



Welcome to

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

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 29, 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: Adagio in E Major

Frank Bridge (1879–1941)

Tower Bell

Hymn (*stand*)

Madrid

1 Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia!
Amen! loud praise to Christ our King;
Alleluia! Amen! let all, with heart and
voice, before his throne rejoice; praise is
his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

2 Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia!
Amen! let praises fill the sky; Alleluia!
Amen! he is our guide and friend, to us he'll
condescend; his love shall never end:
Alleluia! Amen!

3 Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia!
Amen! life shall not end the strain;
Alleluia! Amen! on heaven's blissful
shore, his goodness we'll adore, singing
forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

All standing, the Celebrant says

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

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.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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*)

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

A Reading from the Book of Esther.

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, “What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.” Then Queen Esther answered, “If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held

my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.” Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?” Esther said, “A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!” Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, “Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman’s house, fifty cubits high.” And the king said, “Hang him on that.” So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

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

Psalm 124 *Sung by the choir to Anglican chant* *George Mursell Garrett (1834–1937)*

- 1 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;
- 2 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the LORD! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

Second Reading

James 5:13-20

A Reading from the Letter of James.

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

Hymn 546 (*stand*)

Siroe

1 Awake my soul, stretch every nerve, and
press with vigor on; a heavenly race
demands thy zeal, and an immortal crown,
and an immortal crown.

2 A cloud of witnesses around hold thee in
full survey; forget the steps already trod,
and onward urge thy way, and onward urge
thy way.

3 'Tis God's all animating voice that calls
thee from on high; 'tis his own hand
presents the prize to thine aspiring eye, to
thine aspiring eye.

4 Then wake, my soul, stretch every nerve,
and press with vigor on; a heavenly race
demands thy zeal, and an immortal crown,
and an immortal crown.

Holy Gospel

Mark 9:38-50

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

John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

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

Sermon

The Baptisms of Matthew Lee Fox and Samuel Hardin Fox Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Celebrant says

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The Parents and Godparents say

I present Matthew Lee Fox and Samuel Hardin Fox to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant then continues

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God’s help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

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 490 (*stanzas 1 and 2*)

Houston

1 I want to walk as a child of light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain.*

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

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.

Refrain In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

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

Sir C.H.H Parry (1848–1918)
arr. H.A. Chambers (1880–1967)

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways! Re-clothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise. In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea, the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word, rise up and follow thee. Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace. Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm.

John G. Whittier (1807–1892)

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 337 (*sit*)

Unde et memores

1 And now, O Father, mindful of the love
that bought us, once for all, on Calvary's
tree, and having with us him that pleads
above, we here present, we here spread
forth to thee that only offering perfect in
thine eyes, the one true, pure, immortal
sacrifice.

2 Look Father, look on his anointed face,
and only look on us as found in him; look
not on our misusings of thy grace, our
prayer so languid, and our faith so dim: for
lo! between our sins and their reward we
set the passion of thy Son our Lord.

3 And then for those, our dearest and our
best, by this prevailing presence we appeal:
O fold them closer to thy mercy's breast! O
do thine utmost for their souls' true weal!
From tainting mischief keep them pure and
clear, and crown thy gifts with strength to
persevere.

4 And so we come: O draw us to thy feet,
most patient Savior, who canst love us
still! And by this food, so awesome and so
sweet, deliver us from every touch of ill: in
thine own service make us glad and free,
and grant us never more to part from thee.

Comfort, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant. For unto Thee do I lift up my soul.

Psalm 86:4

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 545 (*stand*)

St. Fulbert

1 Lo! what a cloud of witnesses
 encompass us around! They, once like us
 with suffering tried, are now with glory
 crowned.

2 Let us, with zeal like theirs inspired,
 strive in the Christian race; and, freed
 from every weight of sin, their holy
 footsteps trace.

3 Behold a Witness nobler still, who trod
 affliction's path: Jesus, the author,
 finisher, rewarder of our faith.

4 He, for the joy before him set, and
 moved by pitying love, endured the cross,
 despised the shame, and now he reigns
 above.

5 Thither, forgetting things behind, press
 we to God's right hand; there, with the
 Savior and his saints, triumphantly to
 stand.

