

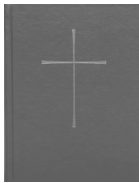


# SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

May 2, 2021 · 8:30 AM  
The Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

## Alleluia! He is Risen!

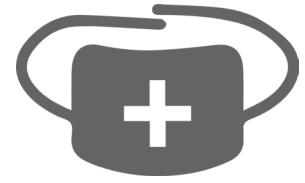
A special welcome to all visitors. We are delighted you have joined us for worship!



If you are not familiar with Episcopal Church worship, we have tried to make our worship bulletin easy to follow. This service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II can be found on page 355 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 Holy Eucharist 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 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 mass.  
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](http://www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving)  
Or by mailing your offering to the Parish Office at  
1002 S. Main St. Greenville, SC 29601

### The Rt. Rev'd Andrew Waldo, Bishop

**The Rev'd Gary Eichelberger, Rector**  
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### Members of the Vestry

Erin Culbertson, Senior Warden (2022); Scott Chastain,  
Junior Warden (2023); Rusty Infinger, Clerk (2021);  
Jim Arnau and Helen Farmer (2021);  
Cheryl Banks and Ethan Cashwell (2022)  
John Rhodes and Charles Shields (2023)

## Covenant for In-Person Worship

Please note that 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 when inside church buildings.

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

## Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*As you gather for our service of Holy Eucharist, please remember that six foot distancing should be maintained with respect to anyone outside of your household. Once you are at your seat for the service, you are invited to remove your mask if desired.*

### The Word of God

#### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ ✠ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

#### Gloria in excelsis

*All* **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory ✠ of God the Father. Amen.**

#### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*After the Collect, the people sit.*

#### First Lesson

Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?"

He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 22:24-30** (*said responsively by whole or half verse, as announced*)

<sup>24</sup> My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who  
worship him.

<sup>25</sup> The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*  
“May your heart live for ever!”

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

<sup>27</sup> For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*  
he rules over the nations.

<sup>28</sup> To him alone all who sleep in the earth  
bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

<sup>29</sup> My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the Lord’s for ever.

<sup>30</sup> They shall come and make known to a people  
yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

## Second Lesson

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, “I love God,” and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand for the proclamation of the Gospel.*

## The Gospel

John 15:1-8

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*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  $\text{✠}$  of the world to come. Amen.

*After the Nicene Creed, the Celebrant introduces the prayers as follows.*

### Prayers of the People, Form VI

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

*Intercessor* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

*Intercessor* For all people in their daily life and work;

*People* **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

*Intercessor* For this community, the nation, and the world;

*People* **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

*Intercessor* For the just and proper use of thy creation;

*People* **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

*Intercessor* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*People* **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

*Intercessor* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*People* **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

*Intercessor* For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andrew, our Bishop; Gary, our Rector; Tommy, our Postulant; and for all bishops and other ministers;

*People* **For all who serve God in his Church.**

*Intercessor* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially we pray for A.J., Arianna, Barbara, Bella, Bill, Brett, Chuck, Daryl, Dick, Duane, Genna, Ginger, Hannah, Jane, Jodi, Ken, Kevin, Leigh Ann, Levi, Linda, Margaret Lee, Marvin, Mary, Nancy, Paul, Ray, Raymond, Ruth, Sandy, Theresa, Weesie, Windell, and Winnie, as well as those whom you are invited to name now, either silently or aloud [*pause for people to add names*].

*Additional prayers of intercession on behalf of the worldwide and local church are offered.*

Hear us, Lord;

*People* **For your mercy is great.**

*Intercessor* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially William Boswell, Duane Ford, and Matt Santilli, who celebrate their birthdays this week, and for those who celebrate their wedding anniversaries this week.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

*People* **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

*Intercessor* We pray for ☩ all who have died, especially Ronald Vinson, brother of Kay Friddle, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*The people may add their own petitions on behalf of those who have died.*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

*People* **Who put their trust in you.**

*The Celebrant then introduces the Confession.*

### **Confession and Absolution**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*A period of silence is observed.*

*All* **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you ☩ all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*Following the Absolution, the people remain standing for the Peace.*

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Then the ministers and people may greet one another with words of Peace and/or a slight bow.*

