



*Welcome to*

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

**THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**SEPTEMBER 22, 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, Rite II, 10:30 a.m.

Prelude: Voluntary in A minor

*John Stanley (1712–1786)*

### Tower Bell

**Hymn 390** (*stand*)

*Lobe den Herren*

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation: join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song, sounding in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth: borne as on eagle wings, safely his saints he sustaineth. Hast thou not seen how all thou needest hath been granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee; surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee; ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.

*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 says*

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.*

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, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**First Reading** (*sit*)

Proverbs 31:10-31

A Reading from the Book of Proverbs.

A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away. She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant-girls. She considers a field

and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson. She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

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

**Psalm 1** *Sung by the choir to Anglican chant*            *Frederick Gore Ouseley (1825–1889)*

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

## Second Reading

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

A Reading from the Letter of James.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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

## Hymn 414 (*stand*)

*Stuttgart*

1 God, my King, thy might confessing,  
ever will I bless thy name; day by day thy  
throne addressing, still will I thy praise  
proclaim.

2 Honor great our God befitteth, who his  
majesty can reach? Age to age his works  
transmitteth, age to age his power shall  
teach.

3 They shall talk of all thy glory, on thy  
might and greatness dwell, speak of thy  
dread acts the story, and thy deeds of  
wonder tell.

4 Nor shall fail from memory's treasure  
works by love and mercy wrought, works  
of love surpassing measure, works of  
mercy passing thought.

5 Full of kindness and compassion, slow to  
anger, vast in love, God is good to all  
creation; all his works his goodness prove.

6 All thy works, O Lord, shall bless thee;  
thee shall all thy saints adore: King  
supreme shall they confess thee, and  
proclaim thy sovereign power.

## Holy Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

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

Jesus and the disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

*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*)

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

#### *Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world, especially the people of Ukraine, Israel  
and Gaza;

*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;

*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*



For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Doug, our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;  
*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;  
*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*Who put their trust in you.*

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.

*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

*S.S. Wesley (1810–1876)*

The Lord hath been mindful of us, and he shall bless us,  
he shall bless the house of Israel, he shall bless the house of Aaron.  
He shall bless them that fear the Lord both small and great.  
Ye are the blessed of the Lord, you and your children.  
Ye are the blessed of the Lord: who made heaven and earth.

*Psalm 115*

*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.

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 482** (*sit*)

*Slane*

1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy, be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe, be there at our labors, and give us, we pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace, be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm, be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray, your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Anthem

*Adrian Batten (c. 1590–1637)*

Lord, we beseech thee, give ear unto our prayers, and by thy gracious visitation lighten the darkness of our hearts, by our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Collect from The Book of Common Prayer, 1549*

*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 492** (*stand*)

*Finnian*

1 Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness,  
wake your noblest, sweetest strain, with the  
praises of your Savior let his house resound  
again; him let all your music honor, and  
your songs exalt his reign.

2 Sing how he come forth from heaven,  
bowed himself to Bethlehem's cave,  
stooped to wear the servant's vesture, bore  
the pain, the cross, the grave, passed within  
the gates of darkness, thence his banished  
ones to save.

3 So, he tasted death for mortals, he, of  
human-kind the head, sinless one, among  
the sinful, Prince of life, among the dead;  
thus he wrought the full redemption, and  
the captor captive led.

4 Now on high, yet ever with us, from his  
Father's throne the Son rules and guides the  
world he ransomed, till the appointed work  
be done, till he see, renewed and perfect,  
all things gathered into one.

### **Dismissal**

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

Postlude: Fanfare

*John Cook (1918–1984)*

**THOSE SERVING TODAY: Sunday, September 22, 2024**

**Celebrant & Preacher:** Fr. Reese

**Assisting Priest:** Fr. Stadel

**Organist:** Ryan Hebert

**Choral Assistant:** Coleman Flentge

**Verger:** Richard Ferlita

**Crucifer:** Joe Scheuer

**Torchbearers:** Diana Tapie, Ada Bingham

**Lectors:** Paul Scheuer, Joe Scheuer

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers:** Patrick Keogh, Dorothy Peters

**Videographers:** Paul Scheuer, Doug Rubottom, Jan Smith, Kirk McCann

**Ushers:** Marshall Ferrell, Richard Chapman, Warren Brown, Pam Billings

**Altar Guild:** Ursula Keeler, Adrienne Love, Anne Paige



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in celebration of our daughter, Melissa's, birthday  
by Margo and Larry Kemm

**BIRTHDAYS:** Edward Dorman, Donreece Brown, Scott Hensley, Brenda Blake,  
Melinda Dundore

## Outreach

The Outreach Committee will be hosting our annual **Oktoberfest Celebration today 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.





## Clergy Transition

Father Jerry Stadel will be retiring as the assisting priest at St. Andrew's. We will celebrate his final Sunday with us on 9/29 with a reception in his honor in the Parish Hall after the 10:30 service. This marks Father Stadel's third retirement as assisting priest at St. Andrew's. He served with us from around 2007 until 2013, then from 2014 until 2016, then from 2020 until the present. He will now transition into the role of priest associate. He will continue to visit some of our shut-in and homebound folk and will assist on Sundays when either the Rector or the assisting priest is away. We are very grateful for the wonderful ministry he has provided to the people of St. Andrew's for all these many years. Thanks, Jerry!

