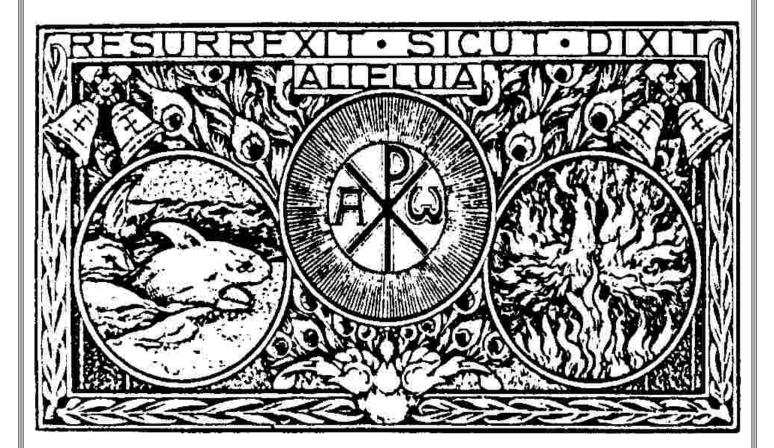
SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH THE HOLY TRIDUUM THE GREAT VIGIL WITH THE FIRST EUCHARIST OF EASTER March 30, 2024, 7:30 PM



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The Great Vigil of Easter

The Great Vigil of Easter is perhaps the most theologically important service of the Church Year. In it the new fire of God is struck, banishing darkness, and showing forth the victory won on Good Friday; the saving acts of God in history are recounted in the Exsultet and in scripture; there is the opportunity for new Christians to be made through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism; the vows made by all Christians at their baptisms are renewed; and with the end of the Lenten observance, the first mass of the joyful season of Easter is celebrated. The Vigil is not a short service. It marks time in the evening, while the people await the announcement of the Resurrection: "Alleluia. Christ is risen!" He is risen indeed, and the Paschal Candle burns as a sign of the presence of the resurrected Christ. — Adapted from *The Anglican Service Book*.

Service Participants

Celebrant The Reverend J. Gary Eichelberger

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Organist/Choirmaster John Gilbert

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Thurifer

Wade Cleveland

Cantor for Exsultet

John Rhodes

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Jim Ross, Erin Culbertson, Scott Chastain

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Jim Ross

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Torch Bearers Lee Gray, Rusty Infinger

Ushers Doug Barrett, Carl Headley

A special note of thanks to all members of the Saint Andrew's Choir and Saint Andrew's Altar Guild for their faithful and dedicated service throughout Holy Week. We are deeply blessed by the gifts they offer to our common worship life.

The Great Vigil of Easter

All gather in the courtyard outside of the church for the Service of Light.

The Service of Light

Invitation and Blessing of the New Fire

After the fire is kindled, the Celebrant addresses the people.

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church doth bid her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

Let us pray.

O God, who through thy Son, who is the true corner-stone, hast bestowed upon thy faithful people the fire of thy brightness: we beseech thee that thou wouldest sanctify this new fire to be profitable to our service: and grant unto us that by this paschal feast we may be so inflamed with heavenly desires, that we may with pure hearts and minds attain unto the feast of thine eternal brightness. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Once the New Fire has been blessed, coal is lighted from the New Fire and placed into the thurible followed by incense. The Celebrant then censes the New Fire.

Blessing and Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Celebrant Christ yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End. Alpha and Omega. His are the times and ages. To him be glory and dominion through all ages of eternity. **Amen.**

Through his glorious wounds may Christ the Lord guard and preserve us.

The Paschal Candle is lighted from the New Fire as the Celebrant says the following words. May the light of Christ gloriously rising dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

The Procession into the Church

After the Paschal Candle has been lighted, the New Fire is then passed, with the assistance of the ushers, from the Paschal Candle to those gathered. Once you have received light, please offer it to any around you who have not received. As the light is being spread, the Assisting Minister leads the procession into the darkened church, pausing three times and singing responsively



As the congregation enters the church, ushers will continue to assist in lighting the congregation's candles from the fire of the Paschal Candle. Once the altar party and choir have reached the chancel, the Cantor will begin the Exsultet. Please remain standing, as you are able, for the Exsultet.

The Exsultet

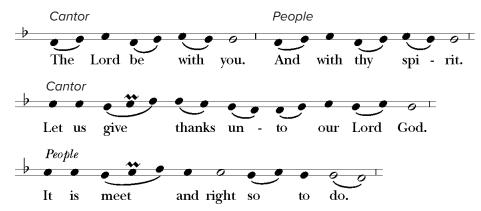
Cantor

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light; through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



Cantor It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

This is the night, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness.

This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and man is reconciled to God.

