

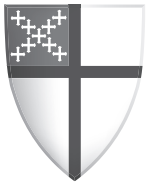


# SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

December 10, 2023 · 8:30 AM  
The Second Sunday of Advent  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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

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



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

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

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

## Restrooms

are located on the first floor of the Parish House.

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

## Nursery

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

## Link for Online Donations:

[www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving](http://www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving)

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*Vestry elect:* Linda Fitzsimmons, Gilberto King-Huerta, Leigh Randall (2024)

# 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.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*After the Collect, the people sit.*

### First Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-11

“Comfort, O comfort my people,” says your God. “Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins.” A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.” A voice says, “Cry out!” And I said, “What shall I cry?” All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!” See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13** (said responsively by whole or half verse, as announced)

<sup>1</sup> You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, \*  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup> You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \*  
and blotted out all their sins.

<sup>8</sup> I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

<sup>9</sup> Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.

<sup>10</sup> Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

<sup>11</sup> Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

<sup>12</sup> The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup> Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

**Second Lesson**

2 Peter 3:8-15

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish, and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

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

**The Gospel**

Mark 1:1-8

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

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

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

The Rev'd Fr. Gary Eichelberger

*After the Sermon, all stand and say together the words of the Creed.*

**The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

*After the Nicene Creed, the Assisting Minister introduces the prayers as follows.*

## **Prayers of the People, Form I**

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

*The people kneel.*

*Intercessor* With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop; Gary, our Rector; Tyler, our Curate; Tommy, our Seminarian; and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord;

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For Joseph, our president; Henry, our governor; and Knox, our mayor; for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For Bob, Charlie, Charles, Chuck, Clara, Dick, Duane, Emily, Gordon, Holly, Jacob, Jane, Jim, Jodi, Leigh Ann, Linda, Lucy, Margaret Lee, Marvin, Mary, Mary Beth, Millie, Nancy, Peggy, Sandy, Shawn, 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*], let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For all who have died ☩ in the hope of the resurrection, especially those whom you are invited to name now, either silently or aloud [*pause for people to add names*], and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*After any additional prayers of intercession and thanksgiving, the Intercessor continues with the following commendation.*

*Intercessor* In the communion of Blessed Mary, Mother of God; Blessed Joseph, her spouse; Blessed Andrew, our patron; and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

*People* **To you, O Lord our God.**

*After a moment of silence, the Celebrant says a concluding collect before the Assisting Minister introduces the Confession.*

## The Confession and Absolution

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

*A period of silence is observed.*

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

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

*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 altar. Then, after the people's offering of bread and wine are brought forward, the people sit as the altar is set and other offerings are collected from the people. (An offering can also be made by placing it in the offering plate located on the table in the aisle by the font or online at [www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving](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 opening of the eucharistic prayer.*

### The Great Thanksgiving Rite II, Prayer B

*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, because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*All* **We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant* And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us ✠ to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Blessed Mary, Mother of God; Blessed Joseph, her spouse; Blessed Andrew, our patron; and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*All* **AMEN.**

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept 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 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* **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## Advent Blessing

*Celebrant* May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father ✠, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*After the Blessing, the people stand.*

## Dismissal

*Minister* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

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

*Given the penitential nature of the season, we do not have flowers on the altar during Advent with the exception of the Third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday.*

The presence candle is given to the glory of God  
and in thanksgiving for Tyler's ordination to the priesthood by his parents and grandmother.

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## Announcements & Upcoming Events

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**Fr. Tyler Proctor's First Eucharist Today** | Our Curate Tyler Proctor was ordained a priest this past Wednesday. Today marks his first eucharist as celebrant at both masses. We are delighted to participate in this significant milestone in Fr. Tyler's life and in the life of the Church.

