



Welcome to

**SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
TAMPA, FLORIDA**

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 8, 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 and come to coffee hour in the parish hall after the 10:30 a.m. service.

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 and Baptism, Rite II, 10:30 a.m.

Prelude: Arietta

Alan Viner (b. 1951)

Tower Bell

Hymn 375 (*stand*)

Du lebensbrot, Herr Jesu Christ

1 Give praise and glory unto God, the Father of all blessing; his mighty wonders tell abroad, his graciousness confessing. With balm my inmost heart he fills, his comfort all my anguish stills. To God be praise and glory.

3 What God hath wrought to show his power he evermore sustaineth; he watches o'er us every hour, his mercy never waneth. Through all his kingdom's wide domain, his righteousness and justice reign. To God be praise and glory.

2 The host of heaven praiseth thee, O Lord of all dominions; and mortals then, on land and sea, beneath thy shadowing pinions, exult in thy creative might that doeth all things well and right. To God be praise and glory.

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.

The Celebrant then continues

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading (*sit*)

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A Reading from the Book of Proverbs.

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,
and favour is better than silver or gold.
The rich and the poor have this in common:
the LORD is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,
and the rod of anger will fail.

Those who are generous are blessed,
for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor,
or crush the afflicted at the gate;
for the LORD pleads their cause
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

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

Psalm 125 *Sung by the choir to Anglican chant*

Richard Farrant (c. 1525–1580)

1 Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, *
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; *
so does the LORD stand round about his people,
from this time forth for evermore.

3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, *
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

4 Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good *
and to those who are true of heart.

5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,
the LORD will lead them away with the evildoers; *
but peace be upon Israel.

Second Reading

James 2:1-10, 14-17

A Reading from the Letter of James.

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

Hymn 603 (*stand*)

St. Botolph

1 When Christ was lifted from the earth, his arms stretched out above through every culture, every birth, to draw an answering love.	3 Where generation, class, or race divide us to our shame, he sees not labels but a face, a person, and a name.
2 Still east and west his love extends and always, near or far, he calls and claims us as his friends and loves us as we are.	4 Thus freely loved, though fully known, may I in Christ be free to welcome and accept his own as Christ accepted me.

Holy Gospel

Mark 7:24-37

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

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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

Sermon

The Baptisms of Aiden Michael Kennington and Jacob Riley Kennington Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Celebrant says

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The Sponsors say

I present Aiden Michael Kennington to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant then continues

Do you desire to be baptized?

Aiden: I do.

The Sponsors say

I present Jacob Riley Kennington to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant then continues

Do you desire to be baptized?

Jacob: I do.

The Celebrant then asks

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces
of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world
which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Baptismal Covenant (*stand*)

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking
of bread, and in the prayers?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent
and return to the Lord?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as
yourself?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the
dignity of every human being?
People I will, with God's help.

The Clergy and baptismal party process to the Baptismal font.

Hymn 121 (*stanzas 1 and 2*)

Caithness

1 Christ, when for us you were baptized,
God's Spirit on you came, as peaceful as a
dove and yet as urgent as a flame

2 God called you his beloved Son, called
you his servant true, sent you his kingdom
to proclaim, his holy will to do.

Prayers for the Candidates

The Celebrant then says to the people

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying

N, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

When this action has been completed for all the candidates, the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross [using Chrism if desired] and saying

N, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

N, receive the light of Christ as a sign that you have passed from darkness into light. Shine as his light in the world to the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

The clergy and baptismal party process to the front of the church

Hymn 121 (*stanzas 3 and 4*)

Caithness

3 Straightway and steadfast until death
you then obeyed his call freely as Son of
Man to serve and give your life for all.

4 Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord, your
cross on us be signed, that, likewise in
God's service we may perfect freedom
find.

The Celebrant then says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

Peace

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

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Holy Communion

At the Offertory:

Anthem

*Tune: Coe Fen by Ken Naylor (1931–1991)
arr. Ryan Hebert (b. 1975)*

How shall I sing that majesty which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie; sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around Thy throne, O God most high;
Ten thousand times ten thousand sound Thy praise; but who am I?

Thy brightness unto them appears, whilst I Thy footsteps trace;
A sound of God comes to my ears, but they behold Thy face.
They sing because Thou art their Sun; Lord, send a beam on me;
For where heaven is but once begun there alleluias be.

