

SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE HOLY TRIDUUM
THE GREAT VIGIL
WITH THE FIRST EUCHARIST OF EASTER
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The Great Vigil of Easter

The Great Vigil of Easter is perhaps the most theologically important service of the Church Year. In it the new fire of God is struck, banishing darkness, and showing forth the victory won on Good Friday; the saving acts of God in history are recounted in the Exsultet and in scripture; there is the opportunity for new Christians to be made through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism; the vows made by all Christians at their baptisms are renewed; and with the end of the Lenten observance, the first mass of the joyful season of Easter is celebrated. The Vigil is not a short service. It marks time in the evening, while the people await the announcement of the Resurrection: "Alleluia. Christ is risen!" He is risen indeed, and the Paschal Candle burns as a sign of the presence of the resurrected Christ.

– Adapted from *The Anglican Service Book*.

Service Participants

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Doug Barrett, Tim Gossett

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Saint Andrew's Choir and **Saint Andrew's Altar Guild**
for their faithful and dedicated service throughout Holy Week.
We are deeply blessed by the gifts they offer to our common worship life.*

The Great Vigil of Easter

All gather in the courtyard outside of the church for the Service of Light.

The Service of Light

Invitation and Blessing of the New Fire

After the fire is kindled, the Celebrant addresses the people.

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church doth bid her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

Let us pray.

O God, who through thy Son, who is the true corner-stone, hast bestowed upon thy faithful people the fire of thy brightness: we beseech thee that thou wouldest sanctify this new fire to be profitable to our service: and grant unto us that by this paschal feast we may be so inflamed with heavenly desires, that we may with pure hearts and minds attain unto the feast of thine eternal brightness. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Once the New Fire has been blessed, coal is lighted from the New Fire and placed into the thurible followed by incense. The Celebrant then censes the New Fire.

Blessing and Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Celebrant Christ yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End. Alpha and Omega. His are the times and ages. To him be glory and dominion through all ages of eternity. **Amen.**

Through his glorious wounds may Christ the Lord guard and preserve us.

The Paschal Candle is lighted from the New Fire as the Celebrant says the following words.

May the light of Christ gloriously rising dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

The Procession into the Church

After the Paschal Candle has been lighted, the New Fire is then passed, with the assistance of the ushers, from the Paschal Candle to those gathered. Once you have received light, please offer it to any around you who have not received. As the light is being spread, the Celebrant leads the procession into the darkened church, pausing three times and singing responsively



The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

As the congregation enters the church, ushers will continue to assist in lighting the congregation's candles from the fire of the Paschal Candle. Once the altar party and choir have reached the chancel, the Cantor will begin the Exsultet. Please remain standing, as you are able, for the Exsultet.

The Exsultet

Cantor Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light; through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

withheld your son, your only son, from me.” And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place “The Lord will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.” The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, “By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.”

Psalm 16 *(sung by choir)*

Tone I.2

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| 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good
above all other.” | 7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night. |
| 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people. | 8 I have set the Lord always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall. |
| 3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied. | 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope. |
| 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips. | 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit. |
| 5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot. | 11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your
right hand are pleasures for evermore. |
| 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage. | |

Celebrant Let us pray. Let us bow the knee. *(Kneel in silent prayer.)* Arise.

God and Father of all believers, for the glory of thy Name multiply, by the grace of the Paschal sacrament, the number of thy children; that thy Church may rejoice to see fulfilled thy promise to our father Abraham; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The people sit.

Israel’s Deliverance at the Red Sea

Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, ‘Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” But Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.” Then the Lord said to Moses, “Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.” The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, “Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.” Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.” So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one

of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses. Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

Canticle 8, The Song of Moses *(sung by the choir)*

Tone 1.2

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; *
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; *
the Lord has become my Savior.

This is my God and I will praise him, *
the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a mighty warrior; *
Yahweh is his Name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; *
the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; *
they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; *
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.

Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? *
who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?

You stretched forth your right hand; *
the earth swallowed them up.

With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; *
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.

