



# St. Andrew's

Episcopal Church

## Morning Prayer

Wednesday, February 1st

### Psalm 72

1 Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

*2 May he judge your people with righteousness and your poor with justice.*

3 May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

*4 May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.*

5 May he live while the sun endures and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

*6 May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.*

7 In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

*8 May he have dominion from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.*

9 May his foes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust.

*10 May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.*

11 May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.

*12 For he delivers the needy when they call,*

*the poor and those who have no helper.*

13 He has pity on the weak and the needy and saves the lives of the needy.

*14 From oppression and violence he redeems their life, and precious is their blood in his sight.*

15 Long may he live! May gold of Sheba be given to him. May prayer be made for him continually and blessings invoked for him all day long.

*16 May there be abundance of grain in the land; may it wave on the tops of the mountains; may its fruit be like Lebanon; and may people blossom in the cities like the grass of the field.*

17 May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as the sun. May all nations be blessed in him; may they pronounce him happy.

*18 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.*

19 Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.

*20 The prayers of David son of Jesse are ended.*

**A reading from the book of Ephesians**  
*(Ephesians 4:1-6)*

I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**A reading from the Gospel of Mark**  
*(Mark 8:11-26)*

The Pharisees came and began to argue with him, asking him for a sign from heaven, to test him. And he sighed deeply in his spirit and said, “Why does this generation ask for a sign? Truly I tell you, no sign will be given to this generation.” And he left them, and getting into the boat again he went across to the other side. Now the disciples had forgotten to bring any bread, and they had only one loaf with them in the boat. And he cautioned them, saying, “Watch out—beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and the yeast of Herod.” They said to one another, “It is because we have no bread.” And becoming aware of it, Jesus said to them, “Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not perceive or understand? Are your hearts hardened? Do you have eyes and fail to see? Do you have ears and fail to hear? And

do you not remember? When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you collect?” They said to him, “Twelve.” “And the seven for the four thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you collect?” And they said to him, “Seven.” Then he said to them, “Do you not yet understand?” They came to Bethsaida. Some people brought a blind man to him and begged him to touch him. He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village, and when he had put saliva on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, “Can you see anything?” And the man looked up and said, “I can see people, but they look like trees, walking.” Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again, and he looked intently, and his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. Then he sent him away to his home, saying, “Do not even go into the village.”

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