THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF
SAINTS JAMES AND ANDREW

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2026

10:00 am

Morning Prayer

Welcome

Morning Prayer is a daily morning worship service without communion, which can be led by lay or ordained worship leaders. Its origins are in the monastic tradition, and was made popular in the Anglican Church through the prayer book. Up until the *1979 Book of Common Prayer,* Morning Prayer was the chief worship service most Sundays of the month across The Episcopal Church.

Our liturgy is drawn primarily from the *1979 Book of Common Prayer*; *Enriching Our Worship 1 & 2*; other approved worship resources from elsewhere within the Anglican Communion; as well as Eucharistic Prayers and Prayers of the People which correlate to the Revised Common Lectionary. We believe that the use of fresh language provides us the opportunity to broaden and deepen our relationship with God. Our music is drawn primarily from the *Hymnal 1982*; *Wonder, Love, and Praise*; *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*, and other approved hymnals. All materials are printed with permission using RiteSeries. Our worship is live-streamed to YouTube. Permission to stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE, License M-400436. All rights reserved.

Our Mission

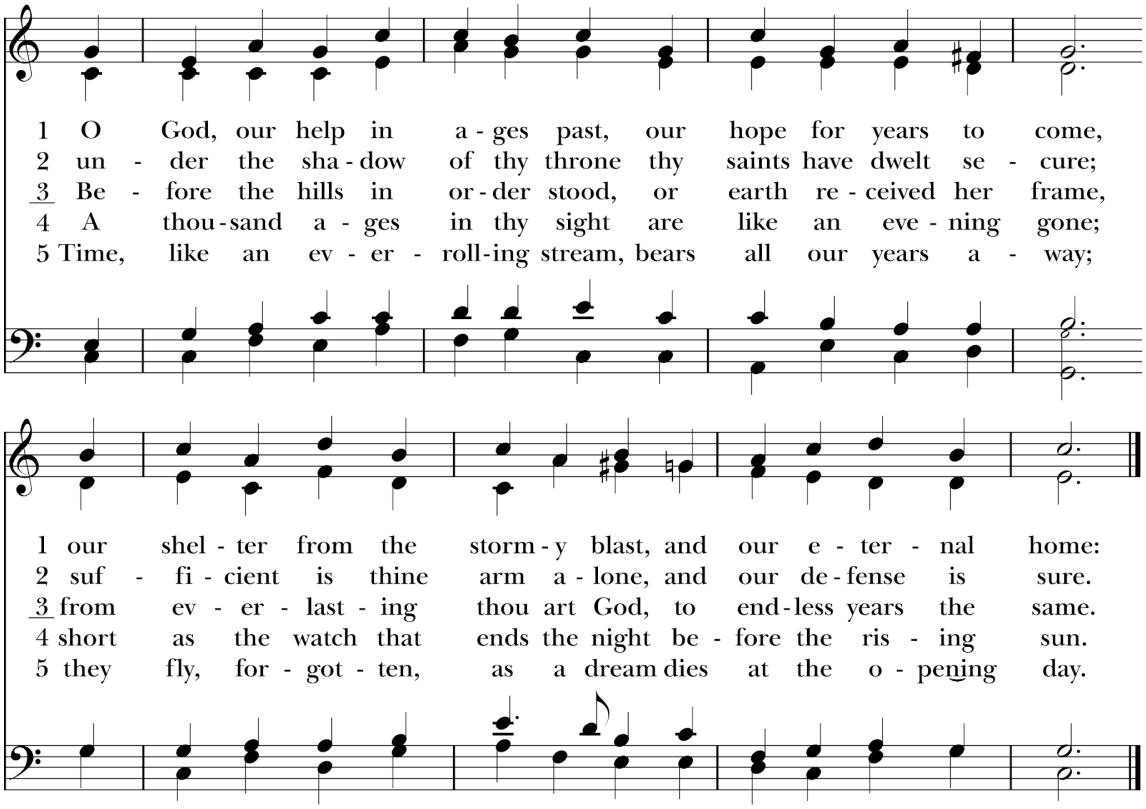
We believe God is calling us to cultivate a community of love, joy, hope, and healing. Jesus is our model for a life of faith, compassion, hospitality and service. We strive to be affirming and accessible, welcoming and inclusive; we seek to promote reconciliation, exercise responsible stewardship, and embrace ancient traditions for modern lives.

Welcome

Julie Carew
Lay Worship Leader

Please rise in body or spirit.

