



Welcome to
SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
TAMPA, FLORIDA

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 9, 2025

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!

*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: Communion

Alexandre Guilmant (1837–1911)

Tower Bell

Hymn 376 (*stand*)

Hymn to Joy

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away; giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

2 All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

3 Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our Brother: all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

All standing, the Celebrant says

<i>Priest</i>	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
<i>People</i>	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

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts:
the whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138 *Sung by the choir to Anglican chant*

Walford Davies (1869–1934)

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.

- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, *
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- 7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; *
O LORD, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
at thy speaking it was done; for created
light we thank thee, while thine ordered
seasons run: Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to
thee who light dost send! Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, dark
as night and deep as death, broke the light
of thy salvation, breathed thine own life-
giving breath: Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to
thee who light dost send! Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

3 Thy strong word bespeaks us righteous;
bright with thine own holiness, glorious
now, we press toward glory, and our lives
our hopes confess: Alleluia, alleluia! Praise
to thee who light dost send! Alleluia,
alleluia! Alleluia without end!

4 God the Father, Light Creator, to thee
laud and honor be; to thee, Light of Light
begotten, praise be sung eternally; Holy
Spirit, Light Revealer, glory, glory be to
thee; mortals, angels, now and ever praise
the Holy Trinity.

Holy Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

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

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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;
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*)

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.

Announcements

Holy Communion

Anthem

Gustav Holst (1874–1934)

The text for the offertory anthem can be found in the hymnal, 324.

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:

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:

Hymn 706 *(sit)*

Halton Holgate

1 In your mercy, Lord, you called me,
taught my sin-filled heart and mind, else
this world had still enthralled me, and to
glory kept me blind.

2 Lord, I did not freely choose you till
by your grace you set me free; for my
heart would still refuse you had your
love not chosen me.

3 Now my heart sets none above you,
for your grace alone I thirst, knowing
well, that if I love you, you, O Lord,
have loved me first.

Jesu, the very thought of thee With sweetness fills my breast; But sweeter far thy face to see, And in thy presence rest. Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, Nor can the memory find, A sweeter sound than thy blest name, O saviour of mankind. O hope over every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek, To those who fall, how kind thou art, How good to those who seek! But what to those who find? Ah, this Nor tongue nor pen can show; The love of Jesus, what it is None but his loved ones know. Jesu, our only joy be thou, As thou our prize wilt be; Jesu, be thou our glory now, through eternity.

12-cent. Latin

trans. by Edward Caswall (1814–1878)

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 Ye servants of God, your Master
proclaim, and publish abroad his
wonderful Name; the Name all victorious
of Jesus extol: his kingdom is glorious; he
rules over all.

2 God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
and still he is nigh: his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall
sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our
King.

3 Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son. The
praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall
down on their faces, and worship the
Lamb.

4 Then let us adore, and give him his right:
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,
and honor and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Postlude in F

Guilmant

THOSE SERVING TODAY: February 9, 2025

Celebrant: Fr. Campbell

Preacher: Fr. Reese

Organist: Ryan Hebert

Choral Assistant: Coleman Flentge

Verger: Allison Besselieu

Crucifer: Joe Scheuer

Torchbearers: Kristina Dixon, Ada Bingham

Lectors: Paul Scheuer, Joe Scheuer

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Patrick Keogh, Jennifer Richardson

Videographers: Paul Scheuer, Jan Smith, Kirk McCann, Joe Scheuer

Ushers: Laurence Hammond, George Bedell, Chris Sherman, Bill Besselieu

Altar Guild: Adrienne Love, Anne Paige, Jennifer Richardson

Coffee Hour Host: Chip Sellas



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in thanksgiving to you dear Father
for prayers answered and unanswered and joyful blessings to all
from Margo and Larry Kemm

BIRTHDAYS: Gregg Smith, Eric Hargens, James Endicott, Donald Sink,
Susan Mueller, Stephanie Chapman, Victoria Klug, Lori Taplow

New Vestry Members

Congratulations to the five new vestry members elected at the Annual meeting on February 2nd: **Pam Billings, Patrick Keogh, George Levy, Jennifer Richardson, and Keri Thatcher.** We are grateful for your willingness to serve! (And thanks for the service of our outgoing vestry members: **Barbara Brotherton, Derrick Brown, Victoria Klug, Richard Chapman, and Brad Hall**).