### **Birthday and Anniversary Blessings**

*After the Announcements, the Celebrant invites 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 Birthday and Anniversary Blessings, the Celebrant says an Offertory Sentence and turns to begin preparing the Altar. The people may be seated as the altar is set. As the altar is prepared, the people's offering would normally be collected. As a precaution, we are not passing the offering plate at this time. However, an offering can be placed in the offering container which is found on the table with the face masks and hand sanitizer. If you would like to make your offering online, you may do so by going to [www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving](http://www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving) after the mass.*

### **The Great Thanksgiving Rite II, Prayer D**

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

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant continues*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say:

## **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 remain standing, and the Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*All* **We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*Celebrant* Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Blessed Andrew, our patron, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and 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 before the following is said*

*Celebrant* Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

## Invitation to Communion

*The Celebrant then faces the people and says the following Invitation*

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

*After the Celebrant receives the Blessed Sacrament, the Celebrant will then move about the congregation and distribute the Sacrament in one kind (the Bread) to any baptized Christians present who desire to receive. Those desiring the Sacrament are invited to remain standing at their chairs and indicate their desire by placing their open palm (one hand held within the palm of the other hand) before them as the Celebrant moves about. The Celebrant will place the wafer into each communicant's open palm. Once you have received the wafer into your open palm, please wait until the Celebrant has moved on before briefly lifting your mask to consume the Sacrament. After receiving, you may be seated.*

## Postcommunion Prayer

*Upon the Celebrant's invitation to prayer, please stand for the remainder of the service.*

*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.**

## Easter Blessing

*Celebrant* The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father ✠, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Dismissal

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

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

*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.*

The altar flowers are given by Chuck Evans  
to the glory of God and in celebration of May, the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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## Announcements & Upcoming Events

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**First Wednesday's Men's Group | Wednesday, May 5 | 7:30 AM | In the Church!** | After over a year of meeting via Zoom, the Saint Andrew's Men's Group will return this week to meeting in-person in the church for Morning Prayer (Rite Two). If you have any questions or are willing to read scripture during the service, please contact Tommy Watson at lyric\_bari@yahoo.com. Also, as Tommy prepares to depart for seminary at the end of the summer, we are trying to identify someone who is willing to lead this group going forward. Please let Tommy or Fr. Gary know if you are willing to be the point person for this ministry as we hope to be able to continue this gathering in the months ahead.

**Art in the Churchyard | Saturday | May 8 | 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM** | Saint Andrew's will be sponsoring "Art in the Churchyard" which will provide space for local artists of any medium to display and sell their work. This event coincides with Artisphere Weekend, which will take place on South Main Street ending in front of the church at Markley Street. Contact Riley Owens at wileyowens@gmail.com for more information, or call the office at 864-235-5884.

**Second Sunday Harvest | Next Sunday, May 9 | At Both Services (No Drive-Thru Drop-Offs)** | As is our custom on the Second Sunday of each month, we will be collecting food and personal hygiene products as well as financial donations designated to United Ministries. (Note: Due to a Greenville Drive game that day, the parking lot will not be available for drive-thru drop-offs on Sunday.) The food pantry is currently low on these items:

- Cans of vienna sausages (pop top)
- Potted meat (pop top)
- Powdered milk (individual packets)
- Cereal
- Hotel-sized soap, shampoo ,and lotion
- Small bottles of hand sanitizer
- Q-tips

**Parish Mission & Outreach Support In Honor of Mother's Day** | In recognition of Mother's Day (which is Sunday, May 9th), our Mission & Outreach leadership has decided to make donations from Saint Andrew's Mission & Outreach annual budget to the following local non-profits that serve mothers and children in our community:

- Greenville's Gift - [www.greenvillesgift.com](http://www.greenvillesgift.com)
  - Family Effect (Serenity Place) - [www.familyeffect.org](http://www.familyeffect.org)
  - Little Steps - [www.littlestepssc.org](http://www.littlestepssc.org)
  - Greenville First Steps - [www.greenvillefirststeps.org](http://www.greenvillefirststeps.org)
- Our Mission & Outreach team encourages parishioners to learn about and support the good work that these groups are doing!

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### Weekly Schedule

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#### 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

#### Every Third Wednesday of the Month

5:30 PM Rosary in Church

#### Every Fourth Wednesday of the Month

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament  
follows the 6:30 PM Mass



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