



# SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

December 12, 2021 · 8:30 AM  
The Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

## Everyone is Welcome at Saint Andrew's

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.

### Link for Online Donations:

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

Your donations can also be mailed to the Parish Office  
at 1002 S. Main St. Greenville, SC 29601

### Link for 2022 Annual Pledge:

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

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### Members of the Vestry

Erin Culbertson, Senior Warden (2022); Scott Chastain,  
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Jim Arnau and Helen Farmer (2021);  
Cheryl Banks and Ethan Cashwell (2022)  
John Rhodes and Charles Shields (2023)  
*Vestry elect:* Allison Giambrone-Wilson,  
Riley Owens, and Kelly Proffitt (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.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*After the Collect, the people sit.*

### First Lesson

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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

## **Canticle 9, The First Song of Isaiah**

*(said responsively by whole or half verse, as announced, with all saying the concluding doxology)*

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.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \***

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## **Second Lesson**

Phillippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

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

## **The Gospel**

Luke 3:7-18

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

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

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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

## Prayers of the People, Form I

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

*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; Andrew, our Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop-elect; Gary, our Rector; Tommy, our Seminarian; and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord;

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

*Intercessor* For our president, Joseph; our governor, Henry; and our mayor, Knox; 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 Barbara, Bella, Bill, Brett, Chuck, Debbie, Dick, Duane, Ephraim, Ginger, Jahnyah, Jane, Jennie, Jim, Jodi, Joyce, Ken, Leigh Ann, Levi, Lori, Margaret Lee, Marvin, Mary, Meredith, Mike, Miles, Nancy, Patt, Peter, Ray, Raymond, Sandy, Sheila, Steve, Susan, Theresa, Weesie, and Winnie, 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  $\text{X}$  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 introducing the Confession.*

### **The Confession and Absolution**

*Celebrant* 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 with words of Peace and/or a slight bow.*

### **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. At this time, we are not collecting the other offerings by passing a plate. Instead, an offering can be placed in the offering plate located on the table in the aisle by the font. (An offering can also be made online at [www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving](http://www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving).) After the altar is set, the people stand as the offerings received in the plate are brought forward.*

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

*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 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 stand, 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.**

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 priest 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**

*Celebrant* 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.*

The altar flowers are given by Riley Owens  
to the glory of God and in loving memory of his mother, Stella Guest Owens.

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## Announcements & Upcoming Events

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**Gaudete Sunday Today** | This is the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday, which is one of two Sundays in the church year when we use rose-colored vestments in the Mass. The name “Gaudete” is derived from the Latin opening words of an introit antiphon, “Rejoice [Gaudete] in the Lord always,” which was traditionally used on this Sunday. The theme, the vestments, and the flowers on the altar help express the joy of anticipation at the approach of the Christmas celebration and reflect a lifting of the penitential tone of our Advent observance.

**Vestry Meeting | Today | 12:30 PM** | Our monthly vestry meeting will take place in the upstairs of the Parish House following today’s 10:30 AM Sung High Mass.

**ECW (Episcopal Church Women) Meeting | Tuesday, December 14 | 6:30 PM | Parish Hall** | All women of the parish are invited to attend! Please bring a heavy hors d’oeuvre and the beverage of your choice.

**Thank You to Everyone Who Supported Our 2022 Annual Pledge Campaign!** | 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. Help us reach our goal of 100 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)

**Poinsettias for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day** | Poinsettia dedication forms can be found in your bulletins this week. Deadline for orders is Sunday, December 19. Suggested donation for each plant is \$15. You can also email the Parish Office with your order and dedication.

**Ordination to the Priesthood | Wednesday, December 15 | 6:00 PM | Saint James Episcopal Church (301 Piney Mountain Road, Greenville)** | Bishop Waldo will be ordaining Elizabeth Ann Prendergast Hendrix, Lathrop Hart Mosley, and David Andrew Rodrick to the Sacred Order of Priests in this diocesan service of ordination. All are invited to attend. **Note that our Wednesday night healing mass will not be held on 12/15 due to the ordinations.**

**2022 Ordo Kalendars Available** | Reserve yours today! \$5 each. Email: [office@standrewsgreenville.org](mailto:office@standrewsgreenville.org)

**Coffee Hour Is Back! | After the 10:30 AM Mass** | Please sign up to provide refreshments and set up in the weeks ahead. We currently need volunteers for January 2, 23, and 30. A sign up sheet can be found in the Parish Hall or via online at [www.standrewsgreenville.org/signup](http://www.standrewsgreenville.org/signup)

**Saint Andrew’s ECW Christmas Project: “Mittens & More” | Second Sunday Drive-Thru Food Harvest Today | 2-4 PM** | Our ECW (Episcopal Church Women) is sponsoring the Second Sunday Food Harvest for United Ministries for contributions of children’s warm clothing as well as snacks for children (see list of suggested items below). Contributions will also be accepted in the basket in the Narthex. ECW volunteers will also be in the parking lot 2-4 PM to accept donations. Drive through and receive a treat as well as a cup of hot cocoa!!

**Children’s clothing: Children’s snacks:**

- hats
- gloves / mittens
- scarves
- sweaters
- socks
- individual packs of cereal, crackers, pretzels, wheat thins
- cliff bars or granola bars
- fruit cups or jello cups
- fruit gummies
- chips
- juice boxes

**Nursery During Worship to Reopen** | We are hoping to reopen our nursery in the near future. While we plan to have one staff member in the nursery during the 10:30 AM Mass, we will need at least one parish volunteer each Sunday to serve as our second nursery caregiver. 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! If you are interested, please e-mail [office@standrewsgreenville.org](mailto:office@standrewsgreenville.org). More details to come!

**Services Beyond Advent and Christmas:**

- **The Feast of Epiphany | Thursday, January 6 | 6:30 PM** | The Feast of Epiphany, one of the Principal Feasts of the Church Year, is when we remember the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child. At our evening mass, we will include the Blessing of the Chalk, an Epiphany tradition.
- **The Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord (Baptismal Sunday) | January 9** | 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)

**Wednesdays\***

6:30 PM, Healing Mass, Rite I (*not on 12/15*)

**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