

## Welcome to

## SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH TAMPA, FLORIDA

# THE TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OCTOBER 27, 2024

10:30AM

May those who sorrow find comfort;

the weary, rest;

the troubled, peace;

the lonely, friends;

the unhappy, joy;

and may all find the sense of God's presence in this Holy Place.

Welcome to Saint Andrew's Church in the city of Tampa. You are sharing in a tradition of worship that has been offered here since 1883, when a wood-frame building was erected on this site as Tampa's first Episcopal Church. The cornerstone of the present church was laid in 1904.

All Visitors and Newcomers are invited to complete the information card, found on the back of the pews, and leave it with an usher or in the offering plate. Please introduce yourselves to the clergy as you leave the church and come to coffee hour in the parish hall after the 10:30 a.m. service.

Each Sunday we celebrate The Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. (Rite I, said); and at 10:30 a.m. (Rite II, with choir).

At Your Service: Stay warm at Saint Andrew's: Borrow a shawl from the basket at the back of the church. Shawl donations also welcomed!

#### IMPORTANT PRIVACY NOTICE

As a mission of outreach to our parishioners and the greater Christian community, audio and video of this service will be recorded and broadcast live on social media. We make every effort to respect and preserve the privacy of members and visitors. If you have any specific questions or concerns about your privacy while worshipping with us, please speak with one of the ushers at the rear of the church.

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent—for this is the house of God.

Before the service, speak to God.

During the service, let God speak to you.

After the service, speak to one another.

## PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

## Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30 a.m.

Prelude: Trumpet Tune Fredrick Swann (b. 1931)

#### **Tower Bell**

**Hymn 410** (stand) Lauda anima

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing: Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

2 Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress; praise him still, the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

3 Father-like he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows; in his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.

4 Angels help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face; sun and moon bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

## 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 S-236

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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)

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

A Reading from the Book of Job.

Job answered the Lord: "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.' I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes." And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all

his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

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

#### **Psalm 34:1-8** Sung by the choir to Anglican chant

*Thomas Norris (1741–1790)* 

- 1 I will bless the LORD at all times; \* his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the LORD; \* let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; \* let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me \* and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, \* and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me \* and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, \* and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; \* happy are they who trust in him!

## **Second Reading**

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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

#### **Hymn 411** (*stand*)

St. Thomas (Williams)

- 1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee proclaim! And all that is within me join to bless his holy Name!
- 2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mercies bear in mind! Forget not all his benefits! The Lord to thee is kind.
- 3 He will not always chide; he will with patience wait; his wrath is ever slow to rise and ready to abate.
- 4 He pardons all thy sins, prolongs thy feeble breath; he healeth thine infirmities and ransoms thee from death.
- 5 He clothes thee with his love, upholds thee with his truth; and like the eagle he renews the vigor of thy youth.
- 6 Then bless his holy Name, whose grace hath made thee whole, whose loving-kindness crowns thy days: O bless the Lord, my soul!

Holy Gospel Mark 10:46-52

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### **Prayers of the People** (kneel)

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

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

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

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

For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Doug, our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers:

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

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

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

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

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. *Amen*.

#### **Confession of Sin**

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

#### The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen*.

#### **Peace** (stand)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

#### **Announcements**

## **Holy Communion**

#### At the Offertory:

#### Anthem

Sir William Harris (1883–1973)

The eyes of all wait upon thee, O lord: And thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou openest thine hand, and fillest all things living with plenteousness.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways: and holy in all his works.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him: yea all such as call upon him faithfully. He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him, he also will hear their cry and will help them. The Lord preserveth all them that love him.

Psalm 145:15-20

#### 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.

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift 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 S-125

## Celebrant and People

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 S-167

(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 704** (sit) Hereford

1 O thou who camest from above the fire celestial to impart, kindle a flame of sacred love upon the altar of my heart.
2 There let it for thy glory burn with ever bright, undying blaze, and trembling to its source return in humble prayer and fervent praise.

3 Jesus, confirm my heart's desire to work, and speak, and think for thee; still let me guard the holy fire and still stir up the gift in me.

4 Still let me prove thy perfect will, my acts of faith and love repeat, till death thy endless mercies seal, and make the sacrifice complete.

#### Anthem

*Herbert Howells (1892-1983)* 

My eyes for beauty pine, My soul for Goddës grace: No other care nor hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face.

One splendour thence is shed From all the stars above: Tis named when Goddës name is said, 'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.

And every gentle heart, That burns with true desire, Is lit from eyes that mirror part Of that celestial fire.