You will bring them in and plant them *
on the mount of your possession,

The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, *
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.

The Lord shall reign *
for ever and for ever.

Celebrant Let us pray. Let us bow the knee. *(Kneel in silent prayer.)* Arise.

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, and who didst once deliver by the power of thy mighty arm thy chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The people sit.

Salvation Offered Freely to All

Isaiah 55:1-11

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy

on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Canticle 9, The First Song of Isaiah *(sung by the choir)*

Tone III.5

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Celebrant Let us pray. Let us bow the knee. *(Kneel in silent prayer.)* Arise.

O God, who didst create all things by the power of thy Word, and didst renew the earth by thy Spirit: Give now the water of life to those who thirst for thee, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in thy glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The people sit.

The Gathering of God's People

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

Psalm 98 *(sung by choir)*

Tone VIII.1

¹ Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.

² With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.

³ The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of
the nations.

⁴ He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house
of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of
our God.

⁵ Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

⁶ Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.

⁷ With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

⁸ Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.

⁹ Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when
he comes to judge the earth.

¹⁰ In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

Celebrant Let us pray. Let us bow the knee. (*Kneel in silent prayer.*) Arise.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on thy whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of thy providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Homily

The Rev'd Fr. Gary Eichelberger

The Blessing of the Water & Renewal of Baptismal Vows

All stand. As the people stand and preparations are made for the Procession to the Font for the Blessing of the Water and Renewal of Baptismal Vows, the Ushers will assist in re-lighting the congregation's candles.

The Litany & Procession to the Font

Celebrant On this most Holy Night, let us pray for all those throughout the world who will receive the Sacrament of new birth and for ourselves as we prepare to renew our own Baptismal vows, saying "Lord, hear our prayer."

As the Celebrant and the altar party process to the Font, the Intercessor leads the people in the following Litany.

Intercessor Deliver us, O Lord from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Open our hearts to thy grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Fill us with thy holy and lifegiving spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Keep us in the faith and communion of thy holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Send us into the world in witness to thy love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bring us to the fullness of thy peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs and with all the saints; and we pray that encouraged by their examples, aided by their prayers, and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be partakers of the eternal life of the saints in life, through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

The Celebrant continues

We give thee thanks, Almighty God, for the gift of water, over which thy Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation; through which thou didst lead the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise; in which thy Son Jesus Christ received the baptism of John and the anointing of the Holy Spirit, being manifested thereby as the Messiah, the Christ, who leadeth us, through his precious death and mighty resurrection, from the bondage of sin unto life everlasting.

We give thee thanks, O Father, for the water of Baptism, in which we are buried with Christ in his death; by which we partake of his resurrection; through which we are made regenerate of the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to thy Son, we bring into his fellowship them that come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Celebrant then censes the water.

Now sanctify this water, we beseech thee, by thy Holy Spirit, (*repeated three times as the Paschal Candle is lowered into the font*) that those here cleansed from sin and made regenerate may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior, to whom, with thee and the same Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **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.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return unto the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving thy neighbor as thyself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

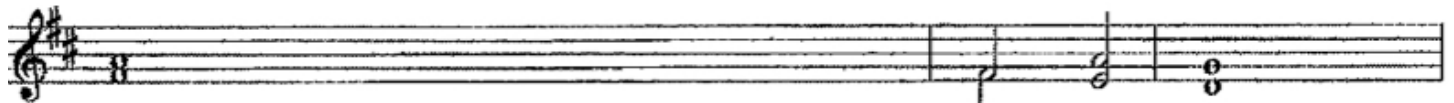
Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

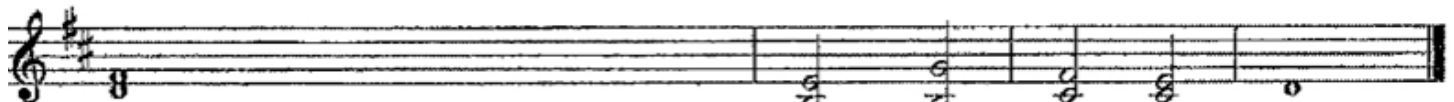
Celebrant May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us α in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

After the Renewal of Vows, the procession back to the chancel takes place as the Celebrant asperges the people using the blessed water. The Asperges is sung during the procession with the Cantor singing the first line then all singing the rest.

