

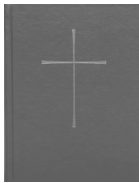


SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

February 28, 2021 · 8:30 AM
The Second Sunday in Lent
Morning Prayer, 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!



If you are not familiar with Episcopal Church worship, we have tried to make our worship bulletin easy to follow. This service of Morning Prayer can be found on page 75 in the Book of Common Prayer. However, all of the prayers and responses for the congregation are printed in the bulletin.

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.

In the midst of this time of social distancing, we are offering this outdoor service of Morning Prayer at 8:30 AM in hopes that it will allow for more individuals to gather on the church grounds to worship together. In order to do this safely, however, we are requiring that everyone participating in this service wear **face masks** and maintain at least **six foot social distancing** from anyone who is not a member of your household.

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.

Offering

We will not be taking up an offering within the Morning Prayer liturgy. However, an offering can be placed in the offering container which should be found on the table with the face masks and hand sanitizer. You can also make an online offering via the following link:

www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving

Or by mailing your offering to the Parish Office at
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John Rhodes and Charles Shields (2023)

Covenant for In-Person Worship

(from Diocesan Guidelines)

Please note that, pursuant to our Diocesan guidelines, those attending worship at this time commit themselves to the following norms:

- If you have any symptoms associated with COVID-19, you will not attend in-person worship.
- If you develop symptoms or are diagnosed after a liturgy, you will report it immediately to the priest.
- You will not attempt to shake hands or hug anyone, and will do your best to maintain a distance of 6 feet from anyone outside of your family group.
- You will wash your hands immediately before coming to worship.
- You will wear a mask at all times while with the worshipping community.

Thank you for helping us worship together as safely as possible!

Morning Prayer, Rite II

As you gather for our service of Morning Prayer, please remember that face masks are required throughout the service and that six foot distancing must be maintained with respect to anyone outside of your household.

After the opening announcements, the Officiant will invite you to stand for the opening of the service.

Opening Sentence of Scripture

I John 1:8-9

Officiant If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The Confession and Absolution

Officiant 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.**

Officiant 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.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All **Glorify 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.**

Venite with Antiphon

Psalms 95:1-7

Officiant The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:

People **Come, let us adore him.**

All **Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

Officiant The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:

People **Come, let us adore him.**

Please sit for the reading of the Psalm and the First Lesson.

Psalm 22:22-30 *(antiphonally by whole verse as directed by the Officiant)*

²² Praise the Lord, you that fear him; *

stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

²³ For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.

²⁴ My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

²⁵ The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"

²⁶ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

²⁷ For kingship belongs to the Lord; *

he rules over the nations.

²⁸ To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *

all who go down to the dust fall before him.

²⁹ My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him;*

they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

³⁰ They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn*

the saving deeds that he has done.

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.

The Lessons

First Lesson

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you." God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the reading of the Canticle.

Canticle 14, A Song of Penitence *(said by all in unison)*

Prayer of Manasseh, 1-2, 4, 6-7, 11-15

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, *

God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and of all their righteous offspring:

You made the heavens and the earth, *

with all their vast array.

All things quake with fear at your presence; *

they tremble because of your power.

But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; *

it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.

O Lord, you are full of compassion, *

long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.

You hold back your hand; *

you do not punish as we deserve.

In your great goodness, Lord, you have promised forgiveness to sinners, *

that they may repent of their sin and be saved.

And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, *

and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.

I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, *

and I know my wickedness only too well.

Therefore I make this prayer to you: *

Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.

Do not let me perish in my sin, *

nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.

For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, *

and in me you will show forth your goodness.

Unworthy as I am, you will save me, in accordance with your great mercy, *

and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.

For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, *

and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

Please sit for the Second Lesson.

Second Lesson

Romans 4:13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the reading of the Canticle.

Canticle 16, The Song of Zechariah *(said by all in unison)*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
 he has come to his people and set them free.
 He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
 born of the house of his servant David.
 Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
 that he would save us from our enemies, *
 from the hands of all who hate us.
 He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
 and to remember his holy covenant.
 This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
 to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
 Free to worship him without fear, *
 holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
 You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
 for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
 To give his people knowledge of salvation *
 by the forgiveness of their sins.
 In the tender compassion of our God *
 the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
 and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
 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.

Please sit for the Lesson and Homily. Whereas, in a Holy Eucharist service, we stand for the proclamation of the Gospel, it is appropriate to sit for the Gospel reading in a Morning Prayer service.

The Gospel

Mark 8:31-38

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Officiant The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

The Rev'd Fr. Gary Eichelberger

After the Homily, all are invited to stand for the Creed followed by the Prayers.

