



Welcome to

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

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 1, 2023

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: Gavotte

S.S. Wesley (1810–1876)

Tower Bell

Hymn 574 (*stand*)

St. Petersburg

1 Before thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a conscience quick to feel, a ready mind to understand the meaning of thy chastening hand; whate'er the pain and shame may be, bring us, O Father, nearer thee.

2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to all their due. From love of pleasure, lust of gold, from sins which make the heart grow cold, wean us and train us with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.

3 For sins of heedless word and deed, for pride ambitious to succeed, for crafty trade and subtle snare to catch the simple unaware, for lives bereft of purpose high, forgive, forgive, O Lord, we cry.

4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our inmost spirits purify: consume the ill; purge out the shame; O God, be with us in the flame; a newborn people may we rise, more pure, more true, more nobly wise.

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.

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*)

Exodus 17:1-7

A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?"

So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

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

Psalm 78:1-4,12-16 *Sung by the choir to Anglican chant*

John Goss (1800–1880)

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
 incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
 I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,
 and what our forefathers have told us, *
 we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come
 the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
 and the wonderful works he has done.
- 12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
 in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
- 13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; *
 he made the waters stand up like walls.
- 14 He led them with a cloud by day, *
 and all the night through with a glow of fire.
- 15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
 and gave them drink as from the great deep.
- 16 He brought streams out of the cliff, *
 and the waters gushed out like rivers.

Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 409 (*stand*)

Creation

1 The spacious firmament on high, with all the blue ethereal sky, and spangled heavens, a shining frame, their great Original proclaim. The unwearied sun from day to day does his Creator's power display; and publishes to every land the work of an almighty hand.

2 Soon as the evening shades prevail, the moon takes up the wondrous tale, and nightly to the listening earth repeats the story of her birth: whilst all the stars that round her burn, and all the planets in their turn, confirm the tidings, as they roll and spread the truth from pole to pole.

3 What though in solemn silence all move round the dark terrestrial ball? What though no real voice nor sound amid their radiant orbs be found? In reason's ear they all rejoice, and utter forth a glorious voice; for ever singing as they shine, "The hand that made us is divine."

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

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

Sermon

Nicene Creed (*stand*)

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

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

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

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

Prayers of the People (*kneel*)

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;

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

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

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.

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 339 (*sit*)

Schmucke dich

1 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness,
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness, come
into the daylight's splendor, there with joy
thy praises render unto him whose grace
unbounded hath this wondrous banquet
founded; high o'er all the heavens he
reigneth, yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.

2 Sun, who all my life dost brighten; Light,
who dost my soul enlighten; Joy, the best
that any knoweth; Fount, whence all my
being floweth: at thy feet I cry, my Maker,
let me be a fit partaker of this blessed food
from heaven, for our good, thy glory, given.

3 Jesus, Bread of life, I pray thee, let
me gladly here obey thee; never to my
hurt invited, be thy love with love
requited; from this banquet let me
measure, Lord, how vast and deep its
treasure; through the gifts thou here
dost give me, as thy guest in heaven
receive me.

Anthem

attr. Jacques Arcadelt (c. 1510–1568)

O Lord, my God, to thee do I lift up my soul. O Lord, in thee have I trusted. Let me not be ashamed, let not my foes triumph over me. O lead me in a plain path; cast me not off, neither forsake me. Teach me thy way, Lord, lead me in a plain path. O hide not thy face far from me. Amen.

From Psalms 25 and 26

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.

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.

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.