The Asperges



Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, O Lord, and I shall be cleansed;
 Have mercy upon me, O God,
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
 Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, O Lord, and I shall be cleansed;




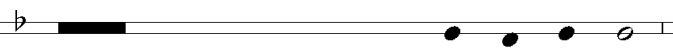
Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whi-ter than snow.
 according to thy great mercy.
 [As it was in the beginning, is now, ever shall be, world with-out end. A - men.
 Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whi-ter than snow.]

After the procession back to the altar, the candles on the Altar are lighted from the Paschal Candle in preparation for the First Eucharist of Easter. The people remain standing.

The First Eucharist of Easter

The Proclamation of Easter *(repeated three times responsively)*

Celebrant 
Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

People 
The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

As the lights in the church are raised, all are invited to join in the ringing of bells, keys, etc., as we celebrate that Easter has been proclaimed.


Gloria in excelsis *(with bells ringing)*


Hymnal S202

Healey Willan

Celebrant

All



1. Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,


good will towards men. 2. We praise thee, we bless thee,



we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give


thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly


King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty - y.


4. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ;


5. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that


ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -


on us. 6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the

world, re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the
right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.
8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. thou
on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most
high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. —
A - - - - - men.

The Collect

Celebrant *People* *Celebrant*

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit. Let us pray.

Celebrant O God, who didst make this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in thy Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship thee in sincerity and truth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All

A - men.

After the Collect, the people sit.

The Lessons

The Epistle

Romans 6:3-11

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

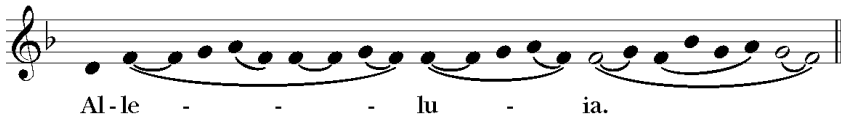
Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

The Great Alleluias

Sung by a cantor then repeated by the congregation in successively higher pitches three times.



The Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

A Reading of the Paschal Homily of St. John Chrysostom (c. 349-407)

The people sit for the traditional reading of the St. John Chrysostom's Paschal Homily.

Celebrant Let all those who are devout and lovers of God enjoy this beautiful and radiant festival.

Let all loyal servants come in and rejoice in the joy of their Lord.

Let all those who have wearied themselves in fasting enjoy now the recompense.

Let all those who have labored from the first hour receive today their just wages.

Let all those who have come after the third hour celebrate the feast with thankfulness.

Let all those who have arrived after the sixth hour have no doubts, for they will suffer no loss.

Let all those who have delayed until the ninth hour draw near without hesitation.

Do not let those who have arrived even at the eleventh hour fear their delay; for the Master is gracious and receives the last, even as the first; he gives rest to those that come at the eleventh hour, just as to those who have labored from the first. He has mercy on the last and cares for the first; he rewards the one, and is gracious to the other. He both honors the work and praises the intention.

Enter all of you, therefore, into the joy of our Lord, and, whether first or last, enjoy your reward. O rich and poor, dance together for joy! You that exercised self-control and you that were negligent celebrate the day! You that have fasted and you that have not fasted rejoice today! The table is full; all of you feast on it! The calf is fatted; let no one go forth hungry! Let all partake of the banquet of faith. Let all enjoy the riches of goodness.

Let no one lament his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed. Let no one mourn his transgressions, for pardon has dawned from the grave. Let no one fear death, for the Savior's death has set us free.

He has annihilated death by submitting to it! He descended into Hell and took Hell captive! He embittered it when it tasted his flesh! When Isaiah foresaw this, he cried out:

Hell was embittered

People **It was embittered.**

Celebrant when it met you below.

Hell was embittered

People **It was embittered.**

Celebrant for it was abolished!

