



Welcome to

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

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 15, 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: Organ Concerto in B-flat, Op. 4 No. 2.

G.F. Handel (1685–1759)
trans. Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)

- I. *A tempo ordinario e staccato*
- II. *Allegro*

Tower Bell

Hymn 569 (*stand*)

Russia

1 God the Omnipotent! King, who ordainest thunder thy clarion, the lightning thy sword; show for thy pity on high where thou reignest: give to us peace in our time, O Lord.

2 God the All-merciful! earth hath forsaken thy ways all holy, and slighted thy word; bid not thy wrath in its terrors awaken: give to us peace in our time, O Lord.

3 God, the All-righteous One! earth hath defied thee; yet to eternity standeth thy word, falsehood and wrong shall not tarry beside thee: give to us peace in our time, O Lord.

4 God the All-provident! earth by thy chastening yet shall to freedom and truth be restored; through the thick darkness thy kingdom is hastening: thou wilt give peace in thy time, O Lord.

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.

A Song of Praise

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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.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading (*sit*)

Exodus 32:1-14

A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an

altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.” They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.” But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23 *Sung by the choir to Anglican chant*

Thomas Jackson (1715–1781)

1 Hallelujah!

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD *
or show forth all his praise?

3 Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!

4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people, *
and visit me with your saving help;

- 5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people, *
that I may glory with your inheritance.
- 6 We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.
- 19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *
and worshiped a molten image;
- 20 And so they exchanged their Glory *
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.
- 21 They forgot God their Savior, *
who had done great things in Egypt,
- 22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *
and fearful things at the Red Sea.
- 23 So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, *
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

Second Reading

Philippians 4:1-9

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

Hymn 556 (stand) stanzas 1-5

Marion

1 Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks and sing! Your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

2 With all the angel choirs, with all the saints of earth, pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, noblest mirth. *Refrain*.

3 Your clear hosannas raise, and alleluias loud; while answering echoes upward float, like wreaths of incense cloud. *Refrain*.

4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go, from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe.

Refrain.

5 Still lift your standard high, still march in firm array, as warriors through the darkness toil, till dawns the golden day. *Refrain*.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

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

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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

Charles Wood (1866–1926)

O Thou, the central orb of righteous love, Pure beam of the most High, eternal
Light Of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright Awakes new joy in faith,
hope soars above. Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine, Gilding our
darksome heaven with rays Divine. Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move,
As stars about thy throne, set in the height Of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy
sight Gives measured grace to each, Thy power to prove. Let Thy bright beams
disperse the gloom of sin, Our nature all shall feel eternal day In fellowship with
thee, transforming day To souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

Henry Ramsden Bramley (1833–1917)

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 684 (*sit*)

Caithness

1 O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame, a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!

2 Where is the blessedness I knew when first I saw the Lord? Where is the soul-refreshing view of Jesus and his word?

3 Return, O holy Dove, return, sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.

4 The dearest idol I have known, whate'er that idol be, help me to tear it from thy throne, and worship only thee.

5 So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame; so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

Anthem

Anonymous

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice.
Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is at hand.
Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication,
let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks.
And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen.

Philippians 4:4-7

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

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

Hymn 375 (*stand*)

Du Lebensbrot, Herr Jesu Christ

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

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

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

Dismissal

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

Postlude: Toccata

Eugène Gigout (1844–1925)



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of our wedding anniversary
with thanksgiving for the blessings of our journey together
by Irene and Peter Baker

THOSE SERVING TODAY: Sunday, October 15, 2023

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr. Reese

Assisting Priest: Fr. Stadel

Organist: Ryan Hebert

Choral Assistant: Coleman Flentge

Verger: Richard Ferlita

Crucifer: Joe Scheuer

Torchbearers: Emily Borsch, Natalie Schmid

Lectors: Joe Scheuer, Paul Scheuer

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Derrick Brown, Donreece Brown

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

Ushers: Eric Hargens, Loueita Hargens, Paul Bentschner, Chris Cobb

Altar Guild: Adrienne Love, Anne Paige

Coffee Hour Hosts: The Borsch Family

BIRTHDAYS: Alexa Colson-Miller, Georgia Vahue, Henry Thatcher, Matt Tapie, Cathy Szuba

ANNIVERSARIES: Frazier & Claire Carraway

Make a Pledge for 2024

Please return your pledge card for 2024 as soon as possible. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, cards are available at the back of the church, in the Parish Hall, or through the parish office (813-221-2035). Make a commitment and support St. Andrew's in the coming year.