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning—he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

After those introductory words, the people may extinguish their candles and sit for the Liturgy of the Word.

Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea

Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariots, and his chariot drivers." The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses

stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses. Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

Tone I.2

Canticle 8, The Song of Moses (sung by the choir) I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; * the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; * the Lord has become my Savior.

This is my God and I will praise him, * the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a mighty warrior; * Yahweh is his Name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; * the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; * they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; * your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.

Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? * who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?

You stretched forth your right hand; * the earth swallowed them up.

With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; * with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.

You will bring them in and plant them * on the mount of your possession,

The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, * the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.

The Lord shall reign * for ever and for ever.

Celebrant Let us pray. Let us bow the knee. (Kneel in silent prayer.) Arise.

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, and who didst once deliver by the power of thy mighty arm thy chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The people sit.

Praise of Wisdom

Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4

Hear the commandments of life, O Israel; give ear, and learn wisdom! Why is it, O Israel, why is it that you are in the land of your enemies, that you are growing old in a foreign country, that you are defiled with the dead, that you are counted among those in Hades? You have forsaken the fountain of wisdom. If you had walked in the way of God, you would be living in peace for ever. Learn where there is wisdom, where there is strength, where there is understanding, so that you may at the same time discern where there is length of days, and life, where there is light for the eyes, and peace. Who has found her place? And who has entered her storehouses? But the one who knows all things knows her, he found her by his understanding. The one who prepared the earth for all time filled it with four-footed creatures; the one who sends forth the light, and it goes; he called it, and it obeyed him, trembling; the stars shone in their watches, and were glad; he called them, and they said, "Here we are!" They shone with gladness for him who made them. This is our God; no other can be compared to him. He found the whole way to knowledge, and gave her to his servant Jacob and to Israel, whom he loved. Afterwards she appeared on earth and lived with humankind. She is the book of the commandments of God, the law that endures for ever. All who hold her fast will live, and those who forsake her will die. Turn, O Jacob, and take her; walk towards the shining of her light. Do not give your glory to another, or your advantages to an alien people. Happy are we, O Israel, for we know what is pleasing to God.

Psalm 19 (choir)

- ¹ The heavens declare the glory of God, * and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- ² One day tells its tale to another, * and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- ³ Although they have no words or language, * and their voices are not heard,
- ⁴ Their sound has gone out into all lands, * and their message to the ends of the world.
- ⁵ In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; * it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- ⁶ It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; * nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- ⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; * the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- ⁸ The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; * the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

altogether.
¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous

- ¹¹ By them also is your servant enlightened, * and in keeping them there is great reward.
- ¹² Who can tell how often he offends? * cleanse me from my secret faults.
- ¹³ Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; * then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, * O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Celebrant Let us pray. Let us bow the knee. (Kneel in silent prayer.) Arise. O God, who led thy ancient people by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night: Grant that we, who serve thee now on earth, may come to the joy of that heavenly Jerusalem, where all tears are wiped away and where thy saints for ever sing thy praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The people sit.

The Valley of the Dry Bones

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may

⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; *

Ezekiel 37:1-14

live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Psalm 143 (sung by the choir)

Tone VI

- Lord, hear my prayer, and in your faithfulness heed my ⁷ O Lord, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me; * supplications; * answer me in your righteousness.
- ² Enter not into judgment with your servant, * for in your sight shall no one living be justified.
- ³ For my enemy has sought my life; he has crushed me to the ground; * he has made me live in dark places like those who are ⁹ Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord, *

long dead.

- ⁴ My spirit faints within me; * my heart within me is desolate.
- ⁵ I remember the time past; I muse upon all your deeds; * I consider the works of your hands.
- ⁶ I spread out my hands to you; * my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land.

- do not hide your face from me or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.
- ⁸ Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning, for I put my trust in you; * show me the road that I must walk, for I lift up my soul to you.
- for I flee to you for refuge.
- ¹⁰ Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God; * let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.
- ¹¹ Revive me, O Lord, for your Name's sake; * for your righteousness'sake, bring me out of trouble.
- ¹² Of your goodness, destroy my enemies and bring all my foes to naught, * for truly I am your servant.

Let us pray. Let us bow the knee. (Kneel in silent prayer.) Arise. Celebrant Almighty God, by the Passover of thy Son thou hast brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by thy Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim thee to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A New Heart and a New Spirit

I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Psalm 42:1-7 (sung by the choir)

- As the deer longs for the water-brooks, * 1 so longs my soul for you, O God.
- 2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; * when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
- 3 My tears have been my food day and night, * while all day long they say to me, "Where now is your God?"
- 4 I pour out my soul when I think on these things: * how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God,
- 5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, * among those who keep holy-day.
- 6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? * and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 7 Put your trust in God; * for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Tone VIII.1

Ezekiel 36:24-28

Celebrant Let us pray. Let us bow the knee. (Kneel in silent prayer.) Arise.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who are reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Homily

The Rev'd Fr. Tyler Proctor

The Blessing of the Water & Renewal of Baptismal Vows

All stand. As the people stand and preparations are made for the Procession to the Font for the Blessing of the Water and Renewal of Baptismal Vows, the Ushers will assist in re-lighting the congregation's candles.