Hell was embittered

People **It was embittered.**

Celebrant for it was mocked!

Hell was embittered
People **It was embittered.**
Celebrant for it was destroyed!

Hell was embittered
People **It was embittered.**
Celebrant for it was stripped of its power!

Hell was embittered
People **It was embittered.**
Celebrant for it was bound in chains!

It took a body and encountered God!
It took earth and met heaven!
It took what it saw but crumbled before what it had not seen!
O death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory?

Christ is risen,
People **Truly, he is risen.**
Celebrant and you are overthrown!

Christ is risen,
People **Truly, he is risen.**
Celebrant and the demons are fallen!

Christ is risen,
People **Truly, he is risen.**
Celebrant and the angels rejoice!

Christ is risen,
People **Truly, he is risen.**
Celebrant and life has dominion!

Christ is risen,
People **Truly, he is risen.**
Celebrant and not one dead remains in a tomb!

For Christ, being raised from the dead, has become the First-fruits of those who slept. To him belong glory and might unto ages of ages.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

The people stand for the exchange of the Peace.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Then the ministers and people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

After the exchange of the Peace, 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 during the Offertory Anthem 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.)

Offertory Anthem

Christ the Lord is risen again (Christus ist erstanden) arr. Carl Schalk (1929-2021)

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n again;
Christ has broken death's strong chain.
Hark, the angels shout for joy,
Singing evermore on high: Alleluia!
2. He whose path no records tell hath descended into hell;
He the strong man armed hath bound and in highest
heav'n is crowned. Alleluia!
3. He who gave for us His life,
Who for us endured the strife, is our Paschal Lamb today.
We, too, sing for joy and say: Alleluia!
4. Thou our Paschal Lamb indeed,
Christ today Thy people feed;
Take our sins and guilt away that we all may sing for aye:
Alleluia!

– Michael Weisse, 1531; Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863

After the Offertory Anthem, the choir is censed. Then the people stand, are censed, and remain standing as the other offerings are brought forward and received with the following words.

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving Rite I, Prayer II

The people stand for the opening of the Eucharistic Prayer, which begins as follows.

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And with thy spi - rit. *Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up un - to the Lord. *Celebrant* Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant continues

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, but chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus/Benedictus

Hymnal S114

Healey Willan

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people are encouraged to remain standing for the remainder of the eucharistic prayer in recognition of the festive nature of the first Eucharist of Easter.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

As the prayer is concluding, the Celebrant chants the following, and the people respond with the Great Amen.

