

# E-pistle



Saint Andrew's Parish  
Kent, Connecticut



## Weekly Schedule

*Note: To attend any services please sign up beforehand  
with Irene Connors:*

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860.592.0030

Services are limited to 25 socially distanced attendees (with masks)

**Friday, 09 October**

**Prayer and Meditation at 5:30 pm**

\*In person for 25 people (with masks)

**Sunday, 11 October**

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Holy Eucharist at 8:30 am & 10:30 am**

\*In person for 25 people (with masks)

*Note: The 10.30 a.m. Service is also available  
live on YouTube  
which you can access  
through our website*

[www.standrewskentct.org](http://www.standrewskentct.org)

or

*the Saturday Epistle YouTube Live Stream link*

Wednesday, 14 October

Holy Eucharist at 6 pm

\*In person for 25 people (with masks)

AA for Women meeting at 7 pm (Zoom)

\*email us for info.

## From Father Douglas



Dear People of St Andrew's Parish,

At Sunday worship during the month of October, we'll be celebrating the season of creation. This is not a season on the Church's official liturgical calendar, but as the weather grows cooler, the daylight shortens, the leaves turn and the crops are harvested, it seems appropriate to bend our collective gaze, as it were, toward the handiwork of God that surrounds and sustains us. At a minimum, we are called to offer God thanks for the bounty of the earth that sustains us. But if we venture a bit further, the idea of "creation" also calls to mind the beyond-all-knowing of God—both the creative and the authorial ability to knit together a universe that operates as effectively and efficiently as ours. It also calls us to consider what role we are to play, as Christians, in the stewardship of creation: how we enjoy, use, employ, care for and preserve the natural environment we live in ... including vis-à-vis future generations. Finally, it may lead us to ponder how the 'goods' of God's creation are distributed throughout the world, and whether there is anything we should be doing to make that distribution more equitable and sustainable.

The *Book of Common Prayer* contains psalms that speak to God's work of creation (for example, Psalms 8, 104 and 148); a beautiful canticle of creation (#12, page 88); and some thoughtful creation-themed prayers for Rogation Days (pages 258-59). There is also a small 'suite' of Prayers for the Natural Order that begin at page 827.

A common critique of the Episcopal Church's authorized Eucharistic liturgies, however, is that they offer relatively little that pertains to God's creating ... and God's and our maintaining ... the universe. (Some prayer books 'nerds' among

you (I count myself among you!) may point to the BCP's Eucharistic Prayer C, which touches on this a bit. Its somewhat dated language, alas, occasionally draws snickers and guffaws from worshippers, and even though I like its dialogical structure, I tend to use it sparingly.) Several proposals to add some creation-oriented liturgies to the prayer book have been made during recent General Conventions, but none of them has really progressed, for various reasons.

The Church has, however, published several suggested prayers, confessions, blessings and other resources that we will dip into in worship during October. The shape and pattern of our Sunday worship will be the same as always, but some of the words may be a little unfamiliar. This is beneficial: Unfamiliar content located in a familiar setting often gives us the 'room' to consider what we are seeing and hearing, and it may break open some new ways of understanding what may have grown a little stale or rote. And thus, I invite during this month to listen again to our liturgy and see what word God may be speaking to you, this season, about the natural world that encompasses and sustains us.

May God continue to bless our parish, its people and their work.

In the peace and love of Christ,

Douglas+

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## All Souls' Day: Remembrance of the Dead



On All Souls' Day, we celebrate all Christians who have died, and especially those known and beloved by the local parish. On Monday, 02 November, at 2:00 pm, we will celebrate an All Souls' Day Eucharist at which there will be a reading of the names of the faithful departed. We are tentatively planning to follow this liturgy with a quiet outdoor reception near the Close, weather permitting.

*If you would like the name or names of the departed read during the All Souls' liturgy, please let Fr Douglas know, by email or telephone.*

## Goodbye from Rebecca Trautmann

Dear Good People of St. Andrew's Church,

In the Before Times I probably would have hosted Coffee Hour and tried to talk to you individually, but given the Now Times, I am writing you through the Epistle. (This also saves me from crying through all those conversations!) As some of you know, I have recently, and rather suddenly, decided to move to St. Louis to help care for my 97-year-old mother, who is gratefully in good physical and mental health, but now blind and needing extra help. I am delighted that I am in a time of my life when I can do this! As you may have noticed, Leila moved there in August and is doing really well with her new job and her new apartment, quickly making new friends.

But I am enormously sad leaving all of you! Since I had my "conversion" experience (because I don't know what else to call it) about 20 years ago in St. Andrew's Church, I was sure this would be my forever spiritual home. And it has been home to me, with you all my beloved family. I have loved knowing you through all the many ways our community offers: tag sales and bazaars, fall clean-up, committees and commissions, the vestry, being Senior Warden, coffee hour conversations, and especially, worshipping and praying together. Probably most precious of all, though, have been those moments when I could look in your eyes and offer you "The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation." What a powerful experience of bonding with you in God's inordinate Love! Just thinking of it brings tears to my eyes!