**Second Sunday Undesignated Plate Offering to Curate's Discretionary Fund This Month** | As is our custom on the Second Sunday of each month, the undesignated plate offering will go to one of our clergy discretionary funds—with this month's offering going to the Curate's Discretionary Fund. These funds allow our clergy to consider and discretely respond to requests from individuals (both parishioners and folks outside the parish) or entities who are in need of financial help for any reason.

**Second Sunday Harvest | Today | At Both Masses** | As is our custom on the Second Sunday of each month, we will be collecting food, personal hygiene products, and financial donations designated for United Ministries.

**Today's Coffee Hour Hosted by Daughters of the King** | To find out more about the Order of the Daughters of the King, or if you are interested in joining, visit the Information Table during Coffee Hour today.

**Saint Andrew's Book Club | Today | At the Home of Kay Friddle and Lucy Walters (4 Phillips Trail 29609) Following the 10:30 service** | We will be discussing *Briefly, A Delicious Life* by Nell Stevens. Please RSVP to Anne Marie Currier at [mapetite1932@yahoo.com](mailto:mapetite1932@yahoo.com).

**Thank You to Everyone Who Supported Our 2024 Annual Pledge Campaign - 6 More Pledges needed!** If you have not turned in your pledge yet, please place your completed pledge card in the offering plate or turn it into the Parish Office as soon as possible. **We have exceeded our pledge goal of \$320,000 but are shy just 6 pledges of our goal of 120 pledges!** Thank you to all who have already submitted their pledges! The pledge card can be found online at [www.standrewsgreenville.org/pledge](http://www.standrewsgreenville.org/pledge)

**Ordo Kalendars Available** | The 2024 Ordo Kalendars are available in the Parish Office for \$5 each. Reserve yours today by emailing [office@standrewsgreenville.org](mailto:office@standrewsgreenville.org) or calling 864-235-5884.

**Advent and Christmas Service Schedule** | See poinsettia form for full schedule. Note that on the Fourth Sunday of Advent (December 24) there will a single morning service at 9:30 AM (Low Mass, Rite I, with Hymns).

**Music at Saint Andrew's Concert: An English Carol Christmas** | **Friday, December 15 | 7 PM** | Chicora Voices presents a concert celebrating the humble Christmas carol, from medieval origins to cathedral standards to Benjamin Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols*. Beloved classics, sing-a-longs, and something for everyone! The concert is open to the public free of charge. Reception to follow in the parish hall. There is an optional suggested donation of \$20 that will benefit Canterbury Counseling. **Only a few tickets remaining.** Reserve your seat at [www.standrewsgreenville.org/tickets](http://www.standrewsgreenville.org/tickets)

**Clergy-Led Weekly Bible Study: Book of Romans | Tuesdays at 4 PM** | Sign up here: [www.tinyurl.com/clergyledbiblestudy](http://www.tinyurl.com/clergyledbiblestudy)

**ECW Drive for Greenville's Gift** | As their Christmas project, ECW is sponsoring a donation drive for Greenville's Gift, seeking clothing and/or money for newborns in need. A collection box is in the church narthex. Items (all seasons) needed: clothing (size 0-12 months), baby blankets, socks, hats, bibs, and burp cloths.

**Poinsettias for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day** | Poinsettia dedication forms can be found in your bulletins this week. Deadline for orders is Thursday, December 14. Suggested donation for each plant is \$15. You can also email the Parish Office with your dedication.

**The Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord (Baptismal Opportunity) | January 7** | On January 7, we will celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, where we remember Our Lord's baptism by John in the River Jordan. Anyone desiring to be baptized or to have a child baptized, please speak with or e-mail Father Gary ([rector@standrewsgreenville.org](mailto:rector@standrewsgreenville.org)).

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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)

### Tuesdays

8:30 AM Morning Prayer, Rite I

### Wednesdays

5:30 PM, Healing Mass, Rite II

### Thursdays

8:30 AM Morning Prayer, Rite I

### Every Third Wednesday of the Month

5:00 PM Rosary in Church

### Every Fourth Wednesday of the Month

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament follows Healing Mass