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

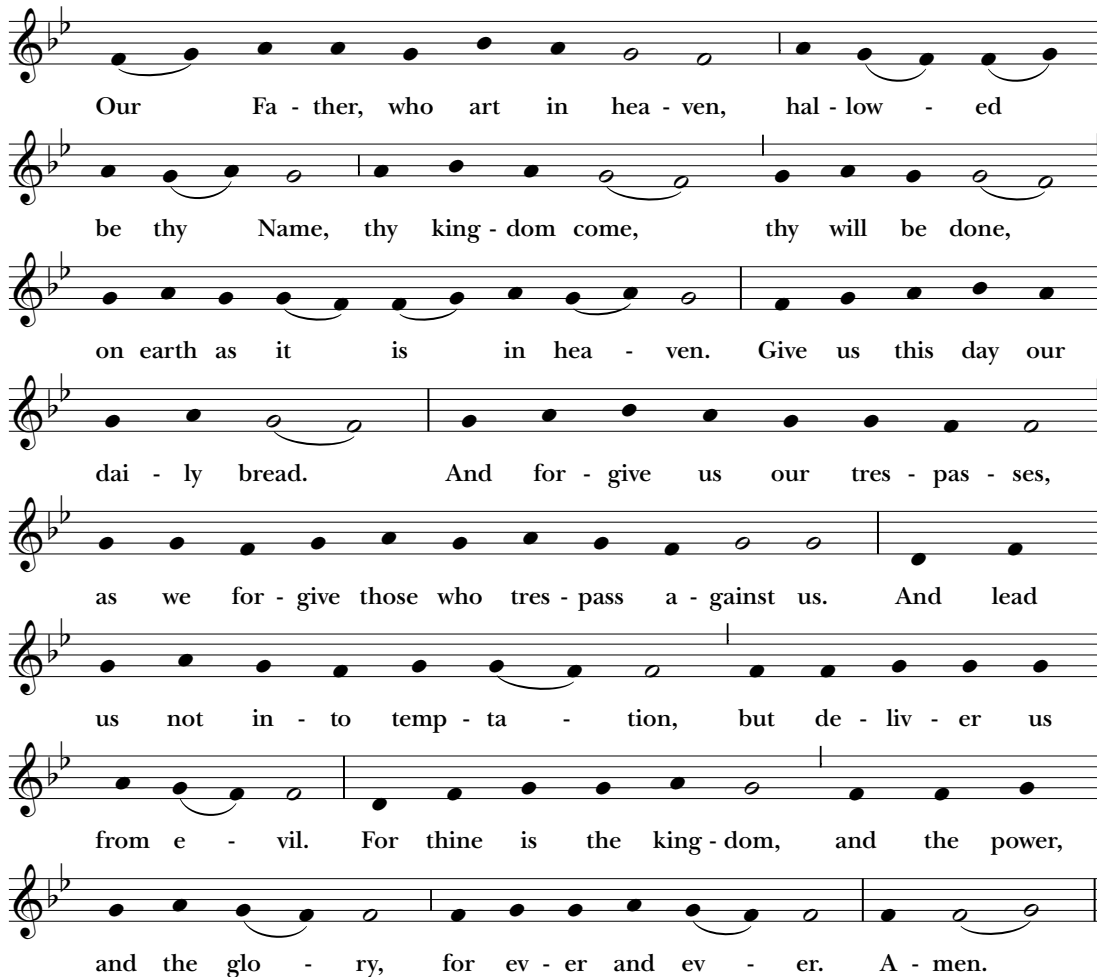
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A-men.

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

The Lord's Prayer *(sung)*

Hymnal S119

Plainsong



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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 one of the ushers so that Holy Communion can be administered at your pew.

Communion Hymn, No. 413

New songs of celebration render

RENDEZ À DIEU

Postcommunion Prayer

Upon the invitation to prayer, please stand and remain standing through the Dismissal.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

The Easter Blessing

Celebrant May Almighty God, who hast redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who hast brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Retiring Processional Hymn No. 174

At the Lamb's high feast we sing

SALZBURG

Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Voluntary

Prelude on Salzburg: At the Lamb's high feast

Gerald Near
(b. 1942)

Please join us as we continue to celebrate the Good News of this festive night with a reception in the Parish Hall immediately following the service! And may you then go forth marked by the truth, beauty, and hope of the Resurrection!

The Easter lilies are given as indicated on the following page.

SAINT ANDREW'S EASTER DAY SCHEDULE

Sunday of the Resurrection, Easter Sunday, April 9

8:30 AM, Low Mass with Hymns

10:00 AM, Flowering of the Cross and Digging Up the Alleluias

(Please bring cut flowers from your home to decorate the cross that will be on the lawn in front of the church)

10:30 AM, Solemn High Mass

The Easter Lilies are given to the Glory of God by:

- ✘ Doug Barrett, in memory of his mother, Lucille B. Smith,
- ✘ Nancy Barutio, in thanksgiving for family and friends; and in memory of Bill Barutio,
- ✘ Bill McCoy, in memory of William & Mary McCoy, and Mary Elaine McCoy Hopkins,
- ✘ Scott Chastain, in memory of Bernice Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Houston Stancil, Lois Davis, and William Garrison,
- ✘ Kate Townsend & Brian Connaughton, in honor of Linda & Mike Riley; and in memory of James & Katherine Connaughton,
- ✘ Anne & Andrew Culbreath, in honor of Grace & Emily Culbreath; and in memory of their grandparents,
- ✘ Kacey & Gary Eichelberger, in honor of their parents, Bruce & Deirdre Young and John & Kathryn Eichelberger, and in thanksgiving for the people and staff of Saint Andrew's parish,
- ✘ Stephen Fairley, in honor of Doreen Fairley and Lynn Mason; and in memory of Sue Mason, Eugene Fairley, and Harlan Stone,
- ✘ Lee Gray, in honor of Carl Headley, Brooks, Rosemary, and Debra; and in memory of parents, Jim & Mary Lou Gray, and grandparents, Gordon & Vera Bellamy, and Sam & Frances Gray
- ✘ Jean & Tony Knox, in memory of our parents, Rina, Dare, Lois, and John,
- ✘ Robert MacElhiney, in honor of my personal Savior, Jesus Christ; and in memory of Richard J. West, Lee McElhiney, Joanne Carr, Helen McElhiney, George McElhiney, and Anna Perkins,
- ✘ James & Leona Muhleman, in memory of their parents,
- ✘ Jenny & Jeff Peer, in honor of Matthew, Jessica, Jack, Ella, David, and Elizabeth Peer,
- ✘ Davis & Jackie Roeske, in honor of their parents, Katherine & Ralph Roeske, and Viola & Gene Roux; and in memory of all their loved ones,
- ✘ Joe & Shawn Simpkins-Arganbright, in memory of their grandparents,
- ✘ Mary Stahl, in memory of Karl N. and David Stahl, Harvey & Adda Krebs, and Karl C. & Helen, Stahl,
- ✘ Jeff & Marla Thorburn, in memory of Georgena Huhman, Geralyn Bizjak, and Dean Thorburn.

Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church

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

A Christ-centered community where all are invited to encounter God, know love, and find friendship.

Called to Worship.

We gather in worship that is **abundant**, **embodied**, and **traditional** so that we might encounter an abundant, embodied God who has been faithfully and consistently revealed through the traditions that we uphold.

- ✘ **ABUNDANT:** We worship a God of abundance, and so our worship is accordingly lavish and awe-inspiring. Likewise, as we come together to celebrate mass each week expecting to encounter God in that abundance, we seek to model God's generosity in our offering of ourselves and our gifts in service to God, to his church, and to one another through our common worship.
- ✘ **EMBODIED:** We worship a God who sanctified the human body through the incarnation of Jesus Christ – and so our worship fully engages the human body – all of the bodily senses – touch, sight, hearing, smell, and taste. We sit, we stand, we kneel. We see the beauty of God's creation reflected in each other and all that surrounds us in worship. We sing, we say, we experience silence. We smell the fragrant offering of incense. We taste the Body and Blood of Christ.
- ✘ **TRADITIONAL:** We recognize that there are many ways to worship God faithfully. At the same time, we also recognize that our particular calling is to offer our prayers and praise to God in the distinctive splendor of the Anglo-Catholic tradition, through which we exalt and elevate the rich, ancient liturgies and practices that have sustained our Christian brothers and sisters throughout the centuries.

Sent to Witness.

We witness to the life changing implications of Jesus Christ's reconciling love through our faithful **service** to the "least of these" in our midst, our commitment to practices of lifelong **discipleship**, and our ongoing **care** for one another as we face the challenges of life together.

- ✘ **SERVICE:** Through our ongoing commitment to a variety of ministries at Saint Andrew's, we seek to help feed, clothe, and house our neighbors in need. We do this in recognition that, as a parish in the Anglo-Catholic tradition, our commitment to social justice should be as central to our identity as our commitment to ancient practices of worship.
- ✘ **DISCIPLESHIP:** Just as the first Christian disciples "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers," (Acts 2:42) we are committed to the ongoing work of formation through the practices of study, fellowship, worship and prayer, such that we can continue to grow, as individuals and as a community, in the knowledge and love of God.
- ✘ **CARE:** In the midst of the Last Supper, Jesus gave his disciples a "new commandment" that they were to love one another – for "by this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:34-35). And so we are committed to loving one another through concrete acts of care, and we promise that, if you spend any time in our midst, you will know that love.