The Litany & Procession to the Font

Celebrant On this most Holy Night, let us pray for all those throughout the world who will receive the Sacrament of new birth and for ourselves as we prepare to renew our own Baptismal vows, saying "Lord, hear our prayer."

As the Celebrant and the altar party process to the Font, the Intercessor leads the people in the following Litany.

Intercessor People	Deliver us, O Lord from the way of sin and death. Lord, hear our prayer.
Intercessor People	Open our hearts to thy grace and truth. Lord, hear our prayer.
Intercessor People	Fill us with thy holy and lifegiving spirit. Lord, hear our prayer.
Intercessor People	Keep us in the faith and communion of thy holy Church. Lord, hear our prayer.
Intercessor People	Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit. Lord, hear our prayer.
Intercessor People	Send us into the world in witness to thy love. Lord, hear our prayer.
Intercessor People	Bring us to the fullness of thy peace and glory. Lord, hear our prayer.
Celebrant	Grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apos- tles, and martyrs and with all the saints; and we pray that encouraged by their examples, aided by their prayers, and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be partakers of the eternal life of the saints in life, through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd with thy spirit.CelebrantLet us give thanks unto our Lord God.PeopleIt is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant continues

We give thee thanks, Almighty God, for the gift of water, over which thy Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation; through which thou didst lead the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise; in which thy Son Jesus Christ received the baptism of John and the anointing of the Holy Spirit, being manifested thereby as the Messiah, the Christ, who leadeth us, through his precious death and mighty resurrection, from the bondage of sin unto life everlasting.

We give thee thanks, O Father, for the water of Baptism, in which we are buried with Christ in his death; by which we partake of his resurrection; through which we are made regenerate of the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to thy Son, we bring into his fellowship them that come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Celebrant then censes the water.

Now sanctify this water, we beseech thee, by thy Holy Spirit, *(repeated three times as the Paschal Candle is lowered into the font)* that those here cleansed from sin and made regenerate may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior, to whom, with thee and the same Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People I do.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

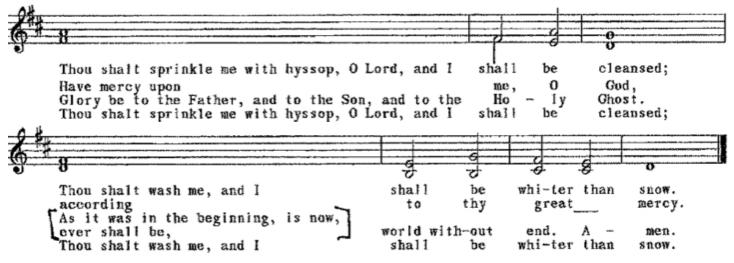
People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated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

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

- People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection \mathfrak{P} of the body, and the life everlasting.
- *Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?*People* I will, with God's help.
- CelebrantWill you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return unto the Lord?PeopleI will, with God's help.
- *Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?*People* I will, with God's help.
- Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving thy neighbor as thyself?
- People I will, with God's help.
- CelebrantWill you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?PeopleI will, with God's help.
- Celebrant May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us ₱ in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

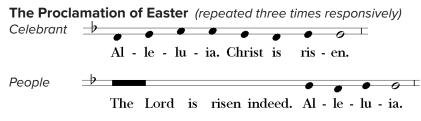
After the Renewal of Vows, the procession back to the chancel takes place as the Celebrant asperges the people using the blessed water. The Asperges is sung during the procession with the Cantor singing the first line then all singing the rest.

The Asperges



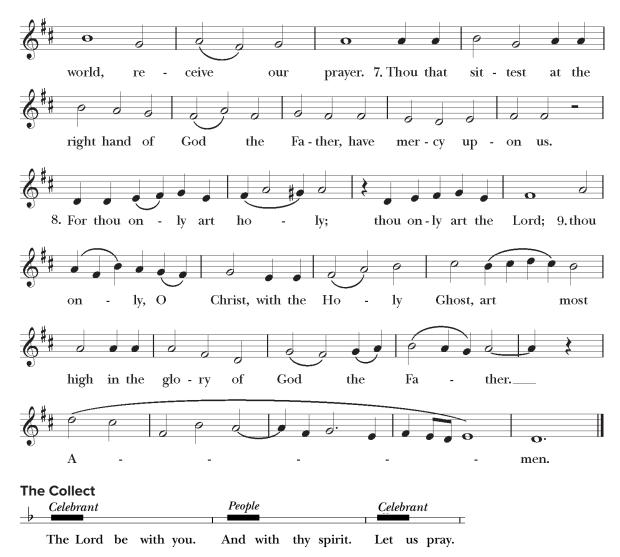
After the procession back to the altar, the candles on the Altar are lighted from the Paschal Candle in preparation for the First Eucharist of Easter. The people remain standing.

