



# SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

September 26, 2021 · 8:30 AM  
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

## Everyone is Welcome at Saint Andrew's

A special welcome to all visitors. We are delighted you have joined us for worship!



Saint Andrew's is a parish of the **Episcopal Church within the Diocese of Upper South Carolina**. Over time, our identity as a parish has come to be defined by our commitment to **worship** in the distinctive splendor of Anglo-Catholic tradition, to **witness** through word and deed to the life changing implications of Jesus Christ's reconciling love, and to **welcome** unreservedly all God's children into Christ's Body, the Church.

If you are not familiar with Episcopal Church worship, we have tried to make our worship bulletin easy to follow. All of the prayers and responses for the congregation are printed in the bulletin. Page numbers that are prefaced by "BCP" reference pages in the **red Book of Common Prayer** found in the rack on the back of the pew in front of you. Hymns are referenced by hymn number and can be found in the **blue Hymnal** also in the pew rack.

Given current public health concerns, especially increased concerns relating to children and youth (most of whom are not yet eligible to be vaccinated), **we are now requiring that everyone, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask while inside church buildings** (though we are allowing individuals to remove their masks if they are engaged in leading singing or speaking). We will continue to evaluate these protocols as public health concerns develop.

### Restrooms

are located on the first floor of the Parish House.  
Use the door to the left of the church,  
closest to the parking lot.

### Link for Online Donations:

[www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving](http://www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving)

Your donations can also be mailed to the Parish Office  
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### Members of the Vestry

Erin Culbertson, Senior Warden (2022); Scott Chastain,  
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Jim Arnau and Helen Farmer (2021);  
Cheryl Banks and Ethan Cashwell (2022)  
John Rhodes and Charles Shields (2023)

# Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*Upon the ringing of the sanctuary bell, the people stand.*

## The Word of God

### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

### Collect for Purity

*Celebrant* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Kyrie

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy.

*People* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy.

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*After the Collect, the people sit.*

### First Lesson

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 124** (*said responsively by whole or half verse, as announced*)

- 1 If the Lord had not been on our side, \*  
let Israel now say;
- 2 If the Lord had not been on our side, \*  
when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive \*  
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \*  
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters \*  
have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the Lord! \*  
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \*  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the Lord, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

**Second Lesson**

James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

*The people stand for the proclamation of the Gospel.*

**The Gospel**

Mark 9:38-50

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel ☩ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

The Rev'd Fr. Gary Eichelberger

*After the Sermon, all stand and say together the words of the Creed.*

## The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life  $\text{✠}$  of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayers of the People, Form III

*Celebrant* Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

*The people kneel.*

*Intercessor* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*People* **That we all may be one.**

*Intercessor* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*People* **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Intercessor* We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andrew, our Bishop; Gary, our Rector; Tommy, our Seminarian; and all other bishops, priests, and deacons;

*People* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Intercessor* We pray for Joseph, our president; Henry, our governor; Knox, our mayor; and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*People* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Intercessor* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*People* **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Intercessor* Have compassion on Alan, Barbara, Bella, Bill, Brett, Chuck, Dan, Danny, Darrell, David, Dick, Ephraim, Ginger, Jane, Jim, Jodi, Judy, Ken, Leigh Ann, Levi, Linda, Lori, Margaret Lee, Marvin, Mary, Meredith, Miles, Nancy, Patt, Peter, Ray, Raymond, Sandy, Steve, Theresa, Weesie, and Winnie, as well as those whom you are invited to name now, either silently or aloud [*pause for people to add names*], and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*People* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Intercessor* As we remember all those who have died in your faith and fear, especially those whom you are invited to name now, either silently or aloud [*pause for people to add names*], give to the departed  $\text{✠}$  eternal rest.

*People* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Intercessor* We praise you for Blessed Mary, Mother of God; Blessed Joseph, her spouse; Blessed Andrew, our patron; and all your saints who have entered into joy;

*People* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*After any additional prayers of intercession and thanksgiving are offered, the Celebrant says a concluding collect before introducing the Confession.*

## Confession and Absolution

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*A period of silence is observed.*

*All* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you ✠ all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*Following the Absolution, the people stand for the Peace.*

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Then the ministers and people may greet one another with words of Peace and/or a slight bow.*

## Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

*After the Announcements, the Celebrant invites those celebrating their birthdays or anniversaries to come forward. If anyone comes forward, the Celebrant invites the people to join in the following prayer*

*All* **Almighty and gracious God, we give you thanks for each of these your servants as they celebrate their special day. Watch over them as they begin another year, and give them grace to keep the vows and promises they have made. Bless and guide them wherever they may be; strengthen them when they stand; raise them up if they fall; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; and may your peace which passes all understanding abide in their hearts all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Holy Communion

### The Offertory

After the opportunity for Birthday and Anniversary Blessings, the Celebrant says an Offertory Sentence and returns to the altar. Then, after the people's offering of bread and wine are brought forward, the people sit as the altar is set. At this time, we are not collecting the other offerings by passing a plate. Instead, an offering can be placed in the offering plate located on the table in the aisle by the font. (An offering can also be made online at [www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving](http://www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving).) After the altar is set, the people stand as the offerings received in the plate are brought forward.