Robert Bridges (1844–1930)

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 460** (*stand*) *Stanzas 1,3,4*

Hyfrydol

1 Alleluia! sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne; Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone; Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood; Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

3 Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, thou on earth our food, our stay! Alleluia! here the sinful flee to thee from day to day: Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me, where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

4 Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own: Alleluia! born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne: thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and Victim in the eucharistic feast.

#### Dismissal

*Priest* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Toccata in D Minor J.S. Bach (1685-1750)



The altar flowers are given to the gory of God and in loving memory of Jasper Hursey and Florence Lopez from family & friends

THOSE SERVING TODAY: Sunday, October 27, 2024

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr. Reese Assisting Priest: Fr. Campbell

**Organist:** Ryan Hebert

**Choral Assistant:** Coleman Flentge

Verger: Piers Curry Crucifer: Ethan Smith

**Torchbearers**: Wyatt Smith, Daniel Carr **Lectors**: Paula Stewart. Chris Sherman

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Patrick Keogh, Wallace Dixon

**Videographers:** Paul Scheuer, Doug Rubottom, Jan Smith, Kirk McCann **Ushers:** Marshall Ferrell, Richard Chapman, Warren Brown, Pam Billings

Altar Guild: Kathy Lawless, Jan Smith, Cathy Szuba

Coffee Hour Hosts: Earl & Jan Smith, Richard Ferlita, James Carmichael, Cathy Szuba

BIRTHDAYS: Mark Caro, Marshall Ferrell, Richard Brown, Mike Billings,

Brynn Besselieu, Arlene Tonnesen

ANNIVERSARIES: Paul & Betsy Scheuer, John & Jeanette Reese,

Craig & Louise Polley

## **Recital**

From the churches of J. S. Bach to the theatres of Broadway's Jason Robert Brown, the recital promises to be a full program of pieces throughout the ages. We will explore a range of emotions and stories from the thought-provoking and miserable lows of Schubert's *Die Winterreise* to the beauty and ardor of the sea in Faure's *L'Horizon Chimerique*. Enjoy an evening in St. Andrew's fantastic sanctuary (an acoustic wonderland in many ways) and travel the world with Marshall Corzette **today, October 27**th **at 5PM**.

## All Saints' Evensong

Please join us for Choral Evensong on **Sunday, November 3 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, please 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 John Goss and William Harris and a Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis setting in B-flat by Stanford. 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.

## **Adult Christian Education**

## Sunday mornings at 9:30

## Signs and Wonders: A Beginner's Guide to the Miracles of Jesus

In Signs and Wonders: A Beginner's Guide to the Miracles of Jesus, Amy-Jill Levine explores selected miracles of Jesus in historical and theological context. For each miracle, she discusses not only how past witnesses would have understood the events, but also how today's readers can draw meaning from Jesus's words and actions. Levine is Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Hartford Seminary and Professor Emerita of New Testament Studies at Vanderbilt University.

#### Here is the lineup:

- 10/27 Walking on water and stilling the storm: Ecological readings of the Gospels
- 11/03 The feeding of the 5,000 (or more): The centrality of bread
- 11/10 A bleeding woman and a dead girl: The importance of women's bodies
- 11/17 Giving sight to the blind: Metaphors of understanding (Mark 8, John 9)
- 11/24 The raising of Lazarus: Taking death seriously

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

## St. A's Book Club – Next Meeting Sunday, Nov 10th

On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October—before the furies of Hurricane Milton—Jan Riasanovsky and Pam Curry called an informal meeting for a new St. Andrew's Book Club. There was a good turnout and much enthusiasm. So far, eleven people want to be part of our new Book Club. However, if you are interested in being part of this, we still have room for a few more. We decided to meet monthly, after the 10:30 am Eucharist, up on the third floor. Feel free to bring coffee and snacks. Each month, we shall choose a different book, to be read in the weeks beforehand, and then to be discussed at our meeting.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday Nov 10<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 am service, again up on the third floor. Our book choice this time is a classic short story by Ernest Hemingway, "The Snows of Kilimanjaro" (1936), one of ten short stories found in the collection *The Snows of Kilimanjaro and Other Stories* (Scribner, 1995). This little paperback is available for about \$11.99 from Amazon or other sellers. "Beautiful in their simplicity, startling in their originality, and unsurpassed in their craftsmanship, the stories in this volume highlight one of America's master storytellers at the top of his form" (Amazon blurb).

