



# St. Andrew's

Episcopal Church

## Morning Prayer

Wednesday, March 27th

### Psalm 55

1 Give ear to my prayer, O God; do not hide yourself from my supplication.

**2 Attend to me and answer me; I am troubled in my complaint. I am distraught**

3 by the noise of the enemy, because of the clamor of the wicked. For they bring trouble upon me, and in anger they bear a grudge against me.

**4 My heart is in anguish within me; the terrors of death have fallen upon me.**

5 Fear and trembling come upon me, and horror overwhelms me.

**6 And I say, "O that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest;**

7 truly, I would flee far away; I would lodge in the wilderness; Selah

**8 I would hurry to find a shelter for myself from the raging wind and tempest."**

9 Confuse, O Lord, confound their speech, for I see violence and strife in the city.

**10 Day and night they go around it on its walls, and iniquity and trouble are within it;**

11 ruin is in its midst; oppression and fraud do not depart from its marketplace.

**12 It is not enemies who taunt me— I could bear that; it is not adversaries who deal insolently with me— I could hide from them.**

13 But it is you, my equal, my companion, my familiar friend,

**14 with whom I kept pleasant company; we walked in the house of God with the throng.**

15 Let death come upon them; let them go down alive to Sheol, for evil is in their homes and in their hearts.

**16 But I call upon God, and the Lord will save me.**

17 Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan, and he will hear my voice.

**18 He will redeem me unharmed from the battle that I wage, for many are arrayed against me.**

19 God, who is enthroned from of old, Selah will hear and will humble them, because they do not change and do not fear God.

**20 My companion laid hands on a friend and violated a covenant with me**

21 with speech smoother than butter but with a heart set on war, with words that were softer than oil but in fact were drawn swords.

**22 Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.**

23 But you, O God, will cast them down into the lowest pit; the bloodthirsty and treacherous shall not live out half their days. But I will trust in you.

**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians** (*Philippians 4:1-13*)

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you. I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me but had no opportunity to show it. Not that I am referring to being in need, for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**A reading from the Gospel of John** (*John 12:27-36*)

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say: ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, “We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” Jesus said to them, “The light is in you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.” After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them.

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