Led to Welcome.

We welcome unreservedly all God's children into Christ's Body, the Church – as we strive for a **diversity** that reflects the unfolding reality of God's kingdom, display the blessings of being an **affirming** parish, and continue to seek ways to broaden that welcome in our particular **community**, through our support of local manifestations of art, music, and culture.

- ✘ **DIVERSITY:** Through our belief in the extraordinary and unfolding reality of the communion of the saints in God's kingdom, we see holiness being revealed through the rich diversity of faithful lives of holy women and men throughout the history of the church – people of all races, colors, nationalities, genders, ages, and sexual orientation. Though we recognize that we are not there yet, we strive to have our parish embody that diversity.
- ✘ **AFFIRMING:** Being an affirming church is not new to us. In fact, over the past three decades at Saint Andrew's, we have offered a bountiful witness to the ways in which Christ's love is revealed through a variety of faithful, committed relationships, including same-sex relationships. We welcome you to come and see the vibrant life of a faithful community in which those blessings have been made known – and join us as we continue to offer our lives and our love as a witness to the wider world.
- ✘ **COMMUNITY:** Beyond worship, we experience the incarnate beauty of God's creation and God's creative spirit through our participation in and support of local expressions of art, music, and culture, as we continuously seek new ways to broaden our celebration of God's truth and love.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

ECW (Episcopal Church Women) | “Walking the Labyrinth” | Tuesday, April 11, 2023 | 5:30 PM | Saint Andrew’s Parish Hall | Our program will be “Walking the Labyrinth” Our guest speaker, Chris Weddington, is a Veriditas Certified Labyrinth Facilitator from St. Peter’s Episcopal Church. Please bring a small plate of a sweet or savory hors d’oeuvres and your preferred beverage.

Requiem Mass for Bill Barutio | Saturday, April 15 11 AM | Saint Andrew’s | A reception will follow in the Parish Hall. A Committal at Mepkin Abbey (near Charleston, SC) will take place at a later date.

Rebuild Upstate: Next Workday | Saturday, April 22 PLEASE SIGN UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! | Saint Andrew’s Episcopal Church will once again team up with Rebuild Upstate to help address critical home repair needs for our disabled, low-income and elderly sisters and brothers in neighborhoods around the church. Any skill level and all ages are welcome. You may work for as long as your schedule permits on the work day. The workday is estimated to run from 8AM to 5PM, but if you are only available part of the day, please sign up anyway! Sign up at www.standrewsgreenville.org/rebuild

Youth Group | Sunday, April 23 | 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. Please RSVP to formation@standrewsgreenville.org.

Quarterly Planning Lunch Meeting | Wednesday, April 26 | Noon | Our next quarterly planning meeting with the leaders of all parish ministries will meet in the parish hall at noon.

Volunteers needed for Saint Andrew’s Team! | Hands on Greenville (HOG) Day | Saturday, May 6 | 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM | Phyllis Wheatley Community Center | Join the Saint Andrew’s Team as we get things clean and neat at the Phyllis Wheatley Community Center! We will be spreading mulch, picking up trash around facility, count/inventory all tables and chairs, clean/disinfect tables and chairs, organize storage room and small cleaning closets, and organize kitchen cabinets. You can bring your own tools (shovels, etc). County will provide some. Water will also be available or bring a reusable bottle for the water fountains. Following our work task, there will be an “after party” from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM at Fluor Field with food, beverages and live music. Ages 10 and up are encouraged to volunteer. Sign up at www.standrewsgreenville.org/hogday

Newcomer’s Gathering at the Rector’s House Sunday, May 7 | 5 to 7 PM | All newcomers, both recent visitors and new members, are invited to a casual get together with the vestry, Father Gary, and leaders of various church ministries, on the evening of Sunday, May 7, at the Eichelbergers’ house. RSVP to office@standrewsgreenville.org. If you are a newcomer, please make sure that you take a printed invitation with you today (located in narthex).

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



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