



# St. Andrew's

Episcopal Church

## Morning Prayer

Wednesday, October 18th

### Psalm 147

1 Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God, for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

***2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.***

3 He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

***4 He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.***

5 Great is our Lord and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

***6 The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.***

7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.

***8 He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills.***

9 He gives to the animals their food and to the young ravens when they cry.

***10 His delight is not in the strength of the horse nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner,***

11 but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

***12 Extol the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!***

13 For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you.

***14 He grants peace within your borders; he fills you with the finest of wheat.***

15 He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly.

***16 He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes.***

17 He hurls down hail like crumbs— who can stand before his cold?

***18 He sends out his word and melts them; he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.***

19 He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and ordinances to Israel.

***20 He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his ordinances. Praise the Lord!***

**A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy (2 Timothy 4:5-13)**

As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me in ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments.

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

**A reading from the Gospel of Luke (Luke 4:14-21)**

Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

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