2025 Executive Committee

Senior Warden: Piers Curry

Junior Warden: George Levy

Treasurer: Eric Hargens

Clerk: Nicole Carr

St. Andrew's Parish Picnic

Please join us for our annual St. Andrew's Parish Picnic. This year, we will meet at beautiful Picnic Island Park **on Sunday, March 2nd** starting at 12:30 pm. The address is 7409 Picnic Island Blvd, Tampa, FL 33616, Shelter 609. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided by the church. Don't forget lawn chairs or picnic blankets, outdoor games, sunscreen, bug spray or anything else you would like to bring for a festive gathering outdoors filled with fellowship, food and fun!

Make a Pledge for 2025

Please return your pledge card for 2025 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 132 pledges for \$550,104.00

Youth News

Please join Children's & Youth Ministries for the following Upcoming Event:

Sunday, March 9th we will have a Family Busch Gardens Day after Sunday services! Youth in middle & high school are welcome to attend if they have season's passes or can cover the cost of tickets. All younger children are welcome to attend with their parents. We can cover the cost of a handful of tickets for youth in middle & high school who don't have passes, so please let Alicia know by Sunday, February 16th if you need a ticket!

Contact Alicia at aliciaschmid@rocketmail.com with any questions.

Adult Christian Education

Sunday mornings at 9:30

Everywhere Is Jerusalem: Experiencing the Holy Then and Now

Location matters.

Christianity isn't a batch of spiritual thoughts or metaphysical truths. It's a journey of real people with their feet on the ground in real places. In *Everywhere Is Jerusalem*, The Rev. James Howell takes you on a spiritual pilgrimage to significant places in the ongoing story of the Christian faith. You'll go from Bethlehem to Jerusalem, from the Jordan River to Assisi, and from the Sea of Galilee to Montgomery, Alabama. Along the way, you'll discover the profound connections between biblical stories and the places where they happened. You'll see how Christians throughout history have brought their faith to life

worldwide, in their own cities and communities. And you'll find God calling you to bring your own faith to life right where you are, right now.

Part travelogue, part Bible study, this video series will take you on a spiritual journey to the places that are most important in our faith, and you'll discover that the most important place of all is the place where you are, right now.

Here is the rest of the line-up:

2/9 - Everywhere is the Mount of Olives: Standing Up and Courage

2/16 - Everywhere is Bethlehem: Prayer Walls

2/23 - Everywhere is Nazareth: Finding the Way Home

3/2 - Everywhere is Jerusalem: Places of Sorrow and Hope

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

St. A's Book Club Meetings for Feb-Apr 2025

Founded in October, 2024, our Book Club has grown to over twenty members. Our first two choices were Ernest Hemingway, "The Snows of Kilimanjaro" (Nov 10) and Claire Keegan, *Small Things Like These* (Dec 8). In 2025, we shall usually meet on the first Sunday of the month, after the 10:30 am Eucharist, and in the third floor Library, room 302. Bring your coffee & snacks. If you enjoy good reading, challenging ideas, and cogent discussion, come and join us.

Here are our Book Club 2025 dates and the books we shall discuss.

❖ Sun **Feb 9** / 5th meeting / Hernan Diaz, *Trust* (2023), 416 pp, \$10

Note: Moved to 2nd Sunday because of the Church Annual Meeting on Feb 2.

❖ Sun **Mar 2** / 6th meeting / H.P. Lovecraft, *Case of Charles Dexter Ward* (1941), 118 pp, \$8.

❖ Sun **Apr 6** / 7th meeting / Paulo Coelho, *The Alchemist* (1988), 197 pp, \$15.

Come and join us. If you want to be on our mailing list or if you have any questions, please do email me, Ray Vince, Book Club secretary, at rvince@hccfl.edu or text me at 813-857-7419.

Save the date to taste new wine and enjoy music



Acclaimed food critic Chris Sherman will host another wine tasting event in the Parish Hall on **Saturday, February 15th**, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. The focus this year will be wines from regions south of the Equator. Heavy hors oeuvres will be served; and Allison Besselieu and Julie Tollen will play a selection of musical pieces. Tickets, \$10 each, will be on sale following church services during the first two weeks of February.