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: Prelude in C Major

Edward Bairstow (1874–1946)



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of the marriage of
Monica Caldwell and Joseph Balbona

THOSE SERVING TODAY: Sunday, October 1, 2023

Celebrant: Fr. Reese

Preacher: Fr. Stadel

Organist: Ryan Hebert

Choral Assistant: Coleman Flentge

Verger: Piers Curry

Crucifer: Ian Curry

Torchbearers: Diana Tapie, Ada Bingham

Lectors: George Western, Tom Akins

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: George Bedell, Brad Hall

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

Ushers: Derrick Brown, Donreece Brown, Chris Watson, Michael Dickinson

Altar Guild: Adrienne Love, Anne Paige

BIRTHDAYS: Ray Vince, Anne Baldy, Ginger Chapman, Mary Beth Dickinson, Nekeshia Hammond, Lourdes Bernal-Dixon, Lisa Gari, Lizzy Mayes, Summer Crawford
ANNIVERSARIES: David & Amy Ramirez

Outreach

The Outreach Committee will be meeting on Sunday, October 8th following the 10:30AM service. New members are always welcome! For more information, please contact Chris Capsambelis at 727-542-4547 or ccapsambelis@gmail.com

Children & Youth News

This year's Halloween house will take place **Saturday, October 28th from 6-8pm**, so please mark your calendars! Please contact Alicia Schmid today at aliciaschmid@rocketmail.com to volunteer, inquire about events, and more.

There will be a **confirmation meet & greet** on **Sunday, November 5th at 9:30am** in the youth classroom on the 3rd floor for parents and confirmands. Please attend this meeting to learn more about 2024 confirmation! **Classes start November 5th**, break after Thanksgiving, and will **pick back up every Sunday** in the new year **at 9:30am starting January 7, 2024**, with the date of confirmation being **Sunday, February 25, 2024 during the 10:30 service**.

We will be rehearsing for the **Christmas pageant** starting Sunday, November 26th at 9:30 and will be rehearsing Sunday, December 3rd and Sunday, December 10th from 9:30-11:15am in the Children's chapel with final dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 16th from 10-noon in the sanctuary. The pageant this year will take place on **Sunday, December 17th** during the **10:30am** service. Please reach out to Alicia to be part of this years pageant! We'd love to have you & yours be part of the festivities!

St. Andrew's Ringers

I have some good news for our music enthusiasts at St. Andrew's: we are reconstructing the glorious return of the St. Andrew's Ringers! And, I have even more good news: You, yes YOU, are invited to ring with us!

We are looking for at least 6 members to join our super awesome band of ring-a-dingers, and the more hands on bells, the merrier we shall all be 😊 Never played a bell before? No worries—that's easy to learn! However, in order to ensure the success of the ensemble, members do need to have a foundational understanding of music, be able to count in a variety of time signatures, subdivide, follow their part in a score, and know their right from their left.

Rehearsals will begin on **Wednesday October 4 from 6-6:30pm** on the 6th floor of the Parish Hall.

If you are interested in partaking in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, please email me at coleman.flentge@outlook.com.

Children's Choir

I am also excited to offer a musical engagement opportunity for our youth! Brianna Davies and I will be joining our youth in the Chapel starting soon to facilitate a musical experience for our young members of St. Andrew's, and we look forward to experiencing the art of music making with them!

Adult Christian Education

Sunday mornings at 9:30

First & Second Thessalonians: Keep Calm and Carry On

Have you ever been discouraged in your faith? Or wondered if you are staying grounded in what you believe? This was the issue facing the believers in Thessalonica. So Paul compelled them in two letters to not be deceived by false teachers but remain diligent in doing the work set before them as they looked forward to Jesus' return. In this video Bible study, pastor and author Levi Lusko will guide us through these two letters, revealing what the apostle's words meant to his original readers and how they apply to us today. Levi Lusko is the founder and lead pastor of Fresh Life Church in Montana.

Here is the rest of the line-up:

10/1 – Mind Your Business (1 Thessalonians 4:1-12)

10/8 – Between Now and Then (1 Thessalonians 5:12-28)

10/15 – Keep Calm and Carry On (2 Thessalonians 1-3)

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

Music Notes

Today's postlude is a spicy number by Edward Bairstow, that I am playing for the first time. While I've enjoyed learning this piece, it has given me fits! Bairstow was an English organist, conductor, and composer who spent most of his career at York Minster from 1913 until his death in 1946. Since I've been here at St. Andrew's, we have his psalm settings, but ashamedly none of his anthems.

