



SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

December 19, 2021 · 8:30 AM
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
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.

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.

Link for Online Donations:

www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving

Your donations can also be mailed to the Parish Office
at 1002 S. Main St. Greenville, SC 29601

Link for 2022 Annual Pledge:

www.standrewsgreenville.org/pledge

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Members of the Vestry

Erin Culbertson, Senior Warden (2022);
Scott Chastain, Junior Warden (2023);
John Rhodes, Clerk (2023);
Cheryl Banks and Ethan Cashwell (2022);
Charles Shields (2023);
Allison Giambrone-Wilson,
Riley Owens, and Kelly Proffitt (2024)

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.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

After the Collect, the people sit.

First Lesson

Micah 5:2-5a

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 15, The Song of Mary

(said responsively by whole or half verse, as announced, with all saying the concluding doxology)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
 my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
 for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
 the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *
 in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *
 he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
 and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *
 and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
 for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, *
 to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Lesson

Hebrews 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand for the proclamation of the Gospel.

The Gospel

Luke 1:39-45

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

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

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

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 X of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People, Form I

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

Intercessor With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andrew, our Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop-elect; Gary, our Rector; Tommy, our Seminarian; and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord;

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For our president, Joseph; our governor, Henry; and our mayor, Knox; for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For Barbara, Bella, Bill, Brett, Chuck, Debbie, Dick, Ephraim, Ginger, Jahnyah, Jane, Jennie, Jim, Jodi, Ken, Leigh Ann, Levi, Lori, Margaret Lee, Marvin, Mary, Meredith, Mike, Miles, Nancy, Parker, Patt, Peter, Ray, Raymond, Sandy, Sheila, Steve, Susan, 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*], let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For all who have died X in the hope of the resurrection, especially those whom you are invited to name now, either silently or aloud [*pause for people to add names*], and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

After any additional prayers of intercession and thanksgiving, the Intercessor continues with the following commendation.

Intercessor In the communion of Blessed Mary, Mother of God; Blessed Joseph, her spouse; Blessed Andrew, our patron; and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People **To you, O Lord our God.**

After a moment of silence, the Celebrant says a concluding collect before introducing the Confession.

The 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 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.

The Great Thanksgiving Rite II, Prayer B

The people remain standing for the Eucharistic Prayer, which begins as follows.

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, because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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 stand, and the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us ✠ to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Blessed Mary, Mother of God; Blessed Joseph, her spouse; Blessed Andrew, our patron, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Advent Blessing

Celebrant May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father ✠, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

After the Blessing, the people stand.

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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.

Given the penitential nature of the season, we do not have flowers on the altar during Advent with the exception of the Third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Thank You to Everyone Who Supported Our 2022 Annual Pledge Campaign! We Have Reached Our Goals!! | Even after our formal campaign concluded, we have gratefully continued to receive pledges, and, as of earlier this week, **we exceeded our goals with 102 pledges (including 10 new pledges!) and over \$300,000 in dollars pledged.** Thank you to all who have already submitted their pledges--for helping to make this **the highest number of pledged dollars ever in a Saint Andrew's Annual Pledge Campaign!** If you have yet to make your pledge, the pledge card can be found online at

www.standrewsgreenville.org/pledge

Poinsettias for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Poinsettia dedication forms can be found in your bulletins this week. Deadline for orders is today. Suggested donation for each plant is \$15. You can also email the Parish Office with your order and dedication today.

Coffee Hour Is Back! | After the 10:30 AM Mass | Please sign up to provide refreshments and set up in the weeks ahead. We currently need volunteers for January 2, 23, and 30. A sign up sheet can be found in the Parish Hall or via online at www.standrewsgreenville.org/signup

Election of 2022 Parish Officers | We are pleased to announce that, at this past Sunday's vestry meeting, which included our outgoing, current, and new vestry members, Erin Culbertson was re-elected Senior Warden, Scott Chastain was re-elected Junior Warden, and John Rhodes was elected Clerk. Outgoing vestry member Rusty Infinger was elected Finance Committee Chair. In addition, Jamie Hinds was elected to another one-year term as Treasurer. Allison Giambrone-Wilson, Riley Owens, and Kelly Proffitt, began their service as new vestry members. We are so thankful for all of their willingness to serve! We also want to express our gratitude to our three outgoing members, Jim Arnau, Helen Farmer, and Rusty Infinger!

2021 CHRISTMAS EVE & DAY SCHEDULE

Friday, December 24

The Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

4:00 PM Creche & Carols Family Service

10:30 PM Sacred Music

11:00 PM Solemn High Mass

Saturday, December 25

The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

12:00 Noon Low Mass

Please note: No 8:30 AM Mass on December 26, the First Sunday after Christmas

Parish Office Schedule | The Parish Office will be closed December 24, 27, and 31. Please note: Father Gary will be out of the office December 27-31.

Year End Giving to Saint Andrew's | As you wrap up your charitable giving for the calendar year 2021, please consider a year-end gift to Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church. You may record a one-time online gift via the "Donate" link found on our website. You can also make a 2021 tax year donation by placing it in the offering plate today, by sending it by U.S. mail with a 2021 postmark, or by hand-delivering it to the parish office before the end of the year. *(Note that the office will be closed on December 31.)*

2022 Ordo Kalendars Available | Reserve yours today! \$5 each. Email: office@standrewsgreenville.org

Nursery During Worship to Reopen | We are hoping to reopen our nursery in the near future. While we plan to have one staff member in the nursery during the 10:30 AM Mass, we will need at least one parish volunteer each Sunday to serve as our second nursery caregiver. If you have gifts for working with infants and young children – and have "Safe Church" training (and are fully vaccinated), we could use your help! If you are interested, please e-mail office@standrewsgreenville.org. More details to come!

Services Beyond Advent and Christmas:

- **The Feast of Epiphany | Thursday, January 6 | 6:30 PM**
The Feast of Epiphany, one of the Principal Feasts of the Church Year, is when we remember the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child. At our evening mass, we will include the Blessing of the Chalk, an Epiphany tradition.
- **The Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord (Baptismal Sunday) | January 9** | Anyone desiring to be baptized or to have a child baptized, please speak with or e-mail Father Gary (rector@standrewsgreenville.org).

Weekly Schedule

Sundays

8:30 AM, Low Mass, Rite II (*not on 12/26*)

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

Wednesdays

6:30 PM, Healing Mass, Rite I

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