Help us help others!

Did you know that the St. Andrew's Homeless Ministry distributes over 600 bagged lunches every week? In addition, we supply toiletries, socks, and clothing to those in need. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful group of volunteers and so many generous donors!!! However, supplies and funds are running low! We are asking for dark-colored crew socks, and thin, dark-colored washcloths. Monetary donations are needed as well. Please write "homeless ministry supplies" in your check memo if you would prefer to make a donation in that way. God bless you for helping us to help those who are most in need here in our church community.

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 year's pageant! We'd love to have you & yours be part of the festivities!

All Saints' Evensong

Please join us for candlelight **Choral Evensong on Sunday, November 5 at 5:00p.m.**

Evensong is the quintessential prayer service of the Anglican tradition and is almost entirely sung. Since we do this service only once a year, I hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity. The music will commemorate the faithful departed and will honor the vast numbers of parishioners who have gone onto their heavenly rest, and whose lives and service helped shape our beloved church. The Louise Lykes Ferguson Memorial Choir will sing anthems by Ernest Bullock and Egil Hovland and a Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis setting by Charles Wood. The closing organ voluntary will be the great F Major Toccata by Johann Sebastian Bach. We hope you will join us for this beautiful service on All Saints' Sunday. Please plan to attend and to invite a friend! A reception will follow in the parish hall.



Our Annual *St. Andrew's Fish Fry* will be on **Sunday, November 12th after the 10:30 am service.** Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children with proceeds benefitting "*Gabriel's Giving Tree*", supporting needy children from Cleveland and Kimbell Elementary Schools. We will again be pre-selling tickets each Sunday prior to the lunch.

A Church Invitation

Perhaps you have heard of the family that moved into a small town. The local Baptist church decided to reach out to the family. When they arrived at the doorstep the members of the church were surprised to find that the family had 12 kids and were for the most part poor. They invited the family to services and said goodbye. Later that week the church responded to their need. They delivered a package to the family and said, "We want you to know that you and your entire family are welcome at our church anytime. We have bought you these gifts and we want you to feel comfortable and at ease in our congregation. We hope you can use these," and they left. The family opened the package to find 14 suits of clothing, beautiful clothes for every member of the family. Sunday came and the congregation waited for the family, and they waited. The family never showed. Wondering what could have possibly happened, after lunch the members of the church returned to the home and found the family just getting back, all dressed in their new clothes.

"We don't mean to be nosey but we would like to know what happened. We had hoped to see you this morning in church," the leader of the church inquired.

The father spoke up. He said, "Well, we got up this morning intending to come. And we sure do appreciate your invitation. But after we showered, shaved, and dressed, why we looked so proper we went to the Episcopal Church."

More Invitations

The invitation that we receive from God to the feast is a happy one. A woman arrived late for a wedding. As she came rushing up to the door, an usher asked her for her invitation. "I have none," she snapped. "Are you a friend of the groom?" he asked. "Certainly not!" the woman replied, "I'm the bride's mother." You and I are invited to a wedding feast of joy, and we are the friends of the king.

Once Winston Churchill received an invitation from George Bernard Shaw to one of his opening plays back in the early 1900s. The note read, "Enclosed are two tickets to the performance of a play of mine. Bring a friend - if you have one." Churchill sent back this reply: "Dear GBS, I thank you very much for the invitation and tickets. Unfortunately, I am otherwise engaged on that night, but could I have tickets for the second night - if there is one?"

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:

10/15 – 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.