Have you ever gotten into something that at first glance seems easy, but then you realize it's much more involved? When I go for ease, I often get myself into difficulty. When I heard this piece on a recording, I thought it *sounded* easy. The key of C is ostensibly the "easiest" key in which to play, and going for a quick learn, I thought, "I can whip this up." Instead, its deceptive ease whipped me up into a fricative frenzy of frustration!

It soon became obvious that this “easy” piece was fraught with devilish traps meant to dial back my smugness. It showed its fangs on every page. There are some measures affixed with skull and crossbones warnings that read, “All who dare pass through this measure – BEWARE!” These snarly passages lure you into what appears like a pattern. Fingers *love* patterns, but then Bairstow changes a single note in the so-called pattern and moves the harmony into an alien harmonic region that the fingers cannot foresee, then crash and burn. Over the last few weeks of my practicing, I might have spoken one or two expletives in the church. *Mea culpa!*

As a person, Bairstow was notorious for his abruptness. He was not known for endearing himself to others. He was once asked if he would ever migrate to the U.S. like his predecessor at York Minster, T. Tertius Noble. He replied, “I’d rather go to the devil.” How befitting. I suspect Bairstow purposely made this piece tricky. One of his former students and biographer said that he never hit wrong notes. So, I conclude that not only did he take delight in making others suffer through writing tricky music, but he also made a pact with the devil to play without blemish.

The brain loves the path of least resistance, but the communion anthem reminds us of a spiritual truth, “lead me in a plain path,” not towards the easy exit. The plain path sometimes appears like the path of least resistance, but it’s always the path we need for growth. Difficulty hides in the presumption of ease, like when I painted my bathroom this summer. A “simple” can of paint turned into all new fixtures, some new wainscoting, and a very expensive plumber. \$50 became more, and it hurts to have to tell you how much more. But those financial difficulties make you realize you cannot cling to money or the idea that things will always be easy.

I’m happy I gave this piece a go, even though I still think Bairstow is a scallywag who deserves the four-letter words I hurled at him! I always try to avoid what looks hard, but avoiding growth is impossible. God outsmarts the lazy, those who think they’re playing it safe, and those who get cozy with the status quo. There are bigger plans, and we can’t be cowards forever. If you turn onto what appears to be Easy Street, and you realize it’s Nightmare on Elm Street, keep going. Beyond the snarly curves, the skull and crossbones, and the devil, you’ll find God’s reward for having been so brave and for having grown so much. I’m sure God will also forgive you for the expletives. *Soli Deo Gloria!*

-Ryan Hebert

The Parish Directory is going online!

We will be launching an online (member only access) parish directory. You will be receiving Directory Information Cards that need to be completed for you and your family to be a part of the online directory. The information will be accessed via our website and will be password protected by each participant. You choose what information will be available for other parishioners to see. Once we have it up and running, you will be able to edit your own information directly and add your own picture. We will also provide printed copies upon request.

In the meantime, we need the information cards completed and sent back to us via mail, email (administrator@saintandrewstampa.org) and by dropping them in the collection plate. Pictures can be sent or emailed in as well for us to upload for you.

If you have any questions, please email:

Pam Frost (administrator@saintandrewstampa.org)

or Lauri Harder (secretary@saintandrewstampa.org) or call them at 813-221-2035.



Prayer Request Cards are available at the back of the church
for prayers by the Daughters of the King
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A Rattling Story

Once there was a cattle rancher who despised religion as something only for wimps. The local pastor had visited him a number of times, but got nowhere against the grizzled one's spiritual intransigence. In fact, the last time the preacher had dared approach the ranch house, he had been run off with a shotgun.

