

SAINT ANDREW'S

Episcopal Church

February 21, 2021 · 8:30 AM The First Sunday in Lent Morning Prayer, 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!



If you are not familiar with Episcopal Church worship, we have tried to make our worship bulletin easy to follow. This service of Morning Prayer can be found on page 75 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 Morning Prayer 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 eight 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 Morning Prayer liturgy. 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

Or by mailing your offering to the Parish Office at 1002 S. Main St. Greenville, SC 29601

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Covenant for In-Person Worship

(from Diocesan Guidelines)

Please note that, pursuant to our Diocesan guidelines, 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 8 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 while with the worshiping community.

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

Morning Prayer, Rite II

As you gather for our service of Morning Prayer, please remember that face masks are required throughout the service and that eight foot distancing must be maintained with respect to anyone outside of your household.

After the opening announcements, the Officiant will invite you to stand for the opening of the service.

Opening Sentence of Scripture

I John 1:8-9

Officiant If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The Confession and Absolution

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silence is observed.

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.

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you 4 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.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All 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.

Venite with Antiphon Psalm 95:1-7

Officiant The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:

People Come, let us adore him.

All Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

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Please sit for the reading of the Psalm and the First Lesson.

Psalm 25:1-9 (antiphonally by whole verse as directed by the Officiant)

- ¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; * let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- ² Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
 let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- ³ Show me your ways, O Lord, * and teach me your paths.
- Lead me in your truth and teach me, * for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- ⁵ Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, * for they are from everlasting.
- ⁶ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; * remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- ⁷ Gracious and upright is the Lord; * therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right * and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness * to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

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.

The Lessons

First Lesson Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the reading of the Canticle.

Canticle 14, A Song of Penitence (said by all in unison)

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, * God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and of all their righteous offspring:

You made the heavens and the earth, * with all their vast array.

All things quake with fear at your presence; * they tremble because of your power.

But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; * it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.

O Lord, you are full of compassion, * long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.

You hold back your hand; * you do not punish as we deserve.

In your great goodness, Lord, you have promised forgiveness to sinners, * that they may repent of their sin and be saved.

And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, * and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness. Prayer of Manasseh, 1-2, 4, 6-7, 11-15

I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, * and I know my wickedness only too well.

Therefore I make this prayer to you: * Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.

Do not let me perish in my sin, * nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.

For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, * and in me you will show forth your goodness.

Unworthy as I am, you will save me,in accordance with your great mercy, * and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.

For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, * and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

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.

Please sit for the Second Lesson.

Second Lesson 1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord. Lector Thanks be to God. People

Please stand for the reading of the Canticle.

Canticle 16, The Song of Zechariah (said by all in unison)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; * he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *

born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,

that he would save us from our enemies. *

from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers * and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, * to set us free from the hands of our enemies.

Free to worship him without fear, *

holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *

Luke 1:68-79

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation *

by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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.

Please sit for the Lesson and Homily. Whereas, in a Holy Eucharist service, we stand for the proclamation of the Gospel, it is appropriate to sit for the Gospel reading in a Morning Prayer service.

The Gospel Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Officiant The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. People

Homily The Rev'd Fr. Gary Eichelberger

After the Homily, all are invited to stand for the Creed followed by the Prayers.

Apostles' Creed (said by all in unison)

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

The Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Officiant The Lord be with you. People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

ΑII 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.

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Intercessor Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance; Govern them and uphold them, now and always. People

Intercessor Day by day we bless you;

People We praise your name for ever. Intercessor Lord, keep us from all sin today;

People Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor Lord, show us your love and mercy;

People For we put our trust in you. *Intercessor* In you, Lord, is our hope;

People And we shall never hope in vain.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Mission

Officiant

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

Parish Prayers

Officiant Let us now pray for the special needs and concerns of this parish.

Intercessor For those individuals who have been commended to the prayers of this parish, especially Amy, Annie, Arianna, Barbara, Bill, Brett, Broughton, Chuck, Corinne, Dick, Doug, Durrell, Eddie, Ena, Frank, Genna, Ginger, Gwen, Hannah, Jane, James, Joanne, Jodi, John, Ken, Leigh Ann, Margaret Lee, Marvin, Mary, Nancy, Ray, Raymond, Sandy, Sarah, Steve, Wallace, Weesie, Windell, Winnie, and Yvonne, as well as those whom you are invited to name now, either silently or aloud [pause for people to add names]

Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor For all those who have died ₱ in the communion of your Church, especially those whom you are invited to name now, either silently or aloud [pause for people to add names]

Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Church of the Province of Central Africa. In the Diocesan

cycle of prayer, we pray for the Ministry of Partnership in Cange, Haiti.

Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor For those who are celebrating their birthdays this week, especially Bambi Martin, Leslie Leuthold, Landon Lever, Nancy Smith, Scott Chastain, Marie Ridolfo, and Patt Fero, and for those who are celebrating their wedding anniversary, especially Laura and Lendy Rhodes.

Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

After the parish prayers have concluded, the Officiant invites the people to join in the following prayer

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.

General Thanksgiving (said by all in unison)

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Dismissal and Closing Sentence of Scripture

2 Corinthians 13:14

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ 4, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us

all evermore. Amen.

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. Please maintain eight-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.

SAINT AND REW'S LENT AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

First Sunday in Lent, February 21

8:30 am, Morning Prayer 10:30 am, Low Mass with Great Litany

Second, Third, Fourth (Laetare) and Fifth Sundays in Lent, February 28, March 7, March 14, March 21

8:30 am, Morning Prayer*
(except March 7 which will be a Low Mass, Rite II)
10:30 am, Low Mass

Palm Sunday, March 28

8:30 am, Low Mass 10:30 am, Sung High Mass with Palm Procession

Monday in Holy Week, March 29, 6:30 pm, Low Mass Tuesday in Holy Week, March 30, 6:30 pm, Low Mass Wednesday in Holy Week, March 31, 6:30 pm, Tenebrae

Maundy Thursday, April 1

6:30 pm, Sung High Mass with Stripping of the Altar followed by Vigil at the Altar of Repose in Lady Chapel

Good Friday, April 2

12:00 noon, Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm, Proper Liturgy for Good Friday

Holy Saturday, April 3

10:00 am, Proper Liturgy for Holy Saturday 7:30 pm, Great Vigil with First Eucharist of Easter

Sunday of the Resurrection, Easter Sunday, April 4

8:30 am, Low Mass 10:00 am, Flowering of the Cross and Digging Up the Alleluias 10:30 am, Sung High Mass

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Vestry Meeting | **Today** | **12:30 PM** | **Via Zoom** | Our monthly vestry meeting will take place via Zoom following the 10:30 AM Low Mass. A Zoom link has been sent out to the Vestry.

Wednesday Night Lent Series via Zoom | In Partnership with Saint John's, Columbia | Wisdom from the Past: Visions for the Christian Life after the Pandemic Wednesday Evenings during Lent | 7:30 PM | This Lent series for adults will be led by scholars and practitioners who know that Christian past, with its measures of suffering and healing, of loss and renewal. Join them by Zoom as we all look toward the Christian life will share on the other side of the pandemic, having received the strange gifts that this season may have for us. Zoom link may be found in our weekly email. Class descriptions are listed below.

- 2/24: Worship before, and after, Zoom: Ancient and Modern Perspectives (The Very Rev. Andrew McGowan, Divinity School at Yale)
- 3/3: "Seeing" Jesus: The Evolution of the Image of Jesus in Art and Culture (Professor Lee Jefferson, Department of Religion, Centre College)
- 3/10: Seeking Peace with Christian Mystics and in the Christian Year (Ardelle Walters, Licensed Professional Counselor, Memphis, TN)
- 3/17: Bishop Quintard and The Episcopal Church in the post-Civil War South (The Rev. Dr. Ben King, The School of Theology, Sewanee)
- 3/24: A Hidden Wholeness: from Lamentation to Illumination (The Rt. Rev. Henry Parsley, Bishop of Alabama, retired)

Outdoor Youth Group | Sunday, February 28 | 4-6 PM Continuing this month, Saint Andrew's youth and their friends in elementary through high school will have the opportunity to gather outside for a time of fun and fellowship on the fourth Sunday evening of each month. This month, the Brunsons will lead the gathering in the church courtyard. We will begin with a devotion, have dinner, and play games. Please RSVP to formation@ standrewsgreenville.org.

Saint Andrew's Action Plan for Coronavirus Vaccinations | Saint Andrew's is doing everything that we can as a parish to make sure that our parishioners get the coronavirus vaccine as soon as possible. We do this out of several motivations – our care for one another in this parish, our love for our neighbor, and our fervent desire to return to the fullness of our traditional worship as soon as possible. To this end, our action plan can be summarized as follows:

- Get Vaccinated! (as soon as possible) Note that under current rules, anyone aged 65 and older can get vaccinated.
- Ask for Help! (if you need it)
- Let us Know! (once you are vaccinated)
- Volunteer! (to help with this parish-wide effort)

Weekly Schedule

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 (via livestream)

Every Third Wednesday of the Month 5:30 PM Rosary in Church (via Zoom)

Every Fourth Wednesday of the Month

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament follows the 6:30 PM Mass (via livestream)







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