The Hymnal 1982 - #680 *O God, our help in ages past* St Anne



6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90. Music: *St. Anne*, melody att. William Croft (1678-1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

Opening Sentence

We give you thanks, O God, we give you thanks, calling upon your Name and declaring all your wonderful deeds. *Psalm 75:1*

Confession

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,

in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution

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

Opening Versicle

O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.
And your glory all the day long.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Antiphon

The Holy One is in our midst: O come let us worship.

Jubilate *Psalm 100*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Antiphon

The Holy One is in our midst: O come let us worship.

Please be seated.

Psalm 105

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1 We give you thanks, O God, and call upon your Name, * we
make known your deeds among the peoples,
**2 We sing to you; we sing your praise *
and speak of all your marvelous works,**
3 We glory in your holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek you rejoice;
**4 We search for you and your strength; *
we continue to seek your face;**
5 We remember the marvels you have done, *
the wonders and the judgments of your mouth:
**6 We, the offspring of Abraham, your servant, *
we, the children of Jacob, the chosen ones.**
16 Then you called for a famine in the land *
and destroyed the supply of bread.
**17 You sent a man before them, *
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.**
18 They bruised his feet in fetters; *
his neck they put in an iron collar.
**19 Until his prediction came to pass, *
your word, O Most High, tested him.**
20 The king sent and released him; *
the ruler of the peoples set him free.
**21 He set him as a master over his household, *
as a ruler over all his possessions,**
22 To instruct his princes according to his will * and to
teach his elders wisdom.
45 Alleluia!

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Antiphon

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The First Lesson Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Joan Pyfrom

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Silence

Canticle S *A Song of Our True Nature* Julian of Norwich

Christ revealed our frailty and our falling, *
our trespasses and our humiliations.
Christ also revealed his blessed power, *
his blessed wisdom and love.
He protects us as tenderly and as sweetly when we are in greatest need; *
he raises us in spirit
and turns everything to glory and joy without ending.
God is the ground and the substance, the very essence of nature;
God is the true father and mother of natures.
We are all bound to God by nature, *
and we are all bound to God by grace.
And this grace is for all the world, *
because it is our precious mother, Christ.
For this fair nature was prepared by Christ
for the honor and nobility of all, *
and for the joy and bliss of salvation.

Second Reading Romans 10: 5-15 Ben Cluff

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

"The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Silence

Canticle N *A Song of God's Love* 1 John 4:7-11

**Beloved, let us love one another, *
for love is of God.
Whoever does not love does not know God, *
for God is Love.
In this the love of God was revealed among us, *
that God sent his only Son into the world,
so that we might live through Jesus Christ.
In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us *
and sent his Son that sins might be forgiven.
Beloved, since God loved us so much, *
we ought also to love one another.
For if we love one another, God abides in us, *
and God's love will be perfected in us.**

Third Reading Matthew 14: 22-33 Di Kurkulonis

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Silence

Homily Steve Houghton

Please rise in body or spirit.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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

Hear our cry, O God.
And listen to our prayer.
Let us pray.

Please pray the version of the Lord's Prayer you hold dear, whether that be one of these versions or another language, etc.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray in the language of our hearts:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

Suffrages

Help us, O God our Savior;
Deliver us and forgive us our sins.
Look upon your congregation;
Give to your people the blessing of peace.
Declare your glory among the nations;
And your wonders among all peoples.
Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
Never forget the lives of your poor.
Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;
And your favor to those who are true of heart.
Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Collects

Collect of the Day

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance

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.**

A Collect for Mission

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.**

Silence: please add your own petitions and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

We pray especially forAnn, John, Doris, Fred, Anne, Leon, Kevin, Mickey, Nancy, Sue, Peter, Beth, Sally Ann, Jody, Kathy, Diane, Jennifer, Maureen, Audrey, and Margaret. **Amen.**