Shrove Tuesday, March 4th

5:30pm Holy Eucharist in the Children's Chapel

6:00pm Pancake Supper in the Parish Hall

(hosted by St. Andrew's Youth)

6:45pm Lenten Series begins



Wednesday, March 5th

Service times at St. Andrew's:

8:00am Holy Eucharist (Rite One) in the Chapel

12:10pm Holy Eucharist (Rite Two)

7:00pm Holy Eucharist (Rite Two with choir)

All services include imposition of ashes

New Flower Chart

The 2025 Flower Sign-Up Chart is in the parish hall. Don't delay 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

Music Notes

I lived on the icy surface of Pluto, where worry haloed my head like the rings of Saturn. I had that brooding thump, like the red spot on Jupiter, an ulcer of fear, separation, and worry. I was as lost and remote as Uranus until I journeyed home, to the center. The solar plexus is comprised of numerous nerve fibers that radiate out from the center of your abdominal area. This is where the Eternal Parent welcomes the prodigal from “out there,” where the chatty mind wanders, grabs, meddles, and frets. Our anthem today is a trip from outer space, back home to the epicenter of the sun, radiating the brightest and best.

Gustav Holst was a powerhouse composer of the early 20th century, and his most important musical contributions were his symphonic suites called, *The Planets*. It all began with a discussion about astrology, when Holst was on vacation with friends. These seven suites begin with Mars, suggesting he was going to write in planetary order, but that's not how it ended up. Our anthem, however, *is* in reverse planetary order, working its way home, towards the center of the system. The sun.

Let All Mortal Flesh is a translation of a Greek hymn, from Habakkuk 2:20, "Let all the earth keep silence before him." The tune is called *Picardy*. You may notice that it's in a minor key, but ends with a surprising major chord, called a Picardy Third. The anthem starts eerily, in the distance, “out there,” near Pluto. The building suspense becomes palpable, and like the big bang, you're whisked away to “Alleluia.” This is where the anthem takes flight. If you listen carefully, the writing on the word “High” takes us to the stratosphere. We start as a trembling shimmer, then expand into depth, and after a suspenseful journey we emerge triumphantly clear and washed clean. Warm and bright.

The haunting beginning of this anthem reminds us of how the world lives – fearful of walking the plank, so to speak. We start off trembling, fearful, paranoid, and distrustful of

everything and everyone. That is until we realize who we are, and warm up to the notion that we are simply afraid of death. Essentially, we're petrified to death, then just beyond is unconditional love. We tiptoe. We creep up on it. This is our primary journey, then we jump blindly into the void, trusting God is everything and everywhere. Is this naïve? The *only* way home is faith, from a vacant soul to the fullness of life and light within.

For those who have moved inward, towards the aliveness of the system's center, the view is spectacular from "up there." Jesus said, "You are from below; I am from above." Your countenance will show it when you encounter this height, but you won't look down on others. You'll say, "The view is spectacular. You've gotta see this." Your light will show others the way.

Holst has painted a perfect picture of spiritual conversion, ending with us facing and hailing "The Sun of Righteousness" (See "Hark The Herald Angels Sing"). Moving towards the center burns up the outer shell. Born anew, the Eternal Parent dances, welcoming you back. Are you at the icy beginning, worry swirling your head where knees knock? Or have you unraveled the depths of unconditional love knocking from within? In this intimacy, equanimity and faith sing, "Alleluia, God Most High!" Welcome home stranger, we've been wondering what's taken you so long. Be patient. Pluto is *very* far. Vacant souls are terrified "out there." *Soli Deo Gloria!*

-Ryan Hebert

The Impala Problem

One of the few creatures on earth that can out-jump Michael Jordan is the impala. This is an African deer (not a Chevy car) with a supercharged spring. It has a vertical leap of over 10 feet and can broad jump over 30 feet. You would think that the zoos of the world would find it impossible to keep such an animal enclosed. Not so! It's rather easy. Because the experts discovered something about the impala. It will not jump unless it can see where it is going to land. Therefore, a solid wall even 6 feet tall is a sufficient enclosure. Lots of Christians have the impala problem. They won't take a leap in faith unless they have all the answers in advance about where the leap will take them. But God is looking for some bold believers who, even in the face of the unknown, will leap when the Spirit says leap, will fly when the Spirit says fly, will launch when the Spirit says launch, all to the glory of the Lord.

-Bill Bouknicht

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