

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.

We are pleased to have Nick Downes as our preacher.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Year A

19 November 2023 8:30 and 10:30 AM

MORNING PRAYER

Morning Prayer, Rite Two, begins on page 75 of the Book of Common Prayer

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

* **The Prelude** *Canon & Chaconne in d minor* Louis Couperin

* **The Hymn 9** *Not here for high and holy things* MORNING SONG
(stanzas 1-4)

The Opening Sentences *BCP, p 78*

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.

The Gloria

BCP, p. 80

Officiant and People Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. *Amen. Alleluia.*

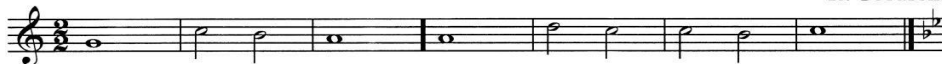
The Venite

Officiant Alleluia. The Lord has risen indeed.
People Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

The Venite is spoken at 8:30

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.

(8:30) Psalm 123

BCP, p 780

(10:30) Psalm 123

(sung by the Choir; text found on BCP p 780)

All may be seated

The First Reading

Judges 4:1-7

Lector A reading from the Book of Judges.

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

The Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Lector A reading from the Letter to the Thessalonians.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand, as they are able

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

Matthew 25:14-30

Celebrant A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said, “It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

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

The Homily

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 communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

The Prayers

All may stand or kneel.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p 97

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

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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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.*

A Collect for Guidance

BCP, p 100

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**

The eyes of all wait upon thee

Jean Berger

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 for the Church

BCP, p 818

God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 617**

Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round

SONG 1

*** The Postlude**

Fugue on the Kyrie

Francois Couperin



The flowers this day have been given to the glory of God

and

In Memory of Dolph and Audre Traymon

and

In Memory of Martha Armstrong



THIS WEEK AT ST ANDREW'S

Today	Church School	10:30 AM
Today	Vestry Meeting	11:45 AM
Monday, 20 November	Kent Singers Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Monday, 20 November	LGBTQ+ A.A. meeting	8:00 PM
Tuesday, 21 September	Community Thanksgiving Service <i>Hosted by First Congregational Church</i>	7:00 PM
Wednesday, 22 November	Thanksgiving Holy Eucharist	6:00 PM
Thursday, 23 November	A.A. meeting	7:00 PM
Sunday, 26 November	Holy Eucharist: <i>Christ the King</i>	8:30 AM (spoken) 10:30 AM (with music)
Sunday, 26 November	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**. We are also on Facebook: **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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