The Peace

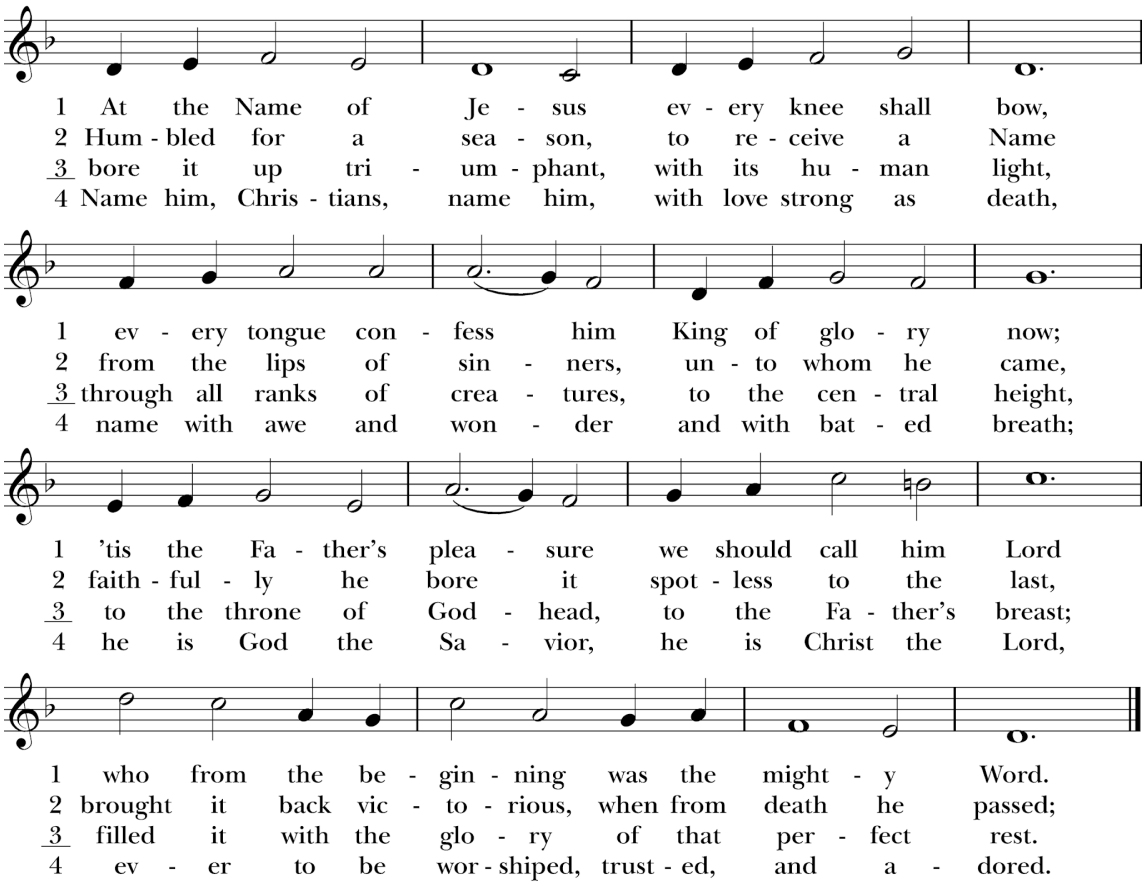
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Offering

Your financial gift makes a difference. It supports our mission and ministry; our outreach programs; and provides the necessary resources to care for our church campus, enabling us to share our sacred space with the wider community. To give electronically use this QR code or text "Give" (978) 525-0712. Please consider leaving Saint James and Andrew in your will to support ministry for years to come.

Your gifts of non-perishable food items support our contribution to the Survival Center. These items may be placed in the baskets in the Narthex (church entry).

The Hymnal 1982 - #435 *At the Name of Jesus* King's Weston



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All things come of thee, O Lord,
and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

