



Welcome to
SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
TAMPA, FLORIDA

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 14, 2024
10:30AM

*May those who sorrow find comfort;
the weary, rest;
the troubled, peace;
the lonely, friends;
the unhappy, joy;
and may all find the sense of God's presence in this Holy Place.*

Welcome to Saint Andrew's Church in the city of Tampa. You are sharing in a tradition of worship that has been offered here since 1883, when a wood-frame building was erected on this site as Tampa's first Episcopal Church. The cornerstone of the present church was laid in 1904.

All Visitors and Newcomers are invited to complete the information card, found on the back of the pews, and leave it with an usher or in the offering plate. Please introduce yourselves to the clergy as you leave the church.

Each Sunday we celebrate The Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. (Rite I, said); and at 10:30 a.m. (Rite II, with choir).

At Your Service: Stay warm at Saint Andrew's: Borrow a shawl from the basket at the back of the church. Shawl donations also welcomed!

IMPORTANT PRIVACY NOTICE

As a mission of outreach to our parishioners and the greater Christian community, audio and video of this service will be recorded and broadcast live on social media. We make every effort to respect and preserve the privacy of members and visitors. If you have any specific questions or concerns about your privacy while worshipping with us, please speak with one of the ushers at the rear of the church.

*Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent—for this is the house of God.
Before the service, speak to God.
During the service, let God speak to you.
After the service, speak to one another.*

PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30 a.m.

Prelude: Prelude in G Major

William Harris (1883–1973)

Tower Bell

Hymn 447 (*stand*)

Engelberg

1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine, didst yield the glory that of right was thine, that in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine. Alleluia!

2 Thou cam'st to us in lowliness of thought; by thee the outcast and the poor were sought; and by thy death was God's salvation wrought. Alleluia!

3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee, who wast a servant that we might be free, humbling thyself to death on Calvary. Alleluia!

4 Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose, thou art high exalted o'er all creatures now, and given the Name to which all knees shall bow. Alleluia!

5 Let every tongue confess with one accord in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord; and God the Father be by all adored. Alleluia! Amen.

All standing, the Celebrant says

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
 Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The following is sung, all standing

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Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*

A Reading from the First Book of Samuel.

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139:1–5, 12–17 *Sung by the choir to Anglican chant* *C.H.H. Parry (1848–1918)*

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
 you know my sitting down and my rising up;
 you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
 and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
 but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before *
 and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
 it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 126 (*stand*)

Dundee

1 The people who in darkness walked have seen a glorious light; on them broke forth the heavenly dawn who dwelt in death and night.

2 To hail thy rising, Sun of life, the gathering nations come, joyous as when the reapers bear their harvest treasures home.

3 To us the promised Child is born, to us the Son is given; him shall the tribes of earth obey, and all the hosts of heaven.

4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace for evermore adored, the Wonderful, the Counselor, the mighty God and Lord.

5 His power increasing still shall spread, his reign no end shall know; justice shall guard his throne above, and peace abound below.

Holy Gospel

John 1:43-51

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Nicene Creed (*stand*)

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People *(kneel)*

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially the people of
Ukraine, Israel and Gaza;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the
power and the glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Peace (*stand*)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Announcements

Holy Communion

At the Offertory: Anthem

W.K. Stanton (1891–1978)

Christ is the world's true light, its captain of salvation, the day-star clear and bright, of every race and nation; new life, new hope awakes for all who own His sway: freedom her bondage breaks, and night is turned to day.

In Christ all races meet, their ancient feuds forgetting, the whole round world complete, from sunrise to its setting: when Christ is throned as Lord, we shall forsake their fear, to ploughshare beat the sword, to pruning-hook the spear.

One Lord, in one great name unite us all who own thee; cast out our pride and shame that hinder to enthrone thee; the world has waited long, has travailed long in pain; to heal its ancient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

George Wallace Briggs (1875–1959)

Hymn 380, stanza 3 (stand)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

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Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

AMEN.

