



SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

March 5, 2023 · 8:30 AM
The Second Sunday in Lent
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

Your donations can also be mailed to the Parish Office
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Phil Buck, Lee Gray, and Jenny Peer (2025)

Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with Penitential Order

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

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord ☩ who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

After the Opening Acclamation, the people kneel for the Decalogue, Confession, and Absolution.

The Decalogue

Celebrant Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant Honor your father and your mother.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not commit murder.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not commit adultery.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not steal.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not be a false witness.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Confession and Absolution

After reading an introductory sentence of Scripture, the Celebrant invites the people to join in the confession.

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.**

After the Absolution, the people stand.

Trisagion

Celebrant Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

People **Have mercy upon us.**

The Word of God

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

After the Collect, the people sit.

First Lesson

Genesis 12:1-4a

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121 *(said responsively by whole verse)*

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- ² My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- ³ He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- ⁴ Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- ⁵ The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- ⁶ So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- ⁷ The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- ⁸ The Lord shall watch over your going out
and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

Second Lesson

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand for the proclamation of the Gospel.

The Gospel

John 3:1-17

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

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

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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.

Prayers of the People, Form II

Upon the invitation to prayer, the people kneel. In the indicated silence after each bidding, the people may offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

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

Intercessor I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop; Gary, our Rector; Tommy, our Seminarian; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison, especially for Bella, Bill, Bob, Bob, David, Dick, Didi, Duane, Emily, Ginger, Jane, Jean, Jen, Jim, Jodi, Kathy, Ken, Leigh Ann, Lucy, Margaret Lee, Marvin, Mary, Mike, Millie, Nancy, Patt, Robert, Sam, Sandy, Shawn, Stacy, Steve, Sylvia, Weesie, and Winnie, as well as those whom you are invited to name now, either silently or aloud [*pause for people to add names*]. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the departed ☩, especially Bill Barutio and Jim Grunwell. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Additional prayers of intercession and thanksgiving may then be offered by the Intercessor.

Intercessor Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant then says a concluding collect to the prayers. Following the concluding collect, 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.) 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 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 was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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

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 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.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

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 **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.**

Solemn Prayer over the People for Lent II

Celebrant Keep this your family, O Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

After the Solemn Prayer, 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 presence candle is given by Laura Stewart to the glory of God
and in loving memory of her son, Darnell Lynden Stewart, who passed away on March 3, 2020.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Saint Andrew's Book Club | Today | Following the 10:30 AM Mass | At the home of Ellen Mays | We will be discussing *The 40 Rules of Love* by Elif Shafa. The address is Middleton Place, 311 W. Earle St., Unit B9, bottom level, look for orange door. Please park on the street.

West End Association Meeting | Tuesday, March 7 | 6:30 PM | Parish Hall | Saint Andrew's will host the monthly West End Neighborhood Association meeting.

Soup Supper Classes on Wednesday Nights in Lent 6:30 PM | Parish Hall | During Lent, Father Gary is leading a study on preparing a personal Rule of Life. A personal Rule of Life, which has its origins in the communal Rules of Life established by monastic communities, is a written document that serves as a guide to how we, as individuals, will orient and direct our lives to grow in the knowledge and love of God. Please join us for this study as we seek to deepen our relationships with God and with one another here at Saint Andrew's through Lent and beyond.

Sign up at www.standrewsgreenville.org/soupsupper

Upcoming Congregational GOAL Justice (Greenville Organized for Accountable Leadership) Meetings

- **Justice Rally for Network Members | Thursday, March 9 | 6:30 - 8:30 PM | Springfield Baptist Church** | Come with your congregation to hear more about the issues GOAL Justice has been working on – and to prepare for the upcoming Nehemiah Action Assembly.
- **Nehemiah Action Assembly | Tuesday, March 28 6:30 - 8:30 PM | First Baptist** | Bring 3+ people with you to stand up for justice as we seek specific action on housing and mental health from our public officials. Doors open at 6 PM and carpooling is encouraged.

Reminder: Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday! Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed this Saturday, March 11.

Weekly Schedule

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 I

Every Third Wednesday of the Month

5:00 PM, Rosary

Every Fourth Wednesday of the Month

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament follows Healing Mass

Second Sunday Harvest | Next Sunday, March 12 | At Both Masses | This month, in collaboration with the upcoming concert, we will be collecting donations for United Housing Connections. Specific items needed are kitchen supplies such as dish detergent, sponges, scrubbing brushes, wooden spoons, spatulas, measuring cups and spoons, etc. (Any contributions of food or personal hygiene items would be donated to United Ministries, as usual.)

Music at Saint Andrew's Next Quarterly Concert Byrd: The Great Service, a Concert of Voices and Viols Thursday, March 16 | 7:30 PM | Join us for a concert of sacred and secular works of Byrd and contemporaries performed by a masterful ensemble of voices and viols. Given the popularity of Chicora Voices, **we anticipate that we will have demand in excess of seating available—so if you plan to attend, please reserve your seat ASAP.** While there is no fee to reserve a seat, there is a suggested \$20 donation with all proceeds going to support United Housing Connections. This organization is also in need of household kitchen supplies, such as cleaning and cooking items. In place of, or in addition to a financial contribution, we will also be collecting these items at the time of the concert. Reserve your seat at www.standrewsgreenville.org/tickets

The Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lord Wednesday, March 22 (observed) | 5:30 PM | On this Feast Day, which is commemorated nine months prior to the date on which we celebrate the Nativity of Christ, we celebrate the Angel Gabriel's making known to Mary that she was to bear the Christ Child and Mary's assent to that calling. Given that this a major feast in the church calendar, it means that, as we celebrate, we will briefly "step out" of the Lenten season to proclaim the festive nature of this day.

Preparing for Baptism | Easter Vigil, April 8 | As we begin the journey of Lent, we are also preparing for our next baptismal feast, which will take place on Saturday, April 8, when Lent draws to a close as we celebrate the Great Vigil of Easter -- one of the four feast days that our prayer book designates as "especially appropriate" for Holy Baptism. If there is anyone else desiring to be baptized or to have a child baptized, please let the Rector know so that we can begin to prepare accordingly.

Save the Dates:

- **Holy Week Services Walk-through | Saturday, April 1 | 10 AM** | For lay liturgical ministers serving in Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil services.
- **Rebuild Upstate: Next Workday | Saturday, April 22**