



Welcome to

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

**THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:
CHRIST THE KING**

NOVEMBER 24, 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: Cantilena

Josef Rheinberger (1839–1901)

Tower Bell

Hymn 544 (*stand*)

Duke Street

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun doth
his successive journey's run; his kingdom
stretch from shore to shore, till moons
shall wax and wane no more.

2 To him shall endless prayer be made, and
praises throng to crown his head; his Name
like sweet perfume shall rise with every
morning sacrifice.

3 People and realms of every tongue dwell
on his love with sweetest song; and infant
voices shall proclaim their early blessings
on his Name.

4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the
prisoners leap to lose their chains, the
weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer
want are blest.

5 Let every creature rise and bring peculiar
honors to our King; angels descend with
songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

All standing, the Celebrant says

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant 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.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*

First Reading (*sit*)

2 Samuel 23:1-7

A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favorite of the Strong One of Israel: The spirit of the Lord speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land. Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? But the godless are all like thorns that

are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

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

Psalm 132:1-13 *Sung by the choir to Anglican chant John Henry Maunder (1858–1920)*

- 1 LORD, remember David, *
and all the hardships he endured;
- 2 How he swore an oath to the LORD *
and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:
- 3 "I will not come under the roof of my house," *
nor climb up into my bed;
- 4 I will not allow my eyes to sleep, *
nor let my eyelids slumber;
- 5 Until I find a place for the LORD, *
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."
- 6 "The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; *
we found it in the fields of Jearim.
- 7 Let us go to God's dwelling place; *
let us fall upon our knees before his footstool."
- 8 Arise, O LORD, into your resting-place, *
you and the ark of your strength.
- 9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; *
let your faithful people sing with joy.
- 10 For your servant David's sake, *
do not turn away the face of your Anointed.
- 11 The LORD has sworn an oath to David; *
in truth, he will not break it:
- 12 "A son, the fruit of your body *
will I set upon your throne.
- 13 If your children keep my covenant
and my testimonies that I shall teach them, *
their children will sit upon your throne for evermore."

Second Reading

A Reading from the Revelation to John.

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 494 (*stand*)*Diademata*

1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne; Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own; awake my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

2 Crown him the Son of God before the worlds began, and ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who every grief hath known that wrings the human breast, and takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.

3 Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save; his glories now we sing who died, and rose on high, who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death my die.

4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who over all doth reign, who once on earth, the incarnate Word, for ransomed sinners slain, now lives in realms of light, where saints with angels sing their songs before him day and night, their God, Redeemer, King.

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, enthroned in worlds above; crown him the King, to whom is given, the wondrous name of Love. Crown him with many crowns, as thrones before him fall, crown him, ye kings, with many crowns, for he is King of all.

Holy Gospel

John 18:33-37

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

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

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

Sermon

Nicene Creed (*stand*)

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

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

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

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

Prayers of the People (*kneel*)

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

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

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

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

For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

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

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

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

For Sean, 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

Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

Rejoice the Lord is King, your Lord and King adore; mortals give thanks and sing
and triumph evermore. *Refrain.*

Refrain. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, rejoice again I say, rejoice.

Jesus the savior reigns, the God of truth and love; when he had purged our stains, he
took his seat above. *Refrain.*

His kingdom cannot fail; He rule o'er earth and heaven; the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given. *Refrain.*

He sits at God's right hand, until all his foes submit, and bow to his command and
fall beneath his feet. *Refrain.*

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

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 307 (*sit*)

Bryn Calfaria

1 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor,
first-begotten from the dead. Thou alone,
our strong defender, liftest up thy people's
head. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus,
true and living bread! Jesus, true and living
bread!

2 Here our humblest homage pay we, here
in loving reverence bow; here for faith's
discernment pray we, lest we fail to know
thee now. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou art here, we ask not how. Thou art
here, we ask not how.

3 Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
as of old in Bethlehem, here as there thine
angels hail thee, branch and flower of
Jesse's stem. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
We in worship join with them. We in
worship join with them.

4 Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished
once for all when thou was slain, in its
fullness undiminished shall forevermore
remain. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Cleansing us from every stain. Cleansing
us from every stain.