The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Music during Communion:

Solo

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

The text for the solo can be found in The Hymnal 1982 on page 487

Marshall Corzette, *baritone*

1 The great Creator of the worlds, the sovereign God of heaven, his holy and immortal truth to all on earth hath given.	4 He sent him down as sending God; in flesh to us he came; as one with us he dwelt with us, and bore a human name.
2 He sent no angel of his host to bear this mighty word, but him through whom the worlds were made, the everlasting Lord.	5 He came as Savior to his own, the way of love he trod; he came to win us by good will, for force is not of God.
3 He sent him not in wrath and power, but grace and peace to bring; in kindness, as a king might send his son, himself a king.	6 Not to oppress, but summon all their truest life to find, in love God sent his Son to save, not to condemn mankind.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

1 Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise, manifested by the star to the sages from afar; branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem; anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

2 Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme; and at Cana, wedding-guest, in thy Godhead manifest; manifest in power divine, changing water into wine; anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest

3 Manifest in making whole palsied limbs and fainting soul; manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might; manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill; anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest

4 Manifest on mountain height, shining in resplendent light, where disciples filled with awe thy transfigured glory saw. When from there thou leddest them steadfast to Jerusalem, cross and Easter Day attest God in man made manifest.

Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Chorale Prelude on "Dundee"

C.H.H. Parry

THOSE SERVING TODAY: January 14, 2024

Celebrant: Fr. Stadel

Preacher: Fr. Reese

Organist: Ryan Hebert

Choral Assistant: Coleman Flentge

Vergger: Richard Ferlita

Crucifer: Thomas Adams

Torchbearers: Diana Tapie, Esther Bingham

Lectors: Irene Baker, Peter Baker

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Paula Stewart, Wallace Dixon

Videographer: Paul Scheuer, Doug Rubottom, Jan Smith, Kirk Peters

Ushers: Laurence Hammond, Frazier Carraway, Chris Sherman, Bill Besselieu

Altar Guild: Jan Smith, Cathy Szuba

Coffee Hour Hosts: Scheuers and McFarquhars

BIRTHDAYS: Lindell Dye, Jeanette Reese, Leah King, Claire Carraway, Frank Mora, Rosemary Levy, Neal Cline

ANNIVERSARIES: Mark & Jill Turlington



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of the marriage of
Stephen Dickmann and Michelle Radd

Annual Parish Meeting
Sunday, February 4, Noon
following the 10:30am service



Make a Pledge for 2024

Please return your pledge card for 2024 as soon as possible. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, cards are available at the back of the church, in the Parish Hall, or through the parish office (813-221-2035). Make a commitment and support St. Andrew's in the coming year.

We have currently 121 pledges for \$428,008.00

New Flower Chart

The 2024 Flower Sign-Up Chart is in the parish hall. Don't delay in choosing important commemorative dates. Please help with this wonderful ministry to adorn the altar during worship by sponsoring flowers. High Altar flowers are \$150 for florist choice, personal choices can be arranged at an additional cost. Chapel Altar flowers are optional. If you'd like to sponsor both altars, the cost is \$250. If you have questions, please contact Charlotte Churchill 813-352-0162 cmchurchi18@gmail.com

Vestry Class of 2027 Nominees

Nicole Carr



I moved to Tampa in 2001 for college and started attending St. Andrew's that fall. Although I was a cradle Episcopalian, we were a military family, so I was never able to be confirmed as a teen. I completed my confirmation classes that year at St. Andrew's (shoutout to Ray Vince who led them!) I graduated from the University of Tampa in 2005 with a bachelor's degree in Secondary Education, a Bachelor of Science in Social Science, and a minor in History. I taught History in various schools across Tampa Bay including Hillsborough County Public Schools and Academy at the Lakes. In 2011 I graduated again from UT with a M.Ed in Curricula and Instructional Leadership and taught at UT for 9 years in the Department of Education. We welcomed our sons Daniel in 2014 and Kevin in 2016 who were both baptized here at St. Andrew's. In 2016 I started a social media company that has grown beyond what I ever expected and left teaching in 2020 to run the business full time. We recently purchased a house in Lutz but continue to drive to St. Andrew's because it is our home and can't imagine worshipping anywhere else!