Father Rick Campbell will become our assisting priest on Sunday, 10/6. Father Rick is no stranger to St. Andrew's, having served as assisting priest here from 2016 until 2020, when he became the priest-in-charge at St. Elizabeth's in Zephyr Hills. He is most pleased to be returning to St. Andrew's and we are glad to welcome him back!

## Youth News

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!

Please contact [aliciaschmid@rocketmail.com](mailto:aliciaschmid@rocketmail.com) if you have any questions.

## 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 rest of the line-up:

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,*



### **Blessing of the Pets**

**Saturday, October 5, 10:00a.m.**

**in the church courtyard**

## Music Notes

In today's *Music Notes*, I felt compelled to write about S.S. Wesley, son of Samuel Wesley, the composer and organist, grandson of Charles Wesley, the hymn writer and theologian, and great nephew of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism. I especially love Samuel Sebastian's hymn tunes, notably "Aurelia," the music for the hymn, "The Church's One Foundation." Today's offertory is an exceptional example of his work and is excerpted from a larger piece entitled *Ascribe To the Lord*.

In my research, it seems that he was a superb organist, like his father. He was also described as being agreeable, kind, and sympathetic. They called him S.S. to avoid confusion with his father, Samuel Wesley. Sebastian was added to his name because of his father's deep affinity for Johann Sebastian Bach. Apparently, organists who heard Samuel Sebastian play were often enamored. As Herbert Oakley writes, "those who heard him play changed their style for the better, some of them catching a ray of the *afflatus divinus*." This is a fancy way of saying "inspired by divinity." I too am drawn to his music and would agree it is inspired, but I'm not sure I could tell you exactly why.

I could tell you that this anthem soars. It's fun to sing, exhilarating to conduct, and satisfying to play. I know the choir likes it. But why we like it - I can't quite put my finger on it. Likewise, if I disliked it, I still couldn't put my finger on it. So, is there anything *not* inspired by divinity? First Chronicles states, "All things come of thee, O Lord." The implication of that passage is stunning. *All* things – even those which we seem to dislike?

I like *afflatus divinus* as a term. I'm not particularly fond of the music of Rossini, so does that mean it doesn't have the same *je ne sais quoi*? I know people who couldn't care less about J.S. Bach, calling dusty and dull. Who am I to say what is divinely inspired. If it's not *everything*, then what is it?

It puzzles me when we use flowery language to point out differences between what's divine and what's not. I was inspired by the pipe organ. Nowadays, some people throw pipe organs away. I know of a large Methodist church in North Carolina that is tossing their pipe organ into the dumpster this year. Is that congregation mad? Or is madness also *afflatus divinus*, playing some sort of advocate for the "other team?"

When it comes right down to it, we can't quite put our finger on it. That's because life is a mystery. Even the word mystery tries to put a finger on it. When we use a term, no matter

how highfalutin it is, we are indeed trying to put our finger on it. And when we put our finger on it, we must admit that praise and criticism nestle in the same, unexplainable duality.

Life and its wonders keep us guessing. I agree with the assessment that S.S. Wesley had a special touch. To explain it, maybe it's just too intimate. Maybe it's indivisible yet highly individual. Maybe it all makes sense, even in what seems senseless. Still, I can't quite put my finger on it; however, I *do* know I like this music, and I am touched by it. Maybe that's all that matters. But then I think, does it really? I still can't quite put my finger on it. To try to explain why this music touches me seems untouchable to me. *Soli Deo Gloria!*

-Ryan Hebert

**WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:** Sarah Hudson, Charles Caro, Evelyn Smith, Mignon Grant-Levy, John Tomlinson, Nell Rorebeck, Marion Gustin, Jane Collins, Paul Cullen, Barbara Jones, Gerry Calahan, Mary Nichols, Peggy Kleven, Linda M. Delmasto, Angela Massari, Evelyn O. Jewell, Brycen Coyle, Anita Ramirez, Jane Cantler, Phyllis Sheaffer, Diane Kemker, Martha Medel, Sarah Moody, Larry Kleven, Isabelle Ferrell, William Shuler, Ian Snider, Libby Dickinson, Roma Plimmer, Patricia Maxfield, Jenette Kerr, Kay Rankin, Joe Daurril, Stephen Rosser, Rose Williams, Al Stein, Precious Montgomery, Nancy Honeycutt, Jerry Divers, Wayne Putney, Jean Turner, Matthew Borsch, Bennie Kay O'Brien, Jack Plimmer, Gerald Anthony Brozyna, Andrew Orestano, Marcia Biondolillo

**THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ESPECIALLY REQUESTED:**

Mark Caro, Sgt. Billy Gudzak, Charlene Maxwell, Joan Hoppe, Carlton Hart, Stephen Tedrowe, Virginia Sink, Charlie Richardson, Christine Hudson, Janet Norona, Michael Norona, Christopher Hunt, Charles Mullen, Corinne Gaile, Jack Boyet, Holly Clemmons, Katie Pastorius, Deloris Lewis, Dale Saville, Jeff Johnson, Ralph & Nancy Swank, Delphine & Bob Ballard, Janis Riasanovsky, Linda Barry, Fabio Pompili, Tania Pratt, Sharon Keogh, Ron Breijo, Claire Carraway, Brad Wilde, Brian Polley, Edwin Bourdeau, Ron Trybus, Matt Harper, Jean McAlister, Gale Vineyard, Allyson Littleton, Luzette Lightfoot, Pamela Ann Lane Ketchy, Elizabeth Mangun (*If you wish to add someone to the prayer list, please call Lauri in the church office at 813-221-2035.*)

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