I will hold you in my heart and in my prayers, forever grateful for the love and acceptance you have shown to me and to Leila. Thank you! Thank you!! I wish you God's richest blessings, especially as you create a new church in these Now Times and with the guidance of Fr. Douglas. I know you will be for others what you have been for me, and that is surely the work--and gift--of a Beloved Community!

With deepest love and affection,

Rebecca

## A New Prayer Writing Team is Now Forming



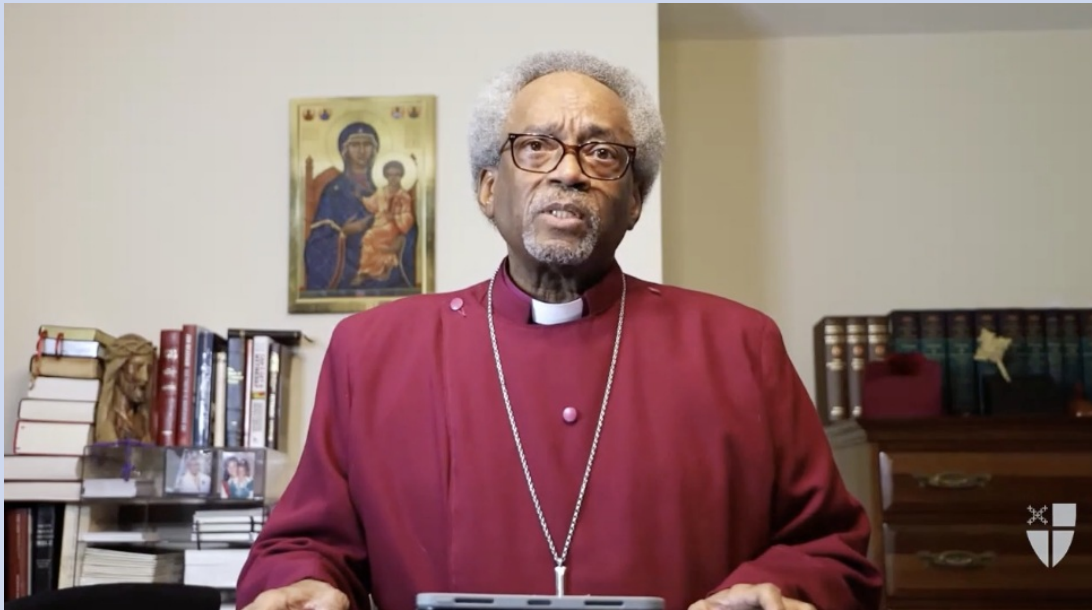
Do you like to pray? OK, that was a bit of a loaded question! Hopefully, we all like to pray. But if you are especially interested in prayer, we may have a new opportunity for you. We are bringing together a group of people to write the Prayers of the People for our Sunday liturgies. The prayer book provides a general outline of what we should pray for each Sunday, but we are then called to use our skills, creativity and awareness of what is happening in our lives—as a parish, as a community, as a nation and as a world—to craft prayers that truly come from the hearts of the people of St Andrew's. (This is, by the way, why the Prayers of the People are traditionally read either by a parishioner or by a deacon, who serves the people.)

This will *not* be a heavy burden, we promise! We will probably create one sets

of prayers for each liturgical season from Advent through Eastertide, and then one set of prayers per month during Ordinary Time, the season after Pentecost. Writing may be done individually or in groups ... and can all be done remotely. Father Douglas will work with this group, to help them along, as needed.

If you are interested, please let Fr Douglas know with a phone call (860-595-0171) or email (frdouglas.sak@gmail.com).

## Message from Presiding Bishop Curry



### Presiding Bishop Curry's Word to the Church: What Did Jesus Do?

The following is a Word to the Church from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, and is also the text of his sermon at The Episcopal Church House of Bishops, which met virtually September 16, 2020. A WORD TO THE CHURCH September 16, 2020 The Right Reverend Michael B. Curry What Did Jesus Do?

[Read More](#)

# Save the Date: Fall Clean-up on Saturday, 31-October

We will have our annual fall clean-up of the church and the grounds on Saturday, 31-October, so please save the date! More details will follow, but there is a rumor going around that costumes will be optional—so you may want to start thinking!

After we're finished our autumnal chores, we'll gather for a COVID-compliant lunch, and then we invite you to stay around for a special All Hallows' Eve service that just might involve a special effect or two ... and a procession to the cemetery. And even if you can't come for the clean-up, you're welcome to join us for this fun Halloween liturgy.



