



St. Andrew's

Episcopal Church

Morning Prayer

Wednesday, October 30th

Psalm 119:49-72

49 Remember your word to your servant, because you have given me hope.

50 This is my comfort in my trouble, that your promise gives me life.

51 The proud have derided me cruelly, but I have not turned from your law.

52 When I remember your judgments of old, O Lord, I take great comfort.

53 I am filled with a burning rage, because of the wicked who forsake your law.

54 Your statutes have been like songs to me wherever I have lived as a stranger.

55 I remember your Name in the night, O Lord, and dwell upon your law.

56 This is how it has been with me, because I have kept your commandments.

57 You only are my portion, O Lord; I have promised to keep your words.

58 I entreat you with all my heart, be merciful to me according to your promise.

59 I have considered my ways and turned my feet toward your decrees.

60 I hasten and do not tarry to keep your commandments.

61 Though the cords of the wicked entangle me, I do not forget your law.

62 At midnight I will rise to give you thanks, because of your righteous judgments.

63 I am a companion of all who fear you; and of those who keep your commandments.

64 The Earth, O Lord, is full of your love; instruct me in your statutes.

65 O Lord, you have dealt graciously with your servant, according to your word.

66 Teach me discernment and knowledge, for I have believed in your commandments.

67 Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word.

68 You are good and you bring forth good; instruct me in your statutes.

69 The proud have smeared me with lies, but I will keep your commandments with my whole heart.

70 Their heart is gross and fat, but my delight is in your law.

71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I might learn your statutes.

72 The law of your mouth is dearer to me than thousands in gold and silver.

A reading from the Revelation to John

(Revelation 12:1-6)

A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs, in the agony of giving birth. Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns and seven diadems on his heads. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to deliver a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born. And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a scepter of iron. But her child was snatched away and taken to God and to his throne, and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, so that there she can be nourished for one thousand two hundred sixty days.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

(Luke 11:37-52)

While he was speaking, a Pharisee invited him to dine with him, so he went in and took his place at the table. The Pharisee was amazed to see that he did not first wash before dinner. Then the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. You fools! Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also? So give as

alms those things that are within and then everything will be clean for you.

"But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and herbs of all kinds and neglect justice and the love of God; it is these you ought to have practiced, without neglecting the others. Woe to you Pharisees! For you love to have the seat of honor in the synagogues and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces. Woe to you! For you are like unmarked graves on which people unknowingly walk."

One of the experts in the law answered him, "Teacher, when you say these things, you insult us, too." And he said, "Woe also to you experts in the law! For you load people with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not lift a finger to ease them. Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets whom your ancestors killed. So you are witnesses and approve of the deeds of your ancestors, for they killed them, and you build their tombs. For this reason the Wisdom of God said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and persecute,' so that this generation may be charged with the blood of all the prophets shed since the foundation of the world, from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who perished between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, it will be charged against this generation. Woe to you experts in the law! For you have taken away the key of knowledge; you did not enter yourselves, and you hindered those who were entering."

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People: **Thanks be to God.**