Don Crawford



Don is originally from the Atlanta area and has lived in Tampa for 16 years. He attended Oglethorpe University, where he served as President of Delta Sigma Phi and as the chapter's delegate to the Interfraternity Council. He attended law school at the University of Florida, where he served as the Management Editor of the Florida Law Review. Don practiced law at Paul Hastings LLP in Atlanta and at Greenberg Traurig LLP in Tampa before starting Cope, Zebro & Crawford in 2012. He continues to practice law, primarily business litigation, in Clearwater, Florida, and he serves as Chairman of the St. Petersburg Committee of Ducks Unlimited. Don and Summer Crawford met in Atlanta and were married at Don's family farm in Lake Butler, Florida in 2009. They are the proud parents of Rayanne, age 12, and Winona, age 10. All four Crawfords were baptized together at St. Andrew's on October 11, 2015, and Don and

Summer were confirmed on Pentecost Sunday 2017. Don thanks God for the holy peace, comfort, and fellowship that his family has found at St. Andrew's, and looks forward to serving the church and God's people for many years to come.

Piers L. Curry II



Piers was born in Armonk, New York where he and his family attended St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. He moved to northwestern Pennsylvania where he served as an acolyte at Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church and met and married his wife, Pam.

Piers is a member of the St. Andrew's Foundation Board, has previously served on the vestry as treasurer, has been a verger for six years, and has volunteered to help with many events and outreach. Both of his children, Stella (20) and Ian (18) have been involved in the youth ministry and have served as acolytes.

Piers serves on the board at Academy at the Lakes and currently chairs the advancement committee. He has also volunteered in various leadership roles with Boy Scouts of America where his son, Ian, recently earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

Piers graduated from Penn State and received his MBA from USF. He has worked in the financial services industry for over 17 years. In his free time, Piers enjoys spending time with his family and friends, loves to travel, and is an avid college football fan.

Paul Henley



Paul Henley was raised in the Diocese of Southwest Florida, attending St. Catherine's Episcopal Church in Temple Terrace and the many youth programs at Dayspring. He has attended St. Andrew's with his wife and two children since returning to Florida in 2019. Paul volunteers his time helping with the Sunday school program and the lunch program for the homeless. He previously served on the vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church in Iowa City.

Wayne Daley



Hello, my name is Wayne Daley and I have been a member of St. Andrew's for over 10 years. I was confirmed at St Andrew's about 9 years ago. It was a life changing decision. I have served as one of the ushers at the 8:00 AM service for over 8 years. I now serve as the head usher at the 8:00 AM service since in-person worship resumed after the pandemic, and after the passing of my friend and mentor Charles Caro.

I work as a Cyber consultant and own a Cyber recruitment agency. I have a bachelor's in computer information systems from Excelsior University and a master's in cyber security from the University of South Florida.

I am originally from Massachusetts, however I settled in Florida after serving four years in the U.S. Navy, stationed aboard a frigate in Mayport, Florida. After my enlistment ended, I stayed in Florida enjoying the great weather and people!

Besides prayer and meditation, I enjoy traveling the world with my longtime partner Kim and we reside in St Petersburg with too many cats to count....

Adult Christian Education

Sunday mornings at 9:30

The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught

Most Christians know the Lord's Prayer by heart. We pray it often, at different times and in different settings. We remember it as the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples. But do we really understand and appreciate the meaning and power of its words, what we ask of God each time we pray it?

When the disciples asked Jesus how to pray, Jesus gave them this prayer. He likely taught it to his followers often, not just one time. He never intended the Lord's Prayer to be a museum piece, framed and placed on a mantel or in a display case. It was Jesus teaching God's people, through his disciples, how to pray.

In the video series *The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught*, pastor and bestselling author Adam Hamilton guides us to really know—and really pray—the Lord's Prayer. He explores each of its rich lines and their meaning in the Bible, illuminating what we ask of God and what we ask of ourselves through its words. And he teaches us how to use it as a pattern for our own prayer life. Hamilton is senior pastor of The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas.

Here is the rest of the line-up:

January 14 - Whose Will Be Done?