Closing Prayers

The General Thanksgiving

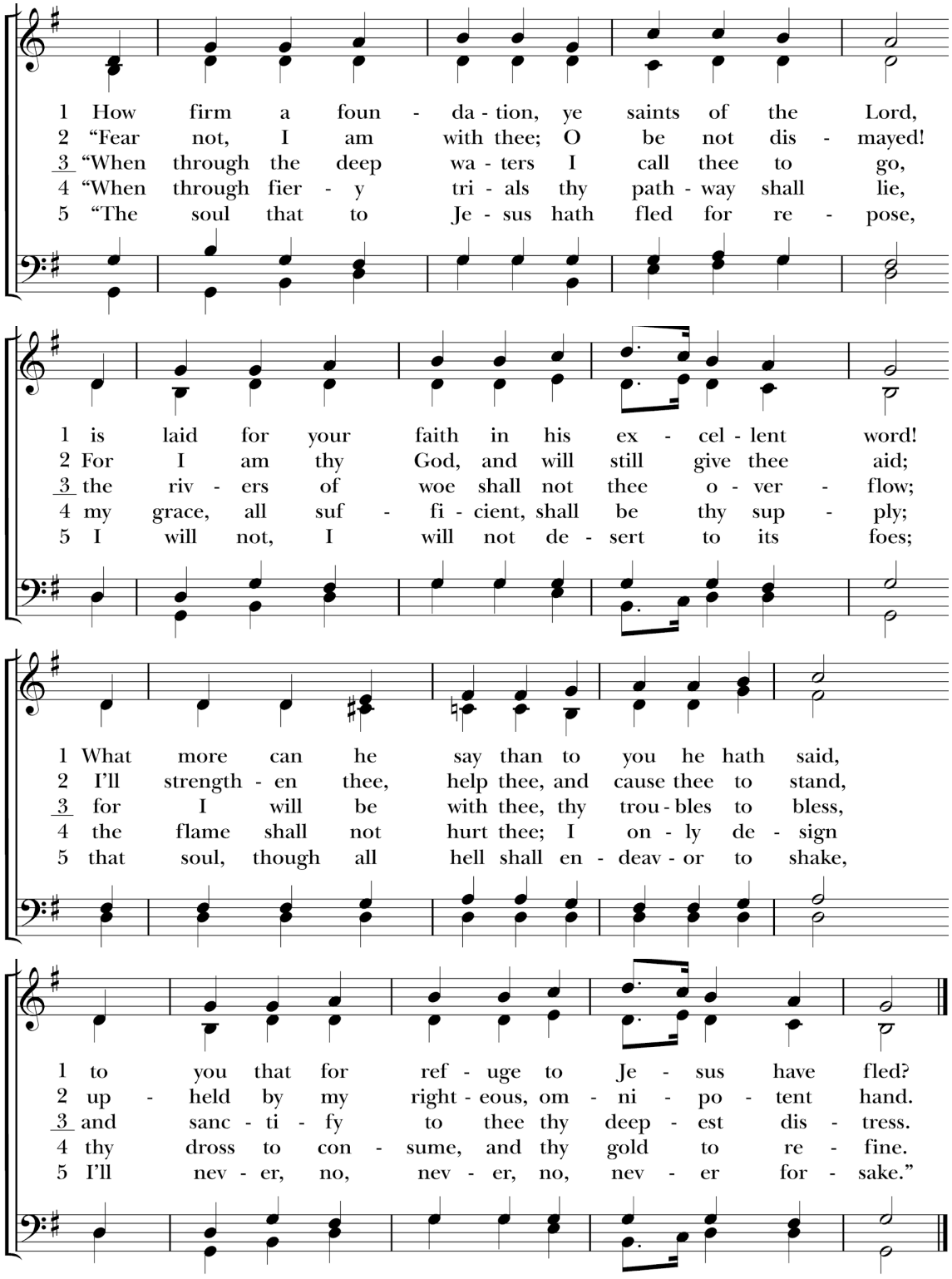
Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption 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 in 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. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication 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.

Announcements (*see back pages)*

The Hymnal 1982 - #637 *How firm a foundation* Lyons



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Dismissal

This service has ended. Now let ours begin.
Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God! Alleluia.

Concluding Sentence

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**
Ephesians 3:20, 21

Prayer List

Names are on the list for 6 weeks, then removed. Feel free to add a name again.

Ann, John, Doris, Fred, Anne, Leon, Kevin, Mickey, Nancy, Sue, Peter, Beth, Sally Ann, Jody, Kathy, Diane, Jennifer, Maureen, Audrey, and Margaret

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Announcements

To submit a parish announcement for the leaflet, please email the office by Monday for the following Sunday's leaflet

August 11 at 10:45 a.m. - Green Team
Join us Tuesday August 11 in ringing handbells for the climate crisis. Meet at 10:45 a.m. at the archway door to select a bell.

August 13 - Office Closed
Thursday, August 13 the church office will be closed. Regular office hours will resume Friday.

August 23 at 10 a.m. - Blessing of the Backpacks
During worship, all students, teachers, and school staff are invited to come forward for a special blessing before the 2026-2027 school year begins. You are invited to bring a backpack, bag, or lunchbox.

Organ Fundraiser Update
We're making good progress on our organ fundraiser! Thanks to your generosity, we've raised **$16,240**, reaching **46%** of our goal.

We also have some exciting news: two anonymous donors have generously offered to match up to $10,000 in new donations. Every new gift made during this matching challenge will have twice the impact, helping us reach our goal even faster.

In addition, we have a special keepsake available. Peter has kindly transformed some of the organ's original stops into unique keychains. For a donation of $10 or more, you may receive one as a thank-you gift while supplies last. There are only 30 keychains remaining, so don't wait if you'd like one!

Thank you for your continued support and generosity as we work together to preserve and enhance Saints James and Andrew's music ministry.

Scams, Spoofs, and Phishing:
A friendly reminder that more scammers are targeting clergy, staff, and lay leaders via email, phone, or text messages. Trusted leaders will ***never*** ask you to buy gift cards or send money via phone, text, or email or to email the directory. The only financial appeals we will put forth would be in an announcement in the leaflet, newsletter mailing list, or be a part of our annual giving campaign.

