



SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

February 18, 2024 · 8:30 AM
The First Sunday in Lent
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

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Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with Penitential Order

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

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord ☩ who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

After the Opening Acclamation, the people kneel for the Decalogue, Confession, and Absolution.

The Decalogue

Celebrant Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant Honor your father and your mother.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not commit murder.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not commit adultery.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not steal.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not be a false witness.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Confession and Absolution

After the Celebrant reads an introductory sentence of Scripture, the Assisting Minister invites the people to join in the confession.

Minister 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.**

After the Absolution, the people stand.

Trisagion

Celebrant Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

People **Have mercy upon us.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

After the Collect, the people sit.

First Lesson

Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-9 *(said responsively by whole verse)*

- ¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- ² Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- ³ Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.
- ⁴ Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- ⁵ Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- ⁶ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- ⁷ Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- ⁸ He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- ⁹ All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Second Lesson

1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand for the proclamation of the Gospel.

The Gospel

Mark 1:9-15

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

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

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

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 Assisting Minister introduces the prayers as follows.

Prayers of the People, Form II

Upon the invitation to prayer, the people kneel. In the indicated silence after each bidding, the people may offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

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

Intercessor I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop; Gary, our Rector; Tyler, our Curate; Tommy, our Seminarian; John, our Nominee; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison, especially for Beth, Bob, Brian, Charlie, Chuck, Delaney, Denise, Dick, Doug, Duane, Jamie, Jane, Jim, Jodi, Leigh Ann, Linda, Lucy, Luke, Margaret Lee, Marvin, Mary, Nancy, Patt, Sandy, Shawn, Stephanie, Sylvia, Tim, and Weesie, as well as those whom you are invited to name now, either silently or aloud [*pause for people to add names*]. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the departed ☩. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Additional prayers of intercession and thanksgiving may then be offered by the Intercessor.

Intercessor Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant then says a concluding collect to the prayers. Following the concluding collect, 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 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 and remain standing for the opening of 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 was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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

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 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. (Note that, with the onset of Lent, the "alleluias" are omitted in the following.)

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

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 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.**

Solemn Prayer over the People for Lent I

Celebrant Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

After the Solemn Prayer, the people stand.

Dismissal

Minister 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.

The presence candle is given by Jeff and Jenny Peer to the glory of God.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Liturgical Changes in Lent | Today is the first Sunday in Lent—so you may notice some changes in the liturgy that reflect the penitential nature of this season. As marked at our Shrove Tuesday gathering, we have “buried” the Alleluias for Lent. At our 8:30 mass today (and starting next week at our 10:30 mass), we open the mass using the Penitential Order, which includes the Decalogue followed by the Confession and Absolution. Moreover, at 10:30, we will start the mass with the Great Litany, which we say at the opening of the 10:30 mass on the first Sundays of the two penitential seasons of the year (Advent and Lent). When we turn to Holy Communion, at our 8:30 mass, we will shift to Eucharistic Prayer A with its responses. At Holy Communion at 10:30, some of the musical settings shift, and we include the Prayer of Humble Access prior to distribution. Finally, we conclude both masses with the “Solemn Prayer over the People for Lent” in place of the Blessing.

Souper Bowl of Caring Results | On Ash Wednesday, we delivered **744 cans** to United Ministries! Thanks to all who donated, to everyone who fixed soup for the luncheon, and for all of the youth who baked brownies—and an especially big thank you to Jeff and Jenny Peer and Riley Owens, for organizing the drive and luncheon!

Vestry Meeting | Today | 12:30 PM | Our monthly vestry meeting will take place in the upstairs of the Parish House following today’s 10:30 AM Sung High Mass.

Clergy-Led Weekly Bible Study: Book of Romans | Tuesdays at 4 PM | Over the next two Tuesdays, we will be wrapping up our study of the Book of Romans. Then, on March 5, we will start at three-week study of the Book of Lamentations. Sign up here: www.tinyurl.com/clergyledbiblestudy

Soup Supper Classes on Wednesday Nights in Lent *Forgive Our Sins, As We Forgive: Being Reconciled with God & Our Neighbor* | **Starting Wednesday, February 21 | 6:30 PM | Parish Hall** | Over the five Wednesdays between Ash Wednesday and Holy Week, Fr. Gary and Fr. Tyler will be leading a study on forgiveness and reconciliation. We will reflect on the key Christian concepts of sin, confession, repentance, forgiveness, and reconciliation. Please join us on this common Lenten journey as we seek to deepen our understanding of the calling to be both a forgiven and forgiving people. Sign up at www.standrewsgreenville.org/soupsupper

Youth Group | Sunday, February 25 | 4-6 PM | Continuing this month, Saint Andrew’s youth and their friends in elementary through high school will have the opportunity to gather for a time of fun and fellowship on the fourth Sunday evening of the month. The Shields will lead the gathering. Please RSVP to formation@standrewsgreenville.org.

Preparing for Baptism | Easter Vigil, March 30 | As we begin the journey of Lent, we are also preparing for our next baptismal feast, which will take place on Saturday, April 8, when Lent draws to a close as we celebrate the Great Vigil of Easter -- one of the four feast days that our prayer book designates as “especially appropriate” for Holy Baptism. If there is anyone else desiring to be baptized or to have a child baptized, please let the Rector know so that we can begin to prepare accordingly.

Save the Dates!

- **Next Rebuild Upstate Workday | Saturday, March 2**
We hope to post the sign up soon!
- **Saint Andrew’s ECW (Episcopal Church Women) Next Meeting | Tuesday, March 12 | 6 PM | Parish Hall** | More details to follow.
- **Parish Spring Clean-Up Day | Saturday, March 16**
- **GOAL Justice Nehemiah Action | Monday, April 15 6:30 PM | Bethlehem Baptist Church**
- **Hands on Greenville Day | Saturday, April 20**

Weekly Schedule

Sundays

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

Tuesdays

8:30 AM Morning Prayer, Rite I
4:00 PM Clergy Led Bible Study

Wednesdays

5:30 PM Healing Mass, Rite II
6:30 PM Lenten Soup Supper Class

Thursdays

8:30 AM Morning Prayer, Rite I

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