



# SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

July 30, 2023 · 8:30 AM  
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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

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



Saint Andrew's is a parish of the **Episcopal Church within the Diocese of Upper South Carolina**. Over time, our identity as a parish has come to be defined by our commitment to **worship** in the distinctive splendor of Anglo-Catholic tradition, to **witness** through word and deed to the life changing implications of Jesus Christ's reconciling love, and to **welcome** unreservedly all God's children into Christ's Body, the Church.

If you are not familiar with Episcopal Church worship, we have tried to make our worship bulletin easy to follow. All of the prayers and responses for the congregation are printed in the bulletin. Page numbers that are prefaced by "**BCP**" reference pages in the **red Book of Common Prayer** found in the rack on the back of the pew in front of you. Hymns are referenced by hymn number and can be found in the **blue Hymnal** also in the pew rack.

As you depart worship, we hope you will enter your name and contact information in our **visitor's book** located on a stand in the narthex (the little room that you pass through on your way in and out of the main doors of the church). We would also love to have you join us for **coffee hour** in the Parish Hall immediately after the 10:30 AM mass. Thank you for blessing us with your presence!

## Restrooms

are located on the first floor of the Parish House.

Use the door to the left of the church,  
closest to the parking lot.

## Nursery

is available during the 10:30 AM Mass  
on the second floor of the Parish House.

## Link for Online Donations:

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# Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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

## The Word of God

### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

### Collect for Purity

*Celebrant* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Kyrie

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy.

*People* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy.

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*After the Collect, the people sit.*

### First Lesson

Genesis 29:15-28

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 105:1-11, 45b** (said responsively by whole verse)

1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; \*  
make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
and speak of all his marvelous works.

3 Glory in his holy Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

4 Search for the Lord and his strength; \*  
continually seek his face.

5 Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
O children of Jacob his chosen.

7 He is the Lord our God; \*  
his judgments prevail in all the world.

8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, \*  
the promise he made for a thousand generations:

9 The covenant he made with Abraham, \*  
the oath that he swore to Isaac,

10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, \*  
an everlasting covenant for Israel,

11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan \*  
to be your allotted inheritance."

45 Hallelujah!

**Second Lesson**

Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

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

**The Gospel**

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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

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

Another parable Jesus put before the crowds: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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

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

**Prayers of the People, Form III**

*Deacon* Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.  
*The people kneel.*

*Intercessor* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*People* **That we all may be one.**

*Intercessor* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*People* **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Intercessor* We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop; Gary, our Rector; Tyler, our Curate; Tommy, our Seminarian; and all other bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*People* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Intercessor* We pray for Joseph, our president; Henry, our governor; Knox, our mayor; and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*People* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Intercessor* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*People* **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Intercessor* Have compassion on Bella, Bob, Charlie, Cleve, Dick, Duane, Emily, Gary, Ginger, Jane, Jenny, Jim, Jodi, Kathy, Laura, Leigh Ann, Linda, Lucy, Margaret Lee, Marvin, Mary, Mary Beth, Millie, Nancy, Patt, Sam, Sandy, Shawn, Stacy, Steve, Sylvia, and Weesie, as well as those whom you are invited to name now, either silently or aloud [*pause for people to add names*], and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*People* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Intercessor* As we remember all those who have died in your faith and fear, especially those whom you are invited to name now, either silently or aloud [*pause for people to add names*], give to the departed  $\text{X}$  eternal rest.  
*People* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Intercessor* We praise you for Blessed Mary, Mother of God; Blessed Joseph, her spouse; Blessed Andrew, our patron; and all your saints who have entered into joy;  
*People* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*After any additional prayers of intercession and thanksgiving are offered, the Celebrant says a concluding collect before the Deacon introduces the Confession.*

## Confession and Absolution

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

*A period of silence is observed.*

*All* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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

*Following the Absolution, the people stand for the Peace.*

## The Peace

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

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

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

## Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

*After the Announcements, the Celebrant invites those celebrating their birthdays or anniversaries to come forward. If anyone comes forward, the Celebrant invites the people to join in the following prayer*

*All* **Almighty and gracious God, we give you thanks for each of these your servants as they celebrate their special day. Watch over them as they begin another year, and give them grace to keep the vows and promises they have made. Bless and guide them wherever they may be; strengthen them when they stand; raise them up if they fall; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; and may your peace which passes all understanding abide in their hearts all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Holy Communion

### The Offertory

*After the opportunity for Birthday and Anniversary Blessings, the Celebrant says an Offertory Sentence and returns to the sanctuary. Then, after the people's offering of bread and wine are brought forward, the people sit as the altar is set and other offerings are collected from the people. (An offering can also be made by placing it in the offering plate located on the table in the aisle by the font or online at [www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving](http://www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving).) After the altar is set, the people stand again as the other offerings are brought forward and remain standing for the eucharistic prayer.*