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9 – 4PM

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## ABOUT RON MARASCO



Ron Marasco, Ph.D., was a Professor for 27 years in the College of Communication and Fine Arts at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. In addition to teaching in the Department of Theatre, he was a public speaking mentor, coached all the university's valedictorians, and developed a class in "public presentation" for up-and-coming attorneys at LMU's Law School.

As an actor, Ron has appeared on dozens of TV shows—from West Wing to Bones to Entourage to Freaks and Geeks to, most recently, a long stint on Major Crimes. His book Notes to an Actor was given the American Library Association highest rating and named by them an "Outstanding Academic Book of 2008." Screen legend Kirk Douglas once said in an interview: "Ron Marasco's

Notes to an Actor is the best acting book I've ever read." His biblical novel The Dog Who Was There reached the Christian Bestseller List in 2017.

Ron now works as a private coach, both on-line and in-person. He has a B.A. in English from Fordham University and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Theatre from UCLA and is a member of St. Andrew's Parish in Kent.

Please note that while at Camp Washington, we will be distancing, wearing masks, & washing hands. Plans for the day will utilize outdoor space whenever possible & safe alternative indoor space, if necessary. Your safety & health are of utmost importance to us.

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Discerning Opportunity



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# discerning my path

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An innovative, online community of holy listening, story, discernment, and spiritual practice to help **every** baptized person explore how God might be calling them to serve the world in God's name.

Zoom Informational Sessions:  
Monday, October 19 from 7-8 pm  
Saturday, October 24 from 9-10 am

For more information, contact:  
The Rev'd Marcus Halley  
Dean of Formation  
mhalley@episcopalct.org



More information can be found on the Website:  
<https://www.episcopalct.org/Find-Resources/General-Parish-Operations/region-based-discernment-groups/>.

## Kent Food Bank



Please help the parish continue our support of the Kent Food Bank  
by sending a check in any amount to:

Kent Community Fund  
P.O. Box 262  
Kent, CT 06757

\*Remember to put Food Bank in the memo of your check.

These funds will be used to purchase vouchers for local families in need, under the direction of our town's Social Services Director,



Leah Pullaro.

The Kent Food Bank is also taking food donations during this difficult time.

The Kent Food Bank is especially in need of:

*Staples such as beans, rice, tea, coffee, sugar, nuts, hot & cold breakfast cereals, peanut butter, jellies, jams and tuna*

Please remember that the Food Bank accepts pet foods as well!

Make certain that the 'Best by ...' dates are not past!

You may drop off food items on Thursdays from 9.00 to Noon  
*in the back of the Community House on Main Street.*

*Please DO NOT come into the Food Bank, but leave outside the door.*

## Lectons for this Week

### **The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

*Proper 23; Year A*

Isaiah 25:1-9;  
Psalm 23;  
Philippians 4:1-9;  
Matthew 22:1-14



## Past Services and Homilies

Please click on the link below in order to view past services on YouTube and to read homilies from previous Sundays located on our website.

## Worship Services

**-Sunday-**

### **Holy Eucharist**

8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.

Rite I at 8.30, First  
Sundays;

Healing Service at 8.30,  
Third Sunday

In person

for 25 people with masks  
at

8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.  
(10.30 a.m. available live  
stream on YouTube)



**-Wednesday-**

### **Holy Eucharist**

6.00 p.m.

(25 people with masks)

**-Friday-**

### **Prayer & Meditation**

5.30 p.m.

(25 people with masks)

**-Holy Days-**

### **Holy Eucharist**

6.00 p.m.

(25 people with masks)



## 12 Step Meetings

**Wednesdays**

**A.A. for Women 7:00 p.m.**

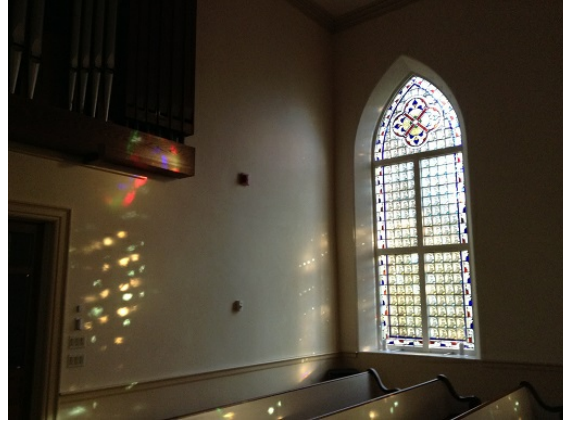
*Zoom meeting*

*email us for info.*

**Thursdays**  
**A.A. at 7.30 a.m.**  
(Great Room)  
*Resumed*  
**Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.**  
(Vestry Room)  
*Suspended*

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