Enlighten with faith's light my heart, inflame it with love's fire;
Then shall I sing and take my part with that celestial choir.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold, with all my fire and light;
Yet when Thou dost accept their gold, Lord, treasure up my mite.

How great a being, Lord, is Thine, which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line to sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore, a sun without a sphere;
Thy time is now and evermore, thy place is everywhere.

John Mason (1646–1694)

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.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People 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.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in 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.

Fraction Anthem

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(Antiphon) The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.
The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. (Ant.)
One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread. (Ant.)

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 314 (*sit*)

Adoro devote

1 Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen, who thy glory hidest 'neath these shadows mean; lo, to thee surrendered, my whole heart is bowed, tranced as it beholds thee, shrined within the cloud.

2 Taste and touch and vision to discern thee fail; faith, that comes by hearing, pierces through the veil. I believe whate'er the Son of God hath told; what that Truth hath spoken, that for truth I hold.

3 O memorial wondrous of the Lord's own death; living Bread that givest all thy creatures breath, grant my spirit ever by thy life may live, to my taste thy sweetness never failing give.

4 Jesus, whom now hidden, I by faith behold, what my soul doth long for, that thy word foretold: face to face thy splendor, I at last shall see, in the glorious vision, blessed Lord, of thee.

Anthem

Christopher Tye (c. 1500–1572)

Give almes of thy goods, and turn never thy face from any poor man,
and then the face of the Lord shall not be turned away from thee.

Tobit 4:7

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

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

Hymn 371 (*stand*)

Moscow

1 Thou, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard, and took their flight; hear us, we humbly pray, and, where the Gospel day sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light!

2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy redeeming wing healing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the inly blind, now to all humankind, let there be light!

3 Spirit of truth and love, lifegiving, holy Dove, speed forth thy flight! Move on the waters' face bearing the gifts of grace, and, in earth's darkest place, let there be light!

4 Holy and blessed Three, glorious Trinity, wisdom, love, might; boundless as ocean tide, rolling in fullest pride, through the world, far and wide, let there be light!

Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Trumpet Voluntary

John Stanley (1712–1786)

THOSE SERVING TODAY: Sunday, September 8, 2024

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr. Reese

Assisting Priest: Fr. Stadel

Organist: Ryan Hebert

Choral Assistant: Coleman Flentge

Vergers: Richard Ferlita

Crucifer: Shea Polley

Torchbearers: Esther Henley, Abby Turlington

Lectors: Irene Baker, Peter Baker

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Donreece Brown, Derrick Brown

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

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

Altar Guild: Ursula Keeler, Adrienne Love, Anne Paige



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of our wedding anniversary
and in memory of our parents and grandparents
by Jan and Earl Smith

BIRTHDAYS: Jane Simpson, Holly Clemmons, Kristi Roberts, Linda Busby,
Jack Kutchmire

*The Baptismal Banners were made as a keepsake by Adrienne Love, Anna Putney,
Jeanette Reese, Carol Jane Smith, and Lori Taplow.*



Learn about all parish ministries on
Rally Day
Today, September 8
Fellowship and food after the 10:30am service
Discover new ways that you can share your time,
talent and treasure at Saint Andrew's!

Thank you to Derrick & Beverley Brown for hosting last Sunday's coffee hour!

Outreach

The Outreach Committee will be hosting our annual **Oktoberfest Celebration on Sunday, September 22 following the 10:30AM service.** The menu will include authentic German fare including brats, sauerkraut, spaetzle, German potato salad, and, of course, German beer. Proceeds will benefit Metropolitan Ministries. Cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Advanced ticket purchase is appreciated. For more information, please contact Derrick Brown at 813-270-2390 or darbee45@gmail.com

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Need help or have any questions, please contact

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OR Lauri Harder at secretary@saintandrewstampa.org

Youth News

Saturday, September 14, 2024 from 11am-1pm mark your calendars and meet us for Youth Thrifting Day! Location meet-up TBD.

Sunday, October 6, 2024 & Sunday, October 13, 2024 - after services we will have signups for the annual Halloween house Extravaganza! Please see me in the Parish Hall on either date to sign up for this fabulously fun annual event! We need as many youth & families volunteering as possible!

