



St. Andrew's

Episcopal Church

Morning Prayer

Wednesday, May 22nd

Psalm 119:1-24

1 Happy are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord.

**2 Happy are those who keep his decrees,
who seek him with their whole heart,**

3 who also do no wrong but walk in his ways.

**4 You have commanded your precepts to be
kept diligently.**

5 O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping
your statutes!

**6 Then I shall not be put to shame, having
my eyes fixed on all your commandments.**

7 I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your righteous ordinances.

**8 I will observe your statutes; do not utterly
forsake me.**

9 How can young people keep their way
pure? By guarding it according to your word.

**10 With my whole heart I seek you; do not
let me stray from your commandments.**

11 I treasure your word in my heart, so that I
may not sin against you.

**12 Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your
statutes.**

13 With my lips I declare all the ordinances of
your mouth.

**14 I delight in the way of your decrees as
much as in all riches.**

15 I will meditate on your precepts and fix
my eyes on your ways.

**16 I will delight in your statutes; I will not
forget your word.**

17 Deal bountifully with your servant, so that
I may live and observe your word.

**18 Open my eyes, so that I may behold won-
drous things out of your law.**

19 I live as an alien in the land; do not hide
your commandments from me.

**20 My soul is consumed with longing for
your ordinances at all times.**

21 You rebuke the insolent, accursed ones,
who wander from your commandments;

**22 take away from me their scorn and con-
tempt, for I have kept your decrees.**

23 Even though princes sit plotting against
me, your servant will meditate on your stat-
utes.

**24 Your decrees are my delight; they are my
counselors.**

A reading from the first letter of John (1 John 5:1-12)

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it who conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. There are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree. If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 11:16-24)

“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

“For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done because they did not repent. “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I tell you, on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. And you, Capernaum,

will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades.

“For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I tell you that on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*