Sunday mornings at 9:30

Jesus Revealed: The "I Am" statements in the Gospel of John

Light. Bread. Shepherd. Life. The Gospel of John uses these and other symbols to paint a picture of who Jesus is. Through the "I Am" statements Jesus describes himself with rich images, showing us that he is both fully human and fully divine and calling us as his followers.

In *Jesus Revealed: The I Am Statements in the Gospel of John*, author Matt Rawle explores the "I Am" statements in John as works of art that resonate throughout the Gospel and all of Scripture. He shows how these words point beyond themselves to the deep mystery of Jesus Christ. Join us on this journey and experience the profound truth at the heart of the I Am statements: that Jesus is light and life, and he calls us to himself and offers us the hope of resurrection. Matt Rawle is lead pastor at Asbury United Methodist Church in Bossier City, Louisiana.

Here is the line-up:

10/22 - I am the bread of life (John 6:48)

10/29 - I am the light of the world (John 8:12)

11/5 - I am the good shepherd (John 10:11)

11/12 - I am the resurrection and the life (John 11:25)

11/19 - I am the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6)

11/26 - I am the true vine (John 15:1)

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

Music Notes

John once asked me to do some “ruffles and flourishes” on a hymn. That means to add what amounts to child-like graffiti to a “normal” hymn. Artists *love* to whip up swirls and embellishments that buzz the senses. Sometimes, you might get goosebumps. Your attention gets enraptured, and it seems like you get a glimpse of the divine. But divine presence never disappears. We just seem to have some sort of amnesia that seems to forget the omnipresence of God. God has no off switch.

Consider the first line of our anthem. “O Thou, the central orb of righteous love, pure beam of the most high, eternal light of this our wintry world, thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.” Combined with Wood’s magnificent music, the tones soar into the rafters and rattle the bowels of the church. Did you catch that? Did you see how I “ruffled” those words? They animate mundane objects with outlandish images like cartoonish angels swinging in the rafters and the church building itself belly laughing.

When we kid around the “on switch” briefly illuminates the apparition of divine presence. But again, God never disappears. This hide-and-seek illusion is necessary for our wavering attention spans. How apropos. Illusion comes from *iludere* which means “play.” It’s like when babies get excited to play peekaboo. They “forget” when you cover your eyes, and it’s a big, tickling surprise when you remove your hands. We have this same innocent fluttering mechanism built into us. God makes an “appearance” in lofty things; but the joke is on those who don’t know that God never disappears! But without the illusion of “on-off,” the surprise would be spoiled. That’s no fun.

Creation is littered with spattered stars, snarly vegetation, splotchy skies with wisps of cotton, and a planet populated by weird creatures, including humans! We live in a cartoon. There’s so much enchantment everywhere, but our minds “normalize” everything. We’re turned off, but God is in the off switch too. That’s why it’s possible to do things with one hand tied behind your back. But life is much more vivid when you stay “on.” Good art and music-making turn the switch on. Haven’t you ever been turned on? We get whisked away from a slack-jawed malaise with amazing art. Unfortunately, it often takes tragedy to snap someone out of a zombie state. I prefer a ruffle and a flourish, or to live with the miracle of every moment, each day! I like to keep my on switch illuminated as much as I can.

I loved Mr. Rogers Neighborhood as a child. In one episode, the cameras drew back, and he showed us behind the scenes. We saw the jazz group, the cameramen, and the miniature layout of the neighborhood. I always wondered why he didn’t have a bedroom. After that episode I learned it wasn’t his *real* house. We got a glimpse of the magic. Like Mr. Rogers’ neighborhood, when the cameras pull back on your life, and you see how it works, you’ll wonder why you ever got turned off in the first place. The divine never turns off but loves surprise. Ruffles and flourishes are imaginative ways to turn us on, and to snatch us up to the miracle of the moment. Behind the scenes the magic is *always* happening. We get in front of it by “normalizing” everything. After a ruffle, the cameras zoom back in, and our myopia once again lulls us into complacency. But that’s OK. That makes for a good and surprising game of peekaboo. *Soli Deo Gloria!*

-Ryan Hebert

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, Roma Plimmer

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