



SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

March 14, 2021 · 10:30 AM
The Fourth Sunday in Lent (Laetare Sunday)
Holy Eucharist, Rite I

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 joining us via live-stream, we should “go live” at approximately 10:20 AM (about 10 minutes before the start of the mass). You have two options for viewing the livestream: www.facebook.com/standrewsgvl www.standrewsgreenville.org/video If you arrive on the page prior to 10:20 AM, you may need to reload it once the livestream has started.



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 joining us as one of the limited number who can be with us in person, please note the **Covenant for In-Person Worship** found on the next page, and remember that we are requiring that everyone participating in this service wear **face masks** and maintain at least **six 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.

Link for Online Donations:

www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving

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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 6 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 worshipping community.

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

Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Voluntary

Two Neumeister Chorales:

J. S. Bach

1. O God, have pity on us (S. 1109) 2. Lord Jesus Christ, thou highest good (S.1114)

(1685-1750)

After the opening announcements, the ringing of the bell signals the people to stand for the beginning of the mass. The altar party processes during the Lenten Prose.

Lenten Prose Refrain: Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

4. Sins oft committed now we lay before thee: with true contrition, now no more we veil them: grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution. *Refrain.*

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord ☩ who forgiveth all our sins.

People **His mercy endureth for ever.**

Collect for Purity

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

The Trisagion *(said three times)*

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

All **Have mercy upon us.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

After the Collect, the people sit.

First Lesson

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 (*said responsively by whole or half verse, as announced*)

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| <p>¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.</p> <p>² Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.</p> <p>³ He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.</p> <p>¹⁷ Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.</p> | <p>¹⁸ They abhorred all manner of food *
and drew near to death's door.</p> <p>¹⁹ Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.</p> <p>²⁰ He sent forth his word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.</p> <p>²¹ Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.</p> <p>²² Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.</p> |
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Second Lesson

Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

Sequence Hymn, No. 473 (*organ*) *Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim*

CRUCIFER

The Gospel

John 3:14-21

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "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. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

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

The Nicene Creed

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

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

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life ✠ 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; Andrew, our Bishop; Gary, our Rector; Tommy, our Postulant; 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 Barbara, Bill, Brett, Broughton, Chuck, Corinne, Dick, Ena, Gail, Ginger, Hannah, Isaac, Jane, Jerry, Joanne, Jodi, Ken, Kurt, Leigh Ann, Margaret Lee, Marvin, Mary, Nancy, Ray, Raymond, Sandy, Steve, 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*]. 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 ✠ . 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 before introducing the Confession.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A period of silence is observed.

All **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon X and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Following the Absolution, the people stand for the Peace.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Then the ministers and people may greet one another with words of Peace and/or a slight bow.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

After the exchange of the Peace, the Celebrant invites the people to join in the following prayer

All **Almighty and gracious God, we give thee thanks for each of these thy 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 thy peace which passes all understanding abide in their hearts all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Holy Communion

After the Birthday and Anniversary Blessings, the Celebrant says an Offertory Sentence and returns to the sanctuary to begin preparing the Altar as the Offertory is played.

Offertory Hymn, No. 706 (*cantor*)

In your mercy, Lord, you called me

HALTON HOLGATE

As the altar is prepared, the people's offering would normally be collected. However, as a precaution, we are not passing the offering plate at this time. Instead, it will remain on the table by the baptismal font. [If you would like to make your offering online, you may do so by going to www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving](http://www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving) after the mass. Once the altar is set, the following is said.

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving Rite I, Prayer II

The people stand for the opening of the Eucharistic Prayer, which begins as follows.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant continues

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus/Benedictus

All **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he ☩ that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people kneel or stand as the Celebrant continues, speaking the Eucharistic prayer on behalf of the people (full text found on page 340 of the prayer book). As the prayer is concluding, the Celebrant says the following, and the people respond with the Great Amen.

Celebrant By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

All **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

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.**

Agnus Dei

Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

All **have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

All **have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

All **grant us thy peace.**

Prayer of Humble Access

All **We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God ☩ for the People of God.