Friday, October 25, 2024 from 6-8pm - St. Andrew's Annual Halloween House Extravaganza! Please mark your calendars, invite friends & neighbors, and join in this free, fun event!

Adult Christian Education

Sunday mornings at 9:30

Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith

Everyone has doubts. Where is God when bad things happen? Does God hear our prayers? Is there a heaven? How can we know? Often, we treat such questions as the enemy of faith. But uncertainty doesn't mean our belief is lacking. Doubt can be a path to a deeper, richer encounter with God.

In *Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith*, join best-selling author and pastor Adam Hamilton as he discusses some of our most significant sources of doubt and shows how a steady trust in God can emerge from them.

Hamilton approaches these sources of doubt with honesty and insight, drawing on the rich wisdom of the Bible, Christian tradition, and his experience walking with thousands of people on their spiritual journeys. Though you may wrestle with doubt, you'll discover a faith that—rather than providing simple answers—includes belief and trust as well as uncertainty and mystery.

Here is the line-up:

9/8 – Is There a God?

9/15 – The Good Book? Wrestling with the Bible

9/22 – Are All Non-Christians Going to Hell?

9/29 – Is Heaven Real?

10/6 – When Prayers Go Unanswered

10/13 – Why Do the Innocent Suffer?

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

Music Notes

Life is practical. If you're goal-oriented, or if you have a terminal mindset, then allow me to welcome you to the grave. If you live practically, you've been introduced to eternal joy, interest, wonder, love, and praise. No-one reaches the peak but stays piqued forevermore.

I have a terminal degree in music, which makes me giggle. Terminal is a term used by physicians. When you assume you know "it all," you're a wandering corpse. But the lively are constantly wondering. They are constant practitioners of living – dancing with divine surprise. Real living is constantly wondering how much potential there is, especially in oneself. We practice with innocence and purity. Practicing guilt, that's rehearsing for death. We must forget the former things and look to the world with wide-eyed wonder. That's practical living. It's open, supple, and inspired.

Today's offertory anthem was an arrangement I did after a trip to England in 2002. I played a service at Winchester Cathedral, and one of the hymns that Sunday was *Coe Fen*, a tune written by Ken Naylor. This tune piqued my interest in composition. Prior to that, I never considered myself a composer. I thought I *knew* myself. I had peaked. But lo and behold, my interest was piqued. What an intriguing surprise to my so-called limit! At any corner, you can discover potential. Those who think they're washed up have buried what cannot be suppressed – the effervescence of the unknown.

This tune is named after an area of England called Coe Fen. It was inspired by this semi-rural meadowland east of the River Cam, south of the city of Cambridge. Leaving space for inspiration calls us to better hopes; however, most of us assume a position of presumption – the expert. The grim reaper cuddles with the expert. Experimental living keeps you on your toes! The root of the word experimental is *expiriri*, which means 'try.' And mental – well, that means ideas. Try some ideas. Sounds like a fun way to live to me!

Practice is the *application* of theory. Most people talk about life, merely living conceptually. Few people practice. You can't compose unless you try. You can't play the organ unless you try. You can't live unless you try out some of your theories. Most of us are trapped in hypotheticals. Practical living is applying what you believe and touching life intimately, especially the unknowns.

When I arrived back from that trip to England, a new dimension opened in me, and I have dabbled in composition from time to time. Now, I dabble in words, hence my weekly *Music*

Notes. Doesn't the last verse of this anthem pique your interest? "Thou art a sea without a shore, a sun without a sphere; Thy time is now and evermore, thy place is everywhere."

Practical living is guilt-free, limit-free, and carefree. If you've mastered being you, then you're a fuddy-duddy. If you think you "know" your spouse, your future, your limit, or anything else for that matter, then you're a court jester, and we'll laugh at the so-called expert. If you're a practitioner, you're experimenting with divine limitlessness. How shall I sing *that* majesty? Majesty has "jest" in it! Doesn't that pique your interest? Or are you too busy feeling sorry for yourself? Poor court jester, he only *thinks* he's peaked. The few of us who are practical are piqued forever, dancing in the court of the King, trying to get a peek of what it's all about. *Soli Deo Gloria!* -Ryan Hebert

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