



# St. Andrew's

Episcopal Church

## Morning Prayer

Wednesday, May 10th

### 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 Wisdom of Solomon**  
*(Wisdom of Solomon 13:1-9)*

For all people who were ignorant of God were foolish by nature, and they were unable from the good things that are seen to know the one who exists, nor did they recognize the artisan while paying heed to his works; but they supposed that either fire or wind or swift air or the circle of the stars or turbulent water or the luminaries of heaven were the gods that rule the world. If through delight in the beauty of these things people assumed them to be gods, let them know how much better than these is their Lord, for the author of beauty created them. And if people were amazed at their power and working, let them perceive from them how much more powerful is the one who formed them. For from the greatness and beauty of created things comes a corresponding perception of their Creator. Yet these people are little to be blamed, for perhaps they go astray while seeking God and desiring to find him. For while they live among his works, they keep searching and trust in what they see because the things that are seen are beautiful. Yet again, not even they are to be excused, for if they had the power to know so much that they could investigate the world, how did they not more quickly find the Lord of these things?

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

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

**A reading from the Gospel of Luke**  
*(Luke 8:16-25)*

Jesus said, “No one after lighting a lamp hides it under a jar or puts it under a bed; rather, one puts it on a lampstand, so that those who enter may see the light. For nothing is hidden that will not be disclosed, nor is anything secret that will not become known and come to light. So pay attention to how you listen, for to those who have, more will be given, and from those who do not have, even what they seem to have will be taken away.” Then his mother and his brothers came to him, but they could not reach him because of the crowd. And he was told, “Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you.” But he said to them, “My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it.” One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side of the lake.” So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A windstorm swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, “Master, Master, we are perishing!” And waking up, he rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. Then he said to them, “Where is your faith?” They were terrified and amazed and said to one another, “Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water and they obey him?”

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