Safe Church Training
There is a new model for Safe Church Training in our diocese, being facilitated by Interim Safe Church Officer Rev. Dr. Molly Scherm and Safe Church Trainer Dan Carew. It requires watching modules at home through Praesidium, at your leisure, and then attending a 90 minute integration session for the first time attending safe church, or a 60 minute refresher (required every 3 years). Learn more here, and contact the office for SsJA's Praesidium code to access modules. Safe church certificates should be forwarded to the office.

Newsletter and Leaflet Announcements
If you have information you would like shared in the worship leaflet or newsletter, please send items to the parish administrator via email. The deadline for inclusion in the upcoming publication is Thursday at noon.

Schedules

Sunday Worship Schedule
Thank you for your flexibility and support as we worship in the Whiteman Room as our sanctuary ceiling is under renovation this summer.

August 16	Lessons & Carols: Gospel & Hope; Lay Worship Leader Kathryn Aubry-McAvoy
August 23	Holy Eucharist; Rev. Cn. Steven Wilco, presider and preacher; *Blessing of the Backpacks*
August 30	Holy Eucharist; Rev. Dr. Molly Scherm, presider and preacher
Sept 6	Holy Eucharist; Rev. Ted Thornton presider, and alyssa kai preacher; *C&C*
Sept 13	Holy Eucharist; Rev. Ted Thornton presider, and Dan Carew preacher
Sept 20	Holy Eucharist; Rev. Dr. Molly Scherm, presider and preacher; *Baptism*
Sept 27	Holy Eucharist; Rev. Dr. Molly Scherm, presider and preacher
Oct 4	Holy Eucharist; Rev. Dr. Molly Scherm, presider and preacher; *Blessing of Animals; C&C*
Oct 11	Holy Eucharist; Rev. Ted Thornton presider, and Steve Houghton preacher
Oct 18	Holy Eucharist; Rev. Dr. Molly Scherm, presider and preacher
Oct 25	Holy Eucharist; Rev. Ted Thornton presider and preacher

Wednesday Worship Schedule
Please join us for worship on Wednesdays: Morning Prayer at 6:15 a.m. on YouTube led by Audley Robinson or for Eucharist/ Morning Prayer at 10 a.m. in All Saints Chapel followed by coffee hour.

August 12	Morning Prayer; Mary and Becky Burleigh-Howes
August 19	Morning Prayer; Mary and Becky Burleigh-Howes
August 26	Morning Prayer; Mary and Becky Burleigh-Howes
September 2 - Onward	Holy Eucharist; Rev. Dr. Molly Scherm

Children's Chapel Schedule - Save the Dates for this Fall
All are welcome! We invite children to gather for singing, stories, and crafts during Sunday services: Sept 13; Oct 4; Oct 18; Nov 1; Nov 15; Dec 6; Dec 20 12/20. If you have questions or interest in volunteering to help with Children's Chapel, please contact Cara Hins at cara.hins@gmail.com.

Coffee & Conversation - Save the Dates for the 2026-2027
Join us after worship for coffee and conversation in the cloisters following the Sunday service: Sept 6; Oct 4; Nov 1; Dec 6; Jan 3; Mar 7; Apr 4; May 16; June 6. To volunteer or learn more about this ministry contact Allyson Michal at allysonmichal@gmail.com.

Events

To learn more about these ministries and events, click the link or contact the office.

View our Events Calendar, showing the start and end times for parish and wider community meetings, rehearsals, and events. Please note: Spaces are reserved for time beyond the exact times listed on the public calendar for set up, clean up, and there are other private meetings and reservations that are not listed for public view. Always check with the parish administrator to reserve a space and to ensure a room is available before using it.

Mondays

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Second Helpings Community Meal
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Whitney's Pantry *(last Mondays)*
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Zoom Bible Study

Tuesdays

10:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Office Hours (Closed Holidays)
9:00 - 12:00 p.m.	St. Andrew's Guild Sewing Drop-In *(resumes in fall)*

Wednesdays

6:15 - 6:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (live streamed)
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Midweek Eucharist & Coffee Hour

Thursdays

10:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Office Hours (Closed Holidays)
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.	Choir *(resumes in fall)*

Fridays

10:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Office Hours (Closed Holidays)
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Zoom Reflection Group

Sundays

10:00 - 11:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (live streamed)
10:00 - 10:35 a.m.	Children's Chapel
11:15 - 12:00 p.m.	Coffee & Conversation

Daily

During Daylight	Walk our Community Labyrinth
	Enjoy our gardens and grounds to pray, rest, be

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