5 Life-imparting heavenly Manna, smitten
Rock with streaming side, heaven and
earth with loud hosanna worship thee, the
Lamb who died. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Risen, ascended, glorified! Risen,
ascended, glorified!

Anthem

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

Above all praise and all majesty, and above all majesty. Lord thou reignest
evermore. Hallelujah!

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 555 (*stand*)

Lancashire

1 Lead on, O King eternal, the day of
march has come; henceforth in fields of
conquest thy tents shall be our home:
through days of preparation thy grace
has made us strong, and now, O King
eternal, we lift our battle song.

2 Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's
fierce war shall cease, and holiness
shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords loud clashing, nor
roll of stirring drums, but deeds of love
and mercy, the heavenly kingdom
comes.

3 Lead on, O King eternal: we follow,
not with fears; for gladness breaks like
morning where'er thy face appears. Thy
cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its
light: the crown awaits the conquest;
lead on, O God of might!

Dismissal

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

Postlude: Now Thank We All Our God

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877–1933)



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory
of our parents Audrey McNamara Brown, Charles E. Klug, Sr.
and Richard F. Brown, Sr.
by Charles and Victoria Klug

THOSE SERVING TODAY: Sunday, November 24, 2024

Celebrant: Fr. Campbell

Preacher: Fr. Reese

Organist: Ryan Hebert

Choral Assistant: Coleman Flentge

Vergers: Piers Curry

Crucifer: Ethan Smith

Torchbearers: Rayanne Crawford, Winona Crawford

Lectors: Don Crawford, Summer Crawford

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Paula Stewart, Jennifer Richardson

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

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

Altar Guild: Jennifer Richardson, Jan Smith, Cathy Szuba

Coffee Hour Host: The Cobbs

BIRTHDAYS: Dianna Benjamin, Lucinda Evans, Maren Kennel, Lynn Dorman,
Win Liggett, David Epp, Mark Crofoot, Paul Gubbini, Patrick Allman

ANNIVERSARIES: Donald & Campbell Burton, Christopher & Maureen Watson

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Choral Eucharist

Wednesday, November 27 ~ 7:00 p.m.

A wonderful day of the year to give thanks to our God!

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 rest of the lineup:

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.

Sunday mornings at 9:30

Experiencing Christmas: Christ in the Sights and Sounds of Advent

Discover how everything changed when God was born.

Everything seems different at the end of the year. We put lights on our houses to dispel the growing darkness, Christmas music floods local radio stations, eggnog flows, and wrapping paper and tape are always ready. Things just look, smell, and taste differently during the Advent and Christmas season, and these differences are a sign to us that God is about to do something radical and different. Christmas is when God surrounded the divine with senses of his own. That first noel was when God had eyes to see suffering, ears to hear our cries, and hands to hold those in need, and all of these senses were bundled in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. “This will be a sign to you,” the angel told the shepherds, and they traveled to Bethlehem and found a child. What signs do you see during the Advent and Christmas season that point you to the divine?

Join us for this video study led by Matt Rawle, Lead Pastor at Asbury United Methodist Church in Bossier City, Louisiana.

Here is the line-up:

12/1 – Do You See What I See?

12/8 – Do You Hear What I Hear?

12/15 – Do You Taste What I Taste?

12/22 – Do You Feel What I Feel?

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

Joy! A Winter Spectacular

Musicians from Dr. Kiran C. Patel High School are excited to return to St. Andrew's for their fourth annual winter concert! This year's theme is "Joy!" and will be a showcase of music intended to spread joy and light to our community! We hope you will mark your calendars and be a part of this truly festive celebration. The concert is here at St. Andrew's on **Thursday December 12 at 7PM**. Tickets are \$10 for adults and free for children 12 and under.

Gabriel Tree

The Parish Outreach Committee is again sponsoring the 2024 Gabriel Tree Project. This supports students and families at Dunbar Elementary, a local Tampa public school. Our two previously sponsored schools were closed this year by the county.

Parish response has been overwhelming. There are only four tags on the tree yet to be selected by **Sunday Nov 24th**.