### The Great Thanksgiving Rite II, Prayer A

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### Sanctus/Benedictus

*All* **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he  $\chi$  who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people kneel or remain standing, and the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All* **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us  $\chi$  also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*All* **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

## The Lord's Prayer

*All*        **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept before the following is said*

*Celebrant* Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People*    **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## Invitation to Communion

*The Celebrant then faces the people and says the following Invitation*

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God ✠ for the People of God.

*After the priest and the server have received, all are welcome to come forward to the altar rail. At the altar rail, all baptized Christians are invited to receive the Blessed Sacrament, and those who are not yet baptized are invited to indicate a desire to receive a blessing by crossing their arms upon arrival at the altar rail. (Our rector is always eager to speak with anyone who is not yet baptized about preparing for and receiving the sacrament of Baptism.)*

*For those receiving the Blessed Sacrament, a wafer will be placed in the palm of your hand or upon your tongue after which the chalice is offered. If you need a gluten-free wafer, you may request one from the priest at the altar rail. Should you wish to receive wine by intinction (dipping), allow the chalice bearer to take the wafer from your open palm and intinct for you. Should you be unable to manage the steps, please notify the usher so that Holy Communion can be administered at your pew.*

## Postcommunion Prayer

*Upon the Celebrant's invitation to prayer, the people kneel.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All*        **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Blessing

*Celebrant* The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

*After the Blessing, the people stand.*

## Dismissal

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

*Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. You are invited to either take your bulletin home or to place it in the recycle bin in the narthex.*

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## Announcements & Upcoming Events

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**Monthly Youth Gathering | Today | 5-7 PM** | Saint Andrew's youth and their friends in elementary through high school will have the opportunity to gather outside for a time of fun and fellowship on the fourth Sunday evening of each month. This month, the Eichelbergers will lead the gathering in the church courtyard. We will begin with a devotion, have dinner, and play games. If you haven't already RSVP'd and want to attend, just let Fr. Gary know as you leave to worship.

**Mtr. Mia McDowell Presiding at This Week's Wednesday Night Healing Mass** | Fr. Gary will be out of the office from Tuesday to Friday of this coming week in order to attend a clergy conference at Sewanee. In his absence, Mtr. Mia McDowell will be presiding at this week's Wednesday Night Healing Mass. We are grateful for Mtr. Mia's continued participation in the worship life of Saint Andrew's. Fr. Gary will be back to preside at next Sunday's masses.

**Feast of Saint Francis Blessing of the Animals | Sunday, October 3 | 4 PM | At Saint Paul UMC** | We will gather under the fir tree at Saint Paul UMC just down the block. Bring your animal friends!

**Saint Andrews Book Club | Sunday, October 3 | Parish Hall | After the 10:30 AM Mass** | We will discuss *Broken For You* by Stephanie Callas. You may bring your own snack and beverage. Questions? Contact Kay Friddle at 864-505-2339.

**Project Host BBQ Cook-off and Festival | October 1 & 2 | At St. Mary's Catholic Church** | Saint Andrew's is serving as a sponsor of Project Host's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual BBQ Cook-off and Festival, taking place on October 1 (6-10 PM) and October 2 (11 AM-2 PM) at St. Mary's Catholic Church in downtown Greenville. The event is the nonprofit's biggest annual fundraiser and brings out regional BBQ enthusiasts to compete for the best pork butts, ribs, brisket, and more. Entry is free, and the festival features live music, great food, and children's activities. Learn more about the event at [www.projecthostbbq.org](http://www.projecthostbbq.org) and please go out and support this great nonprofit that fights hunger in Greenville.

**Assisting Relief Efforts in Haiti** | As many of you know, the Episcopal Church — and, in particular, our Diocese — has a long-standing history of ministry with the people of Haiti. Over the last month, Haiti has suffered from back-to-back natural disasters—all while in the midst of a time of great political uncertainty. Episcopal Relief & Development and its partners are responding immediately with direct assistance to vulnerable households in the region impacted. To assist in these efforts, visit [episcopalrelief.org/haiti-relief](http://episcopalrelief.org/haiti-relief).

**"Summer Choir" Schedule Extended through October**  
We are always seeking additional volunteers for the Saint Andrew's choir, which under an extended "summer schedule" will continue to gather on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM (and not on Wednesday evenings) to prepare the music for the 10:30 mass. This more limited time commitment, which we are keeping in place until current public health concerns are lessened, does provide an excellent opportunity for prospective new members to "try us out." If you have questions, contact the Parish Office—or just show up on Sunday morning!

**Sunday Altar Flower and Presence Candle Dedications**  
On Sundays, we have the opportunity to offer a special dedication of the altar flowers or presence candle in honor, memory, or celebration of loved ones. If you would like to sign up for a Sunday, please call or email the office, or sign up online at [www.standrewsgreenville.org/signup](http://www.standrewsgreenville.org/signup), by the preceding Tuesday. You may mail or place a check in the offering plate with "Altar Flowers" or "Presence Candle" noted in the memo. Alternatively, you can pay online at [www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving](http://www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving) and note that it is for altar flowers or presence candle. (\$50-\$100 for altar flowers, \$10 for presence candle.)

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### Weekly Schedule

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#### Sundays

8:30 AM, Low Mass, Rite II

10:30 AM, Sung High Mass, Rite I (also via livestream)

#### Wednesdays

6:30 PM, Healing Mass, Rite II

#### Every Third Wednesday of the Month

5:30 PM Rosary in Church

#### Every Fourth Wednesday of the Month

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament follows the 6:30 PM Mass



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