy foolish pride rebel:
thy Lord for thee the Cross endured,
to save thy soul from death and hell.

4. Take up thy cross then in his strength,
and calmly every danger brave;
'twill guide thee to a better home,
and lead to vict'ry o'er the grave.

5. Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

6. To thee, great Lord, the One in Three,
all praise for evermore ascend:
O grant us in our home to see
the heavenly life that knows no end.

Final Hymn

1. O thou who camest from above
the fire celestial fire to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart.

2. There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return,
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

3. Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work and speak and think for thee,
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up thy gift in me.

4. Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make my sacrifice complete.

Weekly Notices

Young Church Bake Sale

Today – after this service!! As a follow up to the visit in June by Samah Salaime's of Oasis of Peace UK our Young Church will hold a bake sale following the 10am service with all proceeds to benefit the work of Wahat al-Salam, Neve Shalom (WASNS). Stop by the Foyer to purchase a tasty treat to take home or eat with coffee and conversation in the Church Hall!

This week…

Monday
10am~ Butterflies

Wednesday
9pm ~ Compline (Zoom)

Friday
11am ~ Holy Communion (said)

Sunday
10am ~ Congregational Eucharist

5pm ~ Choral Evensong

Home Groups

Saint Andrew's, St Andrews has a number of home groups. At this time of year while some former student members will have moved away from the town new faces are arriving as the university year begins.

Most groups, having been on 'pause' during the summer, are now resuming their patterns of meetings (most meet once a fortnight). So, this is a good time to remind everyone of the groups' existence and to invite you to consider joining one! If you are interested, please let Trevor know (in person, or via rector.stasstas@gmail.com) and he will put you in touch with one or more of the group coordinators.

Today's readings

10am: Exodus 3.1-15
Psalm 115
Romans 12.9-end
Matthew 16.21-end

5pm: 2 Kings 6.24-25;7.3-end
Acts 18.1-16

Next Sunday's readings

10am: Exodus 12.1-14
Psalm 149
Romans 13.8-end
Matthew 18.15-30

5pm: Ezekiel 12.21-13:16
Acts 19.1-20

Money matters

The life and ministry of this congregation is funded entirely by the regular giving of its people. If you wish to make a donation to support our ministry and mission you can do so now by using the **Digital Collection Plate** adjacent to the South Porch entrance to the church.

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Welcome to church today! If you are here for the first time or visiting, we're especially pleased to have you with us and trust that you will feel at home and able to take a full part in our worship. But please feel free to participate in as much or as little of what goes on as you are comfortable with.

Worship is a time when we enter consciously into God's presence together, bringing with us all that we are and all that we have – our joys and sorrows, our hopes and anxieties, our achievements and our failures. We believe that God delights to meet with us, and to pour out his healing and transforming power among us as we offer up our praise and petitions, laying both our fullness and our emptiness before him; because he made us and loves us, despite everything.

If you are visiting Saint Andrew's St Andrews from another church, please take our greetings with you to your own congregation when you return there.

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