January 21 - Our Daily Bread

January 28 - Forgive...As We Forgive

February 4- And Lead Us, Not into Temptation

February 11 - For Thine Is the Kingdom, Power, and Glory

This class, facilitated by the Rector, meets in Room 302 (the Library) on the third floor of the parish building.

Thursday evenings at 7:00pm

Adult Inquirers' Class

New to St. Andrew's and the Episcopal Church? Or just trying to brush up on the faith? Then join us for this seven week series exploring the Episcopal Church. We will use *Looking at the Episcopal Church*, a book by The Rev. William Sydnor. We will comprehensively cover the church's symbols, customs, practices, history, creeds, sacraments, and mission. This class is required if you wish to be confirmed or received into the church during Bishop Scharf's visitation on **Sunday, February 25th** at the 10:30 service.

Here is the rest of the line-up:

January 18 – The Worship of the Church

January 25 – History of the Church

February 1 – The Holy Scriptures and Creeds

February 8 – The Church Year and Sacraments

February 15 – The Ordained Ministry and the Mission of the Church

February 22 – Ministry of the Laity

This class, facilitated by the rector, meets in Room 302 (the Library) on the third floor of the Parish Building.

Music Notes

I love the text of today's offertory. It was composed by Walter Stanton who was known affectionately as "WK" by his students. As a boy, he was trained at Salisbury Cathedral, then received his diplomas at Merton College in Oxford. He then went on to be Professor of Music at Bristol University and conductor of the Bristol Choral Society. He was also a railway enthusiast and a philatelist, which is a fancy word for a stamp collector.

Organists are curious critters, and many of us have varied interests like antiques, aviation, or stamp collecting. But aren't we *all* curious? I was curious as a child. I can remember asking my mom "Did God make me?" "Of course," she'd say, but then I'd rebut with, "Then who made God?" And to that question I'd get the typical response, "God always was," which never satisfied me. I wanted to grasp it, but simply couldn't. God won't let us

catch Him in that way. Known goes with unknown. You can't pull them apart, but somehow, sensing this inextricable duality is how we become free.

Christ means "anointed one." This inner light is ours for the taking, as Paul reminds us, "Let this mind be in you." The light of Christ is a term that's used for enlightenment, and it is something we all have the potential to experience. But what is the bondage that we are free from, as the anthem so heroically illustrates? It's the blindness that we have about the inextricability of negative/positive. The two live in unity because you realize they depend upon each other.

Think of a sphere. Now try to see that sphere from *all* sides in your imagination, all 360 degrees. It's impossible to see a sphere from totality's perspective. Even if you unwrapped the sphere and flattened it out, you'd still be left with a side you cannot see. If you peer around to see the back, you'd still have a front. You can't get around it, just like you can't get around the idea of an infinite God, but we have an understanding that surpasses cognition. Even though I can't see behind my head, I know something is "back there." Spatially, I am aware of 360 degrees, but visually I'm limited. I must go by faith. If God is everywhere, there is nothing to fear, even in what I cannot cognate.

Freedom, in terms of salvation, is knowing there is always another viewpoint, but that there is no place God is not. Jesus was always getting us to see nonduality – "The first shall be last and the last shall be first," etc. If you walk along any latitudinal line and continue, say, eastward, you'd end up right where you started. East meets west at some point, friend meets enemy, and loser meets winner. In Christ, *all* are ONE. Realizing this is the freedom we shall have, if only we open ourselves to it.

It *is* possible to know God in the same way you can know all sides of a sphere without seeing its entirety. We infer what's missing, but never fear it. It's like a surf boarder who stays balanced, but leans slightly forward, maintaining the sweet spot while staying balanced on the shifting turbulence of duality under their feet. If the wave crashes, it's OK. You learn to adjust, adapt, and change when you get offside or off balance. The key to freedom is staying in the middle, where east meets west. You balance and hover around the breaking point without getting lost on one side. There is always an opposing side, but it doesn't have to overtake you. Freedom is in riding the wave carefully, thoughtfully, and trustingly. It's a narrow way, but it also sets you free. *Soli Deo Gloria!*

-Ryan Hebert

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