

SAINT ANDREW'S Episcopal Church

March 27, 2022 · 8:30 AM The Fourth Sunday in Lent (Laetare 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

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

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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Trisagion

Celebrant Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, People Have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

After the Collect, the people sit.

First Lesson

Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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

Psalm 32 (said responsively by whole or half verse, as announced)

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1	Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *	
	and whose sin is put away!	

- ² Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, * and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- ³ While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, * because of my groaning all day long.
- ⁴ For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; * my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, * and did not conceal my guilt.
- ⁶ I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." * Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- ⁷ Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *

when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

- ⁸ You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; * you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
 I will guide you with my eye.
- ¹⁰ Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; * who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."
- ¹¹ Great are the tribulations of the wicked; * but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
- ¹² Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; * shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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The people stand for the proclamation of the Gospel.

The Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe-the best one-and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."

GospellerThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

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

The Rev'd Mtr. Melanie Rowell

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 Φ 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, Brett, Brian, Charles, Concetta, Dan, Dick, Doug, Duane, Emma, Ephraim, Ginger, Jahnyah, James, Jane, Jim, Jodi, Joyce, Ken, Leigh Ann, Margaret Lee, Marvin, Mary, Meredith, Parker, Patt, Pietersen, PK, Ray, Russell, Sandy, Steve, 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*]. 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 A. 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 before introducing the Confession.

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.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we All 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 A 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.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you. People

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.
- We lift them to the Lord.
- People

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

- It is right to give him thanks and praise. People
- 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 Φ 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 \mathbb{A} 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.

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 \clubsuit 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 IV

Celebrant Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; 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 altar flowers are given by Father Gary to the glory of God and in gratitude for the ministries of Mtr. Mia McDowell and Mtr. Melanie Rowell and for their continued participation in our worship life.

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 Advent) 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.

Mother Melanie Rowell Presiding at Masses | Today We welcome Mother Melanie Rowell who is presiding at today's masses while Fr. Gary is away with his family during his children's spring break. We are grateful to Mother Melanie for her continued participation in our worship life. Father Gary will return to the office on Tuesday, March 29.

Substitute Organist at 10:30 AM Mass | **Today** | We welcome Benjamin Phillips as our substitute organist this morning. He is filling in for John Gilbert who is attending his granddaughter's confirmation in Atlanta. We are grateful for Benjamin's participation in our worship life.

Easter Lily Dedications | Forms may be found in your bulletins this week. Deadline for orders is Monday, April 4. Suggested donation for each plant is \$15. You may also email the Parish Office with your order and dedication.

Holy Week Schedule | This year's Holy Week Schedule can be found the back of the Easter Lily Dedication form.

Weekly Schedule

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

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 **Preparing for Baptism** | **Easter Vigil, April 16** | As we begin the journey of Lent, we are also preparing for our next baptismal feast, which will take place on Saturday, April 16, 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. At this time, we already have one baptism planned for the Vigil. However, if there is anyone else desiring to be baptized or to have a child baptized, please let Fr. Gary know so that we can begin to prepare for a Vigil with multiple baptisms.

Parish Clean Up Day | Saturday, April 23 | 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM | Volunteers needed to help with various projects around the church grounds. Lunch provided. Sign up at www.standrewsgreenville.org/signup

Save the Date | Next Rebuild Upstate Work Day Saturday, May 14 | More details forthcoming.

Volunteers Needed | Feed Thy Neighbor Resumes Serving Indoors | Beginning Saturday, April 2 Founded in 2010, Feed Thy Neighbor has grown to become a cooperative effort of the Episcopal community in Greenville. Parish volunteers from Saint Andrew's, St. Peter's, St. James and Christ Church feed the hungry each Saturday from 7:30 to 8:30 AM. Since the onset of the pandemic, Feed Thy Neighbor suspended indoor seating and distributed brown bag meals. In April, they will resume indoor gathering. As a result, we will need more volunteers to help serve and clean up. Please contact the office if you would like to volunteer: office@ standrewsgreenville.org.

Coffee Hour Has Resumed | We have resumed our regular coffee hour fellowship following the 10:30 AM mass. A sign up sheet can be found on the "Welcome" bulletin board in the Parish Hall or via online at <u>www.standrewsgreenville.org/signup</u>

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. More details to come!