So, if you are interested in joining us and receiving the background material already sent out, or if you have any questions, please do contact the St. A's Book Club secretary, Ray Vince, at <a href="mailto:rvince@hccfl.edu">rvince@hccfl.edu</a>.

## **Anchor Ball**

It's that time of year and our Vestry has graciously agreed to add its name as a supporter of the 2024 Anchor Ball sponsored by Port Tampa Bay! The Ball is scheduled for Saturday, December 7, 2024, at the PEPIN HOSPITALITY CENTRE (4121 N 50<sup>th</sup> St. in Tampa 33610), beginning at 5:30 pm and ending no later than 9:30 pm. Proceeds will benefit the Tampa Bay Maritime Scholarship Foundation and the Tampa Port Ministries. St. Andrew's will continue its annual support of the Seafarer's Ministry and has purchased 5 tickets to the 2024 Anchor Ball for use by parishioners at NO COST to our participants! In addition, Irene and Peter Baker have purchased an extra ticket for a St. Andrew's parishioner to attend so there are 6 seats available at NO CHARGE at our table hosted by the Bakers. There is plenty of parking at the Centre, complimentary drinks and hor d'oeuvres, silent auction, dinner, live auction and dancing. What we need are some volunteers to share in this outreach ministry, put on some dress clothes for the evening (black tie optional), and

open their hearts, wallets or pocketbooks. If you are interested in attending, please contact Pam Frost or Lauri Harder in the office (813-221-2035) so they can add you to the guest list. If you have any questions, please contact Peter Baker (813-230 0354; <a href="mailto:pbakerlaw@gmail.com">pbakerlaw@gmail.com</a>), There is no cost to you – so please sign up and have a great time at the 2024 ANCHOR BALL!!

## Make a Pledge for 2025

Please return your pledge card for 2025 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.

#### **Music Notes**

Today's communion anthem is a gem. Herbert Howells', "My Eyes for Beauty Pine," is one of those pieces that is simply divine because of its simplicity. The text is intriguing. To think that our eyes pine! When we notice something beautiful, something breathtaking – our attention is captivated, engulfed in the present moment, in awe.

When the text about love comes to a cadence in the second verse, notice how Howells creates a sharp contrast in the texture. The piece starts with a simple, unison melody. Then as it builds to the words "Love, 'tis heavenly Love," notice how the music suddenly seems to blossom, and expand into 4-part harmony. It's such a treat for the ears to experience a change in harmonic texture like that, isn't it? Not only does it highlight the text, it represents what love does — it binds us together in harmony. What a neat way of drawing our attention to those deeply meaningful and beautiful words. Like our eyes pine for beauty, so does our attention pine to innocently perceive our world, without judgement or condemnation. Our attention can be drawn in by creation, we can be aware of how much splendor is all around us, and we can notice it just about anytime we choose to, and without an unnecessary opinion.

Our eyes hunger for beauty; our ears hunger for harmony; our souls *long* for what we cannot see, hear, touch, taste, or smell. It's attention that seems to be lacking, pure attention unclouded by overthinking that is the communion that we seek with the outside world.

Attention is the most valuable thing on the planet, and we give it away frivolously to things that might not be so beautiful. The so-called news, social media, and all the chatter in our

skulls absorbs the purity of our attention. When we focus, without bias, our eyes, ears, and hearts are keener than we think.

Our eyes aren't the only thing that pine. Perhaps it's time to draw attention to something more meaningful, something more subtle, and something that even the word beauty can't quite capture. *Soli Deo Gloria!* 

-Ryan Hebert

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

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

Mark Caro, Sgt. Billy Gudzak, Joan Hoppe, Carlton Hart, Stephen Tedrowe, Virginia Sink, Charlie Richardson, Christine Hudson, Janet Norona, Michael Norona, Christopher Hunt, Charles Mullen, Corinne Gaile, Jack Boyet, Holly Clemmons, Katie Pastorius, Deloris Lewis, Ralph & Nancy Swank, Delphine & Bob Ballard, Janis Riasanovsky, Linda Barry, Brian Polley, Edwin Bourdeau, Ron Trybus, Matt Harper, Jean McAlister, Gale Vineyard, Allyson Littleton, Luzette Lightfoot, Pamela Ann Lane Ketchy, Elizabeth Mangun, Mike McGhee, Ramond Chiaramonte (If you wish to add someone to the prayer list, please call Lauri in the church office at 813-221-2035. We are happy to include all prayer requests. Names will remain on the list for four weeks. Please notify Lauri if you desire a name to remain on after four weeks or to be removed sooner.)

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