Dismissal

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

Postlude: Festive Toccata

Denis Bédard (b. 1950)

THOSE SERVING TODAY: Sunday, September 29, 2024

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr. Reese

Assisting Priest: Fr. Stadel

Organist: Ryan Hebert

Choral Assistant: Coleman Flentge

Vergers: Allison Besselieu

Crucifer: Thomas Adams

Torchbearers: Rayanne Crawford, Winona Crawford

Lectors: Don Crawford, Summer Crawford

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Wallace Dixon, Jennifer Richardson

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Altar Guild: Jennifer Richardson, Jan Smith, Cathy Szuba

Coffee Hour Hosts: Lucinda Evans, Dawn Headland, Sterling, Allison Besselieu



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in recognition of A. G. Divers's birthday,
one of St. Andrew's good and faithful servants

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

BIRTHDAYS: Savannah MacIsaac, John Mueller, Ray Vince, Anne Baldy,
Ginger Chapman, Mary Beth Dickinson, Nekeshia Hammond, Lourdes Bernal-Dixon

ANNIVERSARIES: David & Amy Ramirez



Blessing of the Pets

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

in the church courtyard

Book Club Meeting Oct. 6th

Jan Rianowsky and Pam Curry will have an informal meeting following the 10:30am service on Oct. 6th for anyone interested in joining the new book club at St. Andrew's.

Please get something from coffee hour and head upstairs to the third floor where we will meet to discuss possible dates and choose our first book. St. Andrew's Book Club is open to all interested adult readers. This will not be a Bible study, but an opportunity to read and discuss a variety of novels where group members will take turns leading the conversations.

Our intention is to bring fellowship through enlightening conversations about the books as we gather together. All are welcome to join at any time if a book selection is interesting to you. Upcoming information will be in the bulletin if you're unable to attend the meeting.

Please email Pam Curry if you have any questions at plcurry@hotmail.com.

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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:

9/29 – 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

Today's offertory is an arrangement of "Repton," one of Parry's most beloved tunes. He wrote the tune in 1888 for an oratorio. And in 1924 George Gilbert Stocks, director of music at Repton School, set it to "Dear Lord and Father of mankind," hence the tune's name, "Repton." Parry had no clue that his melody would be paired with this hymn by John G. Whittier, an American Quaker poet and advocate of the abolition of slavery in the United States.

This anthem is an arrangement by H.A. Chambers, a composer and publisher. The best verse is "Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm." It's remarkable how this beloved treasure of a tune, a hymn, and an anthem rose up in different people who never intended to be "collaborators." We're all collaborating, but we just don't realize it. The collective is at work, but there are those among us who think otherwise.

When we let our senses be dumb, our flesh retire, and we yield to the still, small voice of calm, things just seem to fit together. We realize everything is indeed out of our hands. Most of us, however, are too busy "making" things happen. In a famous Bee Gees song, "Staying Alive," the lyrics say, "I'm a lady's man, no time to talk." We're busy trying to make it. We're trying hard to keep our separate identities alive.

The idea of staying alive is more related to death than anything. In this sense, we are trying to keep the flesh alive – our exteriority and our cause. How futile! You indeed have time to talk. The crux of life is softness, anonymity, willingness, and surprise. If you're too busy being "Elon Musk," you have no time to talk. I heard he must travel with 20 bodyguards. What a shame. He can't just anonymously meander into the local coffee shop for a chitchat. Keeping up that kind of rigid persona is very much like staying alive, forgetting that you are indeed dying.

In letting go, cooling down, and "retiring," we relieve ourselves of the nonsense of keeping up appearances. By remaining open, we begin living by our heart's desire, which breathes through the heats of our superficial desire. Parry wrote a melody that was never intended to be a hymn, yet it lives in infamy that way. It was conjured up and "stays alive" in ways we cannot explain. It seems propped up by itself. It made an appearance and never had to

keep one up. No one had to work hard to keep it up or make it “stay alive.” It was created and has life on its own, abundantly. The same is true of us, if only we would drop the pretense of our controlling waywardness.

Breathing through the heats of desire is what cools you down to learn of your heart’s desire – unconditional love and service to your higher calling. If you are open, supple, and yielding, you are *really* living. Your heart’s desires are always giving and forgiving and they breathe through the heats of your fleshly desire. Staying alive is different from *being* alive. You never know how things will be conjured up. Best to stay out of the way than to stay alive. What a great reminder in this mysteriously moving anthem that seems to have been constructed in a surprisingly circuitous way. *Soli Deo Gloria!*

-Ryan Hebert

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