Gift wrapping is a major effort, and help is always welcome. Please check with Pam Curry (plcurry@hotmail.com) or Martha Cobb (ladymcobb@msn.com) to join in on the fun of turning toys and clothes into festive packages. Join the wrappers after the 10:30 service on Sunday, and several days during the next weeks will also be scheduled for available volunteers. An hour or two makes a big dent in the pile of gifts that need to be festively wrapped. We also are still in need of gift boxes and larger gift bags.

More volunteers are needed for the Gabriel Tree party on **Saturday Dec 7** from 11:30 am to about 2:30 pm. Come face paint, help decorate cupcakes and cookies, as well as make holiday-themed crafts with our guests. Adults, children – all are welcome to volunteer and participate in this fun parish event. Let Martha know if you can be there. These three hours of giving your time and presence at the start of the Christmas season will make such a difference to many people.

New Flower Chart

The 2025 Flower Sign-Up Chart is in the parish hall. Don't delay in choosing important commemorative dates. Please help with this wonderful ministry to adorn the altar during worship by sponsoring flowers. High Altar flowers are \$150 for florist choice, personal choices can be arranged at an additional cost. Chapel Altar flowers are optional. If you'd like to sponsor both altars, the cost is \$250. If you have questions, please contact Charlotte Churchill 813-352-0162 cmchurchi18@gmail.com

Youth News

Our annual Christmas pageant, put on by children and youth, will take place **Sunday, December 22nd at the 10:30 service. All children and youth who would like to be involved in the pageant must attend just 5 rehearsals this year.** These rehearsals will be held the following weeks:

Sunday, November 24th at 9:30am in the children's chapel

Sunday, December 1st at 9:30am in the children's chapel

Sunday, December 8th at 9:30am in the children's chapel

Sunday, December 15th at 9:30am in the children's chapel

Final Dress Rehearsal Saturday, December 21st at 10am in the sanctuary

Pageant Sunday, December 22nd at 10:30am (FULL CAST meets in the Children's chapel at 9:15am)

We will have a Christmas Party for all participants after the Pageant/ 10:30am service and coffee hour on the 6th floor! Parents are welcome to stay as well, but the church would also love to have your assistance with the greening of the church (you can contact the main office at 813-221-2035)!

*We will meet in the Children's chapel for all rehearsals and move to the sanctuary for the final dress rehearsal. We need children and youth of all ages!

Please contact Alicia Schmid today at aliciaschmid@rocketmail.com to find a part for your child or teen!

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, we celebrate our Highest. As Mendelssohn reminds us in today's communion anthem, it's *above all* praise and *all* majesty. It's like a thief in a house. When the police try to catch them on the first floor, the thieves ascend to the second. When police go into the second floor, the thieves are already on the roof. When the police get atop the roof, the thieves have escaped once again. I simply can't top what's atop my logic.

This is what it means to "go higher." The choir is learning of this weird phenomenon of moving from labor to effortlessness. I talk about this all the time. Their Psalm singing is like breathing now. When left alone, the breath will take care of itself. In a *Course in Miracles*, it says, "Let healing be." Breathing will let you "intervene," but after a while, you'll tire. Better to let the lungs breathe you.

When I first started here 5 years ago, the labor pains were great. The pangs of labor in our learning Anglican chant were felt throughout the land! Essentially, I had to help the choir breathe. Our Anglican chant was on a respirator, puttering along like a winded fatty on an endless staircase to nowhere. There might have been some kicking and screaming, but the surrender came. They learned to trust that the "right" way to chant was Ryan's way.

When I first started at St. Andrew's five years ago, you weren't making much noise in the pews. My bald head must have had you affixed in a daze. You were unsure of what I was looking for. Who is this strange creature sitting on our organ bench? I had to trust my gut. I had to trust my Highest. I knew you would eventually acquiesce. Every job I've ever had has felt that way – it settles into what I'm looking for. People come around. I had to keep trusting my gut. When you do that, life has a way of cutting down the labor pains.

The more you love it, the more you trust it, and the more you cooperate with it, even when it looks a mess, the easier it seems to become. The more you fight against it, bang your head against the wall, and the more you resist, the harder it seems. At first, no one *believes* that effortlessness can be achieved. It's not with force, but with the power of letting go. I can assure you, the choir gets better and better at it every week. It's because they are learning to trust themselves and me. I realize I'm dazzling but come on – so are you!