The rancher had always taken care of himself. He didn't need any namby-pamby religion stuff to make a go of his life. That is what he taught his three sons, as well.

So the pastor was mighty surprised one day to get an urgent call from the ranch. Could he come out right away and have prayer with Tom, one of the rancher's sons?

Rushing out to the ranch house he found the doctor leaving. "Snakebite," said the doctor. "There's nothing more I can do."

The rancher welcomed the pastor with uncharacteristic warmth and pulled him quickly through the house to a room where Tom was writhing on the bed. "Could you say a prayer for him?" asked the worried father.

He took off his hat, revealing a balding spot the pastor had never seen. Not only that, but he knocked the hats off Dick and Harry, too, standing on the other side of their agonizing brother. And there, in the dimness of that bedroom, the preacher began to pray over Tom: "We thank you, Lord, for sending this rattlesnake to bite Tom, for this is the first time in his life that he has admitted that he needs you. And Lord, we pray for two more rattlesnakes to come along and bite Dick and Harry, so that they, too, might receive this blessing. And then, Lord, we pray for an especially big and ornery cuss of a snake to come along and bite the old man, so that he, too, will know what it means to need you!"

Now, that is probably a prayer we would never dream of praying. Still, the idea is clear. Life begins at death: dying to the trappings of the life around us; dying to the little things that keep us self-absorbed; dying to ourselves in order to find the things that really make us alive.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Sarah Hudson, Terry Bostic, John Wolfe, Fred Heyer, Rhys Klug, Phyllis Kubal, Rose Ann Mayer, Lynwood Arnold, Robert Hursey, John Chapman, Will Proctor, Stan Rzas, Nancy Milam, Betty Jane Kent, Virginia Mullen, Roz Cole, Ann Crowder, Charlie Carl, William Maxfield, Jane Barrett, Al Getz, Luis Medel, Joanne Baldy, Nancy Dinkel, John Dinkel, Don McGinnis, Joy Bell, Bill Dye, Veronica Greaves, Nita McClintock, Owen Meats, 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, LouAnn Connors

THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ESPECIALLY REQUESTED:

Mark Caro, Sgt. Billy Gudzak, Charlene Maxwell, Joan Hoppe, Carlton Hart, Stephen Tedrowe, Mercedes Richardson, Virginia Sink, Charlie Richardson, Christine Hudson, Janet Norona, Michael Norona, Tom Huffman, Sonja Waters, John Mennell, Christopher Hunt, Kathy Connolly, David M, Bob Hart, Dale Dubin, Charles Mullen, Kay Rankin, Roma and Jack Plimmer, Corinne Gaile, Jack Boyet, Jean Turner, Linda Iudiciani Barry, Fabio Pompili, Michael Perkins, Judy Crowley, Analee Mayes, Sonja Waters, John Mennell, Sandra, Steve Finessy, Warren Brown, Cathy Neely, Rick Ostman, Judith Mish, Mark Prater, Linda Barry, Ann & Gene Overmyer, Matt Harper, Susan Dawson, Dawn Headland, Anne Stadel (*We are happy to include all prayer requests. Names will remain on the list for four weeks. Please call Lauri in the church office if you desire a name to remain on after four weeks or to be removed sooner.*)

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The Rev. John Reese, *Rector*

The Rev. Canon Jerold R. Stadel, *Assisting Priest*

Ryan Hebert, *Director of Music/Organist*

Coleman Flentge, *Associate Director of Music*

Pamela Frost, *Parish Administrator*

Lauri Harder, *Administrative Assistant*

Alicia Schmid, *Director of Children's and Youth Ministries*

Anguel Dimitrov, *Sexton*

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In the name of Christ, we the people of Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, in response to God's call, proclaim our belief that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior, and thereby declare our purpose to be to glorify God through our worship and work, to serve the spiritual and temporal needs of others as Christ's disciples, and to build a lively, growing community in Christ's image.