Apostles' Creed *(said by all in unison)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection ☩ of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

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.**

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Intercessor Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

People **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

Intercessor Day by day we bless you;

People **We praise your Name for ever.**

Intercessor Lord, keep us from all sin today;

People **Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor Lord, show us your love and mercy;

People **For we put our trust in you.**

Intercessor In you, Lord, is our hope;

People **And we shall never hope in vain.**

The Collect of the Day

Officiant O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Collect for Mission

Officiant Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

Parish Prayers

Officiant Let us now pray for the special needs and concerns of this parish.

Intercessor For those individuals who have been commended to the prayers of this parish, especially Barbara, Bill, Brett, Broughton, Chuck, Corinne, Eddie, Ena, Ginger, Hannah, Jane, Jerry, Joanne, Jodi, Ken, Leigh Ann, Margaret Lee, Marvin, Mary, Nancy, Ray, Raymond, Sandy, Steve, Weesie, Windell, Winnie, Yvonne, and for all who have been affected by the recent winter storms in Texas and Oklahoma, as well as those whom you are invited to name now, either silently or aloud [*pause for people to add names*]
Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For all those who have died ☩ in the communion of your Church, especially those whom you are invited to name now, either silently or aloud [*pause for people to add names*]
Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Church of Central America. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. David's, Columbia.
Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For those who are celebrating their birthdays this week, especially Chloe Cashwell and Kathy Lazenby, and for those who are celebrating their wedding anniversary.

Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

After the parish prayers have concluded, the Officiant 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.**

General Thanksgiving *(said by all in unison)*

All **Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

Dismissal and Closing Sentence of Scripture

2 Corinthians 13:14

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ ☩, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. Please maintain six-foot social distancing as you depart. You are invited to either take your bulletin home or to place it in the recycle bin by the table with masks and sanitizer.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Outdoor Youth Group | Today | 4-6 PM | Continuing this month, 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 Brunsons will lead the gathering in the church courtyard. We will begin with a devotion, have dinner, and play games.

Wednesday Night Lent Series via Zoom | In Partnership with Saint John's, Columbia | *Wisdom from the Past: Visions for the Christian Life after the Pandemic* Wednesday Evenings during Lent | 7:30 PM | This Lent series for adults will be led by scholars and practitioners who know that Christian past, with its measures of suffering and healing, of loss and renewal. Join them by Zoom as we all look toward the Christian life will share on the other side of the pandemic, having received the strange gifts that this season may have for us. Zoom link may be found in our weekly email. Class descriptions are listed below.

- 3/3: *"Seeing" Jesus: The Evolution of the Image of Jesus in Art and Culture* (Professor Lee Jefferson, Department of Religion, Centre College)
- 3/10: *Seeking Peace with Christian Mystics and in the Christian Year* (Ardelle Walters, Licensed Professional Counselor, Memphis, TN)
- 3/17: *Bishop Quintard and The Episcopal Church in the post-Civil War South* (The Rev. Dr. Ben King, The School of Theology, Sewanee)
- 3/24: *A Hidden Wholeness: from Lamentation to Illumination* (The Rt. Rev. Henry Parsley, Bishop of Alabama, retired)

First Wednesday Men's Group | Wednesday, March 3 7:30 AM | Via Zoom | This week, the Saint Andrew's Men's Group will gather via Zoom for Morning Prayer (Rite II). If you have any questions or are willing to read scripture during the service, please contact Tommy Watson at lyric_bari@yahoo.com. The link may be found in last week's Wednesday News.

Preparing for Baptism | Easter Vigil, April 3 | Anyone desiring to be baptized or to have a child baptized, please let the Rector know so that we can prepare accordingly.

Saint Andrew's Action Plan for Coronavirus Vaccinations | Saint Andrew's is doing everything that we can as a parish to make sure that our parishioners get the coronavirus vaccine as soon as possible. We do this out of several motivations – our care for one another in this parish, our love for our neighbor, and our fervent desire to return to the fullness of our traditional worship as soon as possible. To this end, our action plan can be summarized as follows:

- **Get Vaccinated!** (as soon as possible) – Note that *under current rules, anyone aged 65 and older can get vaccinated.*
- **Ask for Help!** (if you need it)
- **Let us Know!** (once you are vaccinated)
- **Volunteer!** (to help with this parish-wide effort)

Weekly Schedule

Sundays

8:30 AM, Morning Prayer, Rite II (outside)

(Low Mass, Rite II, on First Sundays)

10:30 AM, Low Mass, Rite I (via livestream)

Wednesdays

6:30 PM, Healing Mass, Rite II (via livestream)

Every Third Wednesday of the Month

5:30 PM Rosary in Church (via Zoom)

Every Fourth Wednesday of the Month

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament follows the 6:30 PM Mass (via livestream)



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