I trusted you the entire time, even when your hymn singing was mediocre. You're learning to trust in the way we worship. You're learning that going higher means letting it go to "upper management." Perhaps it's *above* our heads. It's above our comprehension, yet it's buried deep within our flowering consciousness.

Once you get through the labor, it's cake at these upper levels of management, but not if you insist on being meddlesome. You don't dominate the music, you serve it. You don't dominate hymn playing or Anglican chant either, you serve them. That's what this Sunday is all about. It's *above* our heads. Do you trust in *that* kind of height? That's the epitome of letting go.

What rapture! What refinement! What ease! What service to our Highest of the High! *Soli Deo Gloria.*

-Ryan Hebert



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Christ the King Sunday

This is actually a pretty new festival in the church year. Its roots go back only to the late 1800's, when the world's great empires--British, American, Spanish, French, German, Russian, Japanese--were all at war or about to go to war somewhere.

The man who was the pope of the Roman Catholic Church at the time wrote a letter in which he dedicated the world to Christ the King. In the letter, he reminded the empires that God is present with the whole human race, even with those who do not know God.

After World War I, another pope designated the last Sunday in October as Christ the King Sunday, a day to remember that Christ received power and honor from God and was thereby made ruler of the universe. Eventually, the Church moved Christ the King Sunday to the last Sunday of the church year, when they were already accustomed to reflecting on Christ's return at the end of time to rule over all creation, a theme which echoes throughout Revelation, the last book of the Bible.

What Pilate Believes

In the NIV, the first part of v. 37 is a declaration by Pilate: "You are a king, then!" In the NRSV (and my Greek text) it is a question: "So you are a king?"

In some ways, this is another wrong question. Jesus turns it around: "You are saying that I am a king." With that statement is Jesus again putting Pilate on trial: "You have said it, but is it what you believe?"

Here is a story that illustrates what is going on in this dialogue between Jesus and Pilate:

An Amish man was once asked by an enthusiastic young evangelist whether he had been saved, and whether he had accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior?

The gentleman replied, "Why do you ask me such a thing? I could tell you anything. Here are the names of my banker, my grocer, and my farm hands. Ask them if I've been saved."

Jesus could tell Pilate anything. What is important is what Pilate believes.

Jesus Wins

George III of England, America's enemy in the Revolutionary War, felt terrible about the loss of the colonies. It was said, in fact, that for the rest of his life, he could not say the word "independence" without tripping over it. He was an odd duck in many ways, but he had good insights. When the fighting in America stopped, King George and all his royal cronies in Europe were sure that George Washington would have himself crowned "Emperor of the New World." That's what they would have done. When he was told, on the contrary, that Washington planned to surrender his military commission and return to farming at Mt. Vernon, George III said, "Well, if he does that, he will be the greatest man in the world." There is power in giving up power, in emptying oneself. Jesus knew it, Pilate didn't.

Jesus wins, Pilate loses.



RECTORY CHRISTMAS PARTY

*You are invited to join the Reeses for a Christmas party
on Friday, December 20th • 6:00—10:00pm
159 W. Davis Boulevard
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GREENING OF THE CHURCH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22nd, after the 10:30am service

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CHRISTMAS LESSONS & CAROLS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22nd AT 5pm

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at King's College, Cambridge, was first held on Christmas Eve in 1918. Since then, churches around the world have continued this time-honored celebration. The service this year will be on **Sunday, Dec. 22 at 5p.m.** You don't want to miss this service, as it is a wonderful way to usher in the Christmas season. Plan to join us and to bring a friend or two. The parish Christmas party will follow in the parish hall.

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Please join us for our annual Christmas party in the Parish Hall immediately following Lessons & Carols on **Sunday, Dec. 22nd**. Please bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share as we celebrate the joys of the season together. You may drop off your food (including items that need to be reheated with instructions) in the kitchen before or after morning services or before Lessons & Carols. Please contact Allison Besselieu at allisonbesselieu@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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