



St. Andrew's

Episcopal Church

Morning Prayer

Wednesday, April 12th

Psalm 97

1 The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!

*2 Clouds and thick darkness are all
around him; righteousness and justice
are the foundation of his throne.*

3 Fire goes before him and consumes his
adversaries on every side.

*4 His lightnings light up the world; the
earth sees and trembles.*

5 The mountains melt like wax before the
Lord, before the Lord of all the earth.

*6 The heavens proclaim his righteous-
ness, and all the peoples behold his glory.*

7 All servants of images are put to shame,
those who make their boast in worthless
idols; all gods bow down before him.

*8 Zion hears and is glad, and the towns of
Judah rejoice because of your judgments,
O God.*

9 For you, O Lord, are most high over all
the earth; you are exalted far above all
gods.

*10 You who love the Lord, hate evil; he
guards the lives of his faithful; he rescues
them from the hand of the wicked.*

11 Light dawns for the righteous and joy
for the upright in heart.

*12 Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
(Acts 3:1-10)

One day Peter and John were going up to
the temple at the hour of prayer, at three
o'clock in the afternoon. And a man lame
from birth was being carried in. People
would lay him daily at the gate of the tem-
ple called the Beautiful Gate so that he
could ask for alms from those entering the
temple. When he saw Peter and John about
to go into the temple, he asked them for
alms. Peter looked intently at him, as did
John, and said, "Look at us." And he fixed
his attention on them, expecting to receive

something from them. Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk." And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong.

Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. All the people saw him walking and praising God, and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with wonder and astonishment at what had happened to him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A reading from the Gospel of John

(John 15:1-11)

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers;

such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.