### The Great Thanksgiving Rite II, Prayer A

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### Sanctus/Benedictus

*All* **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he ✠ who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people kneel or remain standing, and the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All*        **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us ✠ also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*All*        **AMEN.**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has 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.*

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

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

### **Invitation to Communion**

*The ministers then face the people as the following Invitation is offered*

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

*After the ministers and the server have received, all are welcome to come forward to the altar rail. At the altar rail, all baptized Christians are invited to receive the Blessed Sacrament, and those who are not yet baptized are invited to indicate a desire to receive a blessing by crossing their arms upon arrival at the altar rail. (Our rector is always eager to speak with anyone who is not yet baptized about preparing for and receiving the sacrament of Baptism.)*

*For those receiving the Blessed Sacrament, a wafer will be placed in the palm of your hand or upon your tongue after which the chalice is offered. If you need a gluten-free wafer, you may request one from the priest at the altar rail. Should you wish to receive wine by intinction (dipping), allow the chalice bearer to take the wafer from your open palm and intinct for you. Should you be unable to manage the steps, please notify the usher so that Holy Communion can be administered at your pew.*

### **Postcommunion Prayer**

*Upon the Celebrant's invitation to prayer, the people kneel.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

*Celebrant* The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

*After the Blessing, the people stand.*

### **Dismissal**

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

*Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. You are invited to either take your bulletin home or to place it in the recycle bin in the narthex.*

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## Announcements & Upcoming Events

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**Sterling School Supply Drive | Through Sunday, August 6** | As the children of the Sterling Neighborhood return to school along with the rest of Greenville County school kids, we are partnering with Christ Church's Annual School Supplies drive to send them off ready to learn! We all remember that First Day of School feeling, showing up with a new backpack filled with new notebooks and pencils, ready to learn! Help our neighbors fill new backpacks and return to friends they have been missing! **Our goal is 150 packages of 10-count sharpened Ticonderoga or Dixon #2 pencils.** You can shop and deliver to the Parish House (please mark bags "Sterling School Supplies").

**West End Association Meeting | Tuesday, August 1 | 6:30 PM | Parish Hall** | Saint Andrew's will host the monthly West End Neighborhood Association meeting. They will discuss numerous topics that relate to the neighborhood, downtown and our surrounding community. All are invited.

**Blessing of the Backpacks | Sunday, August 13 | 10:30 Mass** | Many of our local schools start back on Tuesday, August 8! Students and teachers are encouraged to bring their backpacks the following Sunday to church so that the students, teachers, and their backpacks can be blessed for the coming year!

**Saint Andrew's Book Club Next Meeting | Sunday, September 3 | Following the 10:30 AM Mass | At the home of Anne Marie Currier (22 Arcadia Circle, 29605)** *Please note we will not be meeting in August. We will be discussing *The Secret Place*, the sequel to Tana French's novel *Faithful Place*, which we reviewed at our July meeting. Text Anne Marie to RSVP: 864-517-2116.*

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### Weekly Schedule

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#### 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

**Yarn Donations Needed** | The Prayer Shawl Ministry is in need of donations of yarns. Medium weight skeins of yarn in any brand and any pleasant color are requested. The Yarn Donation Box is located in the Parish Hall by the table near the entrance. Contact Joyce Ford at 864-901-4446 with any questions.

**Save the Date | Next Rebuild Workday | Saturday, October 7** | In April, despite the weather and a few unforeseen circumstances, Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church members partnered with Rebuild Upstate to help repair a home in our community! The group worked to tear down and rebuild a porch. Some of our team members learned new skills and all of us enjoyed serving together! Please mark your calendars for October 7 as we will once again partner with Rebuild Upstate to help in returning dignity, safety and stability for our neighbors through home preservation.

**Updated Parking Permit Decals Available** | Our new Saint Andrew's parking permit decals are now available in two formats — one that can be applied to the inside window and one that can go on the outside (which may be necessary for folks with heavily tinted back windows). Moreover, in addition to adding to decals to vehicles that don't currently have them, we are also asking parishioners who have the old decals to replace them with these new decals.

**Summer Choir | Rehearsal on Sundays at 9:30 AM** We are always seeking additional volunteers for the Saint Andrew's choir, which gathers on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM (and not on Wednesday evenings) to prepare the music for the 10:30 mass. This more limited time commitment provides an excellent opportunity for prospective new members to "try us out." If you have questions, contact the Parish Office—or just show up on Sunday morning!

**Nursery Volunteers Needed** | If you have gifts for working with infants and young children — and have "Safe Church" training (and are fully vaccinated), we could use your help! Please sign up for an upcoming Sunday at [www.standrewsgreenville.org/signup](http://www.standrewsgreenville.org/signup)



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