

# Saint Andrew's Parish

## Kent, Connecticut

### *Welcome to St Andrew's*

We are no longer requiring anyone to wear a mask, but if you wish to do so, you are very welcome to.

If you are visiting or have a prayer request, we invite you to fill out a card that's hanging in the pews and either place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher. Offering envelopes are also available in the pews.

We especially welcome all young worshippers! At 10:30, Church School meets downstairs in the Undercroft.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY *in* LENT  
*Year A*  
19 March 2023 8:30 and 10:30 AM

## MORNING PRAYER

*Holy Eucharist, Rite Two, begins on page 355 of the Book of Common Prayer*

*An asterisk (\*) indicates items that occur at 10:30 only*

\* **The Prelude** *Chromatic Fugue* Johann Pachelbel

\* **The Hymn 610** *Lord whose love through humble service* BLAENHAFREN

### **The Opening Sentences**

Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.

*Joel 2:13*

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, because we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by following his laws which he set before us. *Daniel 9:9, 10*

## **The Confession of Sin**

*BCP, p 79*

*Officiant* Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*All* *Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and 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.*

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

## **The Invitatory & Psalter**

*All stand, as they are able*

*Officiant* O, Lord, open our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*All* Holy God, Holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

This setting is intended to be sung three times.

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Setting: Ver. Hymnal 1982, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

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## The Venite

*Officiant* The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:

*People* Come let us adore him.

## Venite

R. Goodson

1. O come, let us sing un- | to the | Lord,  
let us heartily rejoice in the | strength of | our sal- | vation.
2. Let us come before his | presence with thanks, | giving,  
and show ourselves | glad in | him with | psalms.
3. For the Lord is a | great - | God,  
and a great | King a- | bove all | gods.
4. In his hand are all the | corners of the | earth:  
and the strength of the | hills is | his - | also.
5. The sea is | his and | he | made it;  
and his hands pre- | pared the | dry - | land.
6. O come let us worship and | fall - | down,  
and kneel be- | fore the | Lord our | Maker.
7. For he is the | Lord our | God,  
and we are the people of his pasture, and the | sheep of | his - | hand.
8. O worship the Lord in the | beauty of | holiness,  
let the who:e earth | stand in | awe of | him.
9. For he cometh, for he cometh to | judge the | earth,  
and with righteousness to judge the world, and the | peo- | ples | with his | truth.

***Dominus regit me***

***Psalm 23 (8:30 only)***

*BCP, p 476*

**\* The Hymn 645**

*The King of love my shepherd is*

ST. COLUMBA

*All may be seated*

**The First Reading**

1 Samuel 16:1-13

*Lector*      A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the LORD.” But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.



*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            Thanks be to God.

*The Jubilate Deo is spoken at 8:30*

## Jubilate Deo

W. Russell



1. O be joyful in the Lord, | all ye | lands;  
    serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his | pre-sence | with a | song.
2. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us and not | we our - | selves;  
    we are his people, and the | sheep of his | pas - | ture.
3. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his | courts with | praise;  
    be thankful unto him and | speak - | good of his | name.
4. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is | ev - er - | lasting;  
    and his truth endureth from generation to | gen - er - | ra - | tion.

*All may be seated*

### The Third Reading

John 9:1-41

*Celebrant*        A reading from the Gospel according to John.

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to

him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

*Celebrant*      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*          Thanks be to God.

**The Homily** – Nick Downes

**The Apostles’ Creed**

*BCP, p 96*

*All, standing*

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and  
was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into Heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

**The Prayers**

*All may stand or kneel.*

*All*

*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 that 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.*

*Officiant* Show us your mercy, Lord;  
*People* And grant us your salvation.  
*Officiant* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
*People* Let your people sing with joy.  
*Officiant* Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
*People* For only in you can we live in safety.  
*Officiant* Lord, keep this nation under your care.  
*People* And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
*Officiant* Let your way be known upon earth;  
*People* Your saving health among all nations.  
*Officiant* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
*People* Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
*Officiant* Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
*People* And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

**The Collects** (The people respond *Amen* to each.)

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

## **The Peace**

*BCP, p 360*

*The People may greet one another in the name of the Lord*

## **The Offertory**

### **\* The Anthem**

*Balm in Gilead*

Spiritual/ Gerald Near

## **The General Thanksgiving**

*BCP, p 101*

*Officiant and People*

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your unmeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but with our lives  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

## **A Prayer of St John Chrysostom**

*The Officiant alone prays*

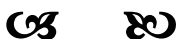
Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications known to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

*Officiant*      Let us bless the Lord.  
*People*        Thanks be to God.

*Officiant*      The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all ever more. *Amen.*

\* **The Hymn 493**      *O for a thousand tongues to sing*      AZMON

\* **The Postlude**      *Fugue on the Kyrie*      Francois Couperin



**THIS WEEK AT ST ANDREW'S**

Today	Church School	10:30 AM
Today	Vestry Meeting	11:30 AM
Monday, 20 March	LGBTQ+ A.A. meeting	8:00 PM
Wednesday, 22 March	Lenten Scripture Bible Discussion	4:30 PM
Wednesday, 22 March	Midweek Holy Eucharist	6:00 PM
Thursday, 23 March	A.A. meeting	7:00 PM
Thursday, 16 March	Al-Anon meeting	7:00 PM
Sunday, 26 March	Holy Eucharist: <i>The Fifth Sunday in Lent</i>	8:30 AM (spoken) 10:30 AM (with music)
Sunday, 26 March	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 AM
Sunday, 26 March	Church School	10:30 AM

**Coffee hour** immediately follows the 10:30 service in the Parish House. Please join us!

There is a **restroom** located in the undercroft (basement) of the church building. There are two additional restrooms located in the Parish House, which sits behind the church. Please ask an usher if you need help locating these facilities.

You will find a complete calendar of activities for the coming week and more information about St Andrew's Parish on our website: **[standrewskentct.org](http://standrewskentct.org)**. We are also on Facebook: **[facebook.com/standrewskentct](https://www.facebook.com/standrewskentct)**. We also publish a weekly online newsletter. Please let the Parish Office know if you would like to be added to our distribution list.

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