



SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

October 8, 2023 · 8:30 AM
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Called to **Worship**. Sent to **Witness**. Led to **Welcome**.

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.

As you depart worship, we hope you will enter your name and contact information in our **visitor's book** located on a stand in the narthex (the little room that you pass through on your way in and out of the main doors of the church). We would also love to have you join us for **coffee hour** in the Parish Hall immediately after the 10:30 AM mass. Thank you for blessing us with your presence!

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.

Nursery

is available during the 10:30 AM Mass on the second floor of the Parish House.

Link for Online Donations:

www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving

The Rt. Rev'd Daniel Richards, Bishop

The Rev'd Gary Eichelberger, Rector
rector@standrewsgreenville.org

The Rev'd Deacon Tyler Proctor, Curate
curate@standrewsgreenville.org

John Gilbert, Organist/Choirmaster
choir@standrewsgreenville.org

Marie Ridolfo, Parish Administrator
office@standrewsgreenville.org

Jane Babb, Nursery Coordinator

Members of the Vestry

Scott Chastain, Senior Warden (2023); Riley Owens, Junior Warden (2024) John Rhodes, Clerk (2023); Charles Shields (2023); Allison Giambrone-Wilson, Kelly Proffitt (2024); Phil Buck, Lee Gray, and Jenny Peer (2025)

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; 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

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19 *(said responsively by whole verse)*

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to
the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light
to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous
altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Second Lesson

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand for the proclamation of the Gospel.

The Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

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

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

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The

one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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 ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

After the Nicene Creed, the Deacon introduces the prayers as follows.

Prayers of the People, Form III

Deacon 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; Daniel, our Bishop; Gary, our Rector; Tyler, our Curate; 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 Bella, Bob, Charlie, Chuck, Dick, Duane, Emily, Ginger, Hardy, Holly, Jacob, Jane, Jenny, Jim, Jodi, Kathy, Laura, Leigh Ann, Linda, Lucy, Margaret Lee, Marvin, Mary, Mary Beth, +Michael, Millie, Nancy, Patt, Sam, Sandy, Shawn, Stacy, Steve, Sylvia, and Weesie, 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 ✠ 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 the Deacon introduces the Confession.

Confession and Absolution

Deacon 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 in the name of the Lord.

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 sanctuary. Then, after the people's offering of bread and wine are brought forward, the people sit as the altar is set and other offerings are collected from the people. (An offering can also be made by placing it in the offering plate located on the table in the aisle by the font or online at www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving.) After the altar is set, the people stand again as the other offerings are brought forward and remain standing for the eucharistic prayer.

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 ✠ 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 ✠ 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.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has 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.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Invitation to Communion

The ministers then face the people as the following Invitation is offered

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

After the ministers 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

Deacon 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.

The altar flowers are given by Joyce and Duane Ford, to the glory of God,
and in memory of Joyce's son-in-law, Karl Corby.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Annual Giving Kick-Off | Today | Today we will kick off our 6-week Annual Pledge Campaign, when we ask members of the parish to prayerfully discern and complete a financial pledge card for 2024. Through our pledges, we are able to express our common commitment to support God's continuing ministry at Saint Andrew's—and to help the parish to plan financially for the coming year. Our 2024 campaign will conclude at our Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, November 19. This year's Annual Pledge Committee includes: Dave Roeske (chair); Patty Slay (last year's chair); Nancy Barutio; Russell Conner; Cheryl Banks; Doug Barrett; and Linda Fitzsimmons. We look forward to this opportunity to share our gifts in ministry together.

Today's Concert Canceled | *The Return of Zephyrus* concert scheduled for today has been canceled due to a family emergency of one of the musicians.

Second Sunday Harvest | Today | Both Masses | As is our custom each Second Sunday, we will be collecting items as well as financial donations for United Ministries. This month, we are also collecting donations for Mission Guatemala, a nonprofit ministry that helps under-served Guatemalan people through health, education, and nutrition initiatives and meaningful missionary service. Their medical clinic has needs for supplements that they are unable to purchase in country. Items donated will be carried there later this month by parishioner Leigh Randall, who serves as Mission Guatemala's Director of Development. Items requested: Children's Chewable Multivitamins, Prenatal Vitamins, Calcium (600 mg) with Vitamin D, and Vitamin C (1000 mg)

Weekly Bible Study | Tuesdays at 4 PM | Starting Tuesday, October 10 | Father Gary and Deacon Tyler will lead this new offering beginning this Tuesday, October 10, with a study of the Book of Romans. Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/clergyledbiblestudy>

Fall Wednesday Night Supper Class | Risen Life: Finding Our Calling Through the Waters of Baptism | Wednesdays | 6:30 PM | Parish Hall | Through this Fall's 10-week class, Fr. Gary and Deacon Tyler are leading the parish in a consideration of how the baptismal liturgy offers both a starting point and an ongoing guide for discerning each of our particular callings to ministry in God's Church. Register: <https://tinyurl.com/supperclass>

ECW Drive for Greenville's Gift | As their fall project, ECW is sponsoring a donation drive for Greenville's Gift, seeking clothing and/or money for newborns in need. A collection box is in the church narthex. Items (all seasons) needed: clothing (size 0-12 months), baby blankets, socks, hats, bibs, and burp cloths.

Second Sunday Undesignated Plate Offering to Rector's Discretionary Fund This Month | As is our custom on the Second Sunday of each month, the undesignated plate offering will go to one of our clergy discretionary funds—with this month's offering going to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. These funds allow our clergy to consider and discretely respond to requests from individuals or entities in need of financial help for any reason.

Nominations for Vestry & Diocesan Delegate & Alternate | As we prepare for our Parish Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for Sunday, November 19, please prayerfully consider who might offer leadership in the following positions:

- 3 Vestry positions for full 3 year terms;
- 1 Diocesan Convention Delegate for 4 year term; and
- 1 Diocesan Convention Alternate for a 4 year term.

Our outgoing vestry members, Scott Chastain, John Rhodes, and Charles Shields, constitute the Nominating Committee – so please advise them of any suggestions. *Qualifications for Vestry:* Under our parish by-laws, to be considered for the Vestry, an individual must be a confirmed adult (18 years or older) member of the congregation and make a financial pledge for the next calendar year. Also, an outgoing vestry member who has served a full (three-year) term is not eligible for one year following the completion of that term, and only one member of a household may serve at any given time.

Qualifications for Convention Delegate & Alternate: Under our parish by-laws, to be considered for Diocesan Convention Delegate or Alternate, an individual must be a confirmed adult member of the congregation. In addition, an outgoing delegate who has served a full (four-year) term is not eligible to serve as delegate for one year following the completion of that term.

Other Upcoming Events:

- **October Youth Gathering | Sunday, October 22 | 5-7 PM** | More details forthcoming.
- **All Saints Sunday | November 5** | Opportunity for Baptism, contact Fr. Gary if interested.
- **Deacon Tyler Proctor's Service of Ordination to the Priesthood | Wednesday, December 6 | 6 PM**

Weekly Schedule

Sundays

8:30 AM, Low Mass, Rite II
10:30 AM, Sung High Mass, Rite I (also via livestream)

Wednesdays

5:30 PM, Healing Mass, Rite II

Every Third Wednesday of the Month

5:00 PM Rosary in Church

Every Fourth Wednesday of the Month

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
follows Healing Mass