After the Celebrant receives the Blessed Sacrament, it is then distributed in one kind (the Bread) to any baptized Christians present who desire to receive. After distributing the Sacrament to the altar party, the Celebrant will stand at the bottom of the chancel steps, where those desiring the Sacrament can come forward up the center aisle one at a time while continuing to wear their masks. The Celebrant will then place the wafer into the communicants open palm using a eucharistic pincer. After receiving the wafer into your open palm, please turn and walk the length of the front aisle along your respective side of the nave before stopping to lift your mask and consume the wafer. Please then return to your pew via the outer side aisle. Please maintain six-foot social distancing from other participants as you await your turn to receive.

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of Thy Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to Thee my soul and body with the earnest wish that may always be united to Thee. And since I can not now receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to Thee, and embrace Thee with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate Thee from me. May I live and die in Thy love. Amen.

Communion Hymn, No. 339 (*organ*)

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

SCHMÜCKE DICH

Postcommunion Prayer

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

Solemn Prayer over the People for Lent IV

Celebrant Look down in mercy, Lord, on thy people who kneel before thee; and grant that those whom thou hast nourished by thy Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

Neumeister Chorale: What God wills is always good (S.1116)

J. S. Bach

The altar flowers are given by Sara Conrad to the glory of God.

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. For those who are worshipping with us in person, please maintain six-foot social distancing as you depart. Though we would love to stand at the door and speak with everyone as they depart (as has been our custom in the past), the altar party and the ushers will step away from the doors to allow worshippers plenty of space as they depart. You are invited to either take your bulletin home or to place it in the recycle bin in the narthex on your way out. If you would like to speak with the Rector after exiting the church, he will be in the churchyard immediately after the mass and would be happy to speak with you there.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Laetare Sunday | Today | The Fourth Sunday of Lent is also known as Laetare Sunday or Rose Sunday – one of the two Sundays of the church year (along with the Third Sunday of Lent) when we use rose-colored vestments for the mass. The joyful theme of Laetare Sunday and the corresponding change in vestments provide a brief lightening of certain penitential aspects of our worship in Lent – as we begin to anticipate the joyful victory that we will celebrate at the close of Lent.

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 | Zoom link may be found in our weekly email.

- *3/17: Bishop Quintard and The Episcopal Church in the post-Civil War South* (The Rev. Dr. Ben King, The School of Theology, Sewanee) – St. Andrew's parishioners may remember Dr. King as the preacher at our December 2016 service where Fr. Gary was installed as our rector. Fr. Gary will be introducing Dr. King at this week's talk.
- *3/24: A Hidden Wholeness: from Lamentation to Illumination* (The Rt. Rev. Henry Parsley, Bishop of Alabama, retired)

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 55 and older can now 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)

Easter Lily Dedications | Forms may be found in your bulletins this week. Deadline for orders is Friday, March 26. Suggested donation for each plant is \$15. You may also email the Parish Office with your order and dedication.

Second Sunday Harvest | Drive-Thru Donation Drive Today | 2-4 PM | For this month's donation drive, we are supporting United Housing Connections, which is providing cleaning supplies for those who are moving out of homelessness. Specific requests are:

- all-purpose cleaners, bathroom cleaner
- mops and buckets
- sponges and dish detergent
- trash bags
- Or donate online at www.unitedhousingconnections.org/donate

We will also continue to collect donations of food for United Ministries. Volunteers will be in the parking lot from 2-4 PM to receive your donations, no need to get out of your car.

The Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lord | Wednesday, March 24 (observed) | 6:30 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. Please join us – either in person or via livestream.

March Youth Group Gathering | Palm Sunday, March 28 | 5-7 PM | Given that this month's youth group gathering falls on Palm Sunday—and in celebration of the progress being made in our community with respect to dealing with the coronavirus, we are going to offer an outdoor family Palm Sunday service starting at 5 PM — followed by a picnic in the churchyard. The Eichelbergers, who are leading this month's gathering, are still working out some of the details, but they will be reaching out to the youth about participating in particular roles in the service. We are excited about this opportunity for youth and families of the parish to enter into Holy Week together—and hope that you will plan to join us! Please RSVP to formation@standrewsgreenville.org.

Preparing for Baptism | Easter Vigil, April 3 | Anyone desiring to be baptized or to have a child baptized, please let the Rector know so that we can prepare accordingly.