The First Eucharist of Easter



As the lights in the church are raised, all are invited to join in the ringing of bells, keys, etc., as we celebrate that Easter has been proclaimed.





Celebrant O God, who didst make this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in thy Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship thee in sincerity and truth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

A - men. After the Collect, the people sit.

The Lessons

The Epistle

Romans 6:3-11

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

LectorThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

The people stand.

Sequence Hymn No. 180

He is risen, he is risen!

The Great Alleluias

Sung by a cantor then repeated by the congregation in successively higher pitches three times.



The Gospel

Celebrant

GospellerThe Holy Gospel ♥ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.PeopleGlory be to thee, O Lord.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Let all those who are devout and lovers of God enjoy this beautiful and radiant festival.

GospellerThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise be to thee, O Christ.

A Reading of the Paschal Homily of St. John Chrysostom (c. 349-407)

The people sit for the traditional reading of the St. John Chrysostom's Paschal Homily.

Let all loyal servants come in and rejoice in the joy of their Lord. Let all those who have wearied themselves in fasting enjoy now the recompense. Let all those who have labored from the first hour receive today their just wages. Let all those who have come after the third hour celebrate the feast with thankfulness. Let all those who have arrived after the sixth hour have no doubts, for they will suffer no loss. Let all those who have delayed until the ninth hour draw near without hesitation. Do not let those who have arrived even at the eleventh hour fear their delay; for the Master is gracious and receives the last, even as the first; he gives rest to those that come at the eleventh hour, just as to those who have labored from the first. He has mercy on the last and cares for the first; he rewards the one, and is gracious to the other. He both honors the work and praises the intention. Enter all of you, therefore, into the joy of our Lord, and, whether first or last, enjoy your reward. O rich and poor, dance together for joy! You that exercised self-control and you that were negligent celebrate the day! You that have fasted and you that have not fasted rejoice today! The table is full; all of you feast on it! The calf is fatted; let no one go forth hungry! Let all partake of the banquet of faith. Let all enjoy the riches of goodness. Let no one lament his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed. Let no one mourn his transgressions, for pardon has dawned from the grave. Let no one fear death, for the Savior's death has set us free. He has annihilated death by submitting to it! He descended into Hell and took Hell captive! He embittered it when it tasted his flesh! When Isaiah foresaw this, he cried out: Hell was embittered It was embittered. People when it met you below. Celebrant Hell was embittered It was embittered. People for it was abolished! Celebrant Hell was embittered It was embittered. People Celebrant for it was mocked!

Mark 16:1-8

People Celebrant	Hell was embittered It was embittered. for it was destroyed!
People Celebrant	Hell was embittered It was embittered. for it was stripped of its power!
People Celebrant	Hell was embittered It was embittered. for it was bound in chains!
	It took a body and encountered God! It took earth and met heaven! It took what it saw but crumbled before what it had not seen! O death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory?
People Celebrant	Christ is risen, Truly, he is risen. and you are overthrown!
People Celebrant	Christ is risen, Truly, he is risen. and the demons are fallen!
People Celebrant	Christ is risen, Truly, he is risen. and the angels rejoice!
People Celebrant	Christ is risen, Truly, he is risen. and life has dominion!
People Celebrant	Christ is risen, Truly, he is risen. and not one dead remains in a tomb!
All	For Christ, being raised from the dead, has become the First-fruits of those who slept. To him belong glory and might unto ages of ages. Amen.

The Peace

The people stand for the exchange of 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 in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

After the exchange of the Peace, the Celebrant says an Offertory Sentence and returns to the sanctuary. Then, after the people's offering of bread and wine are brought forward, the people sit during the Offertory Anthem 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 <u>www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving.</u>).

Of	ffertory Anthem That Easter Day Erschienen ist Nik		
1.	That Easter Day with joy was bright, the sun shone out with fairer light	4.	That we may give Thee all our days the willing tribute of our praise. Alleluia!
2.	When, to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord. Alleluia!	5.	All praise, O risen Lord, we give to Thee, who dead, again dost live;
3.	O Jesus, King of gentleness, do Thou Thyself our hearts possess	6.	To God the Father equal praise, and God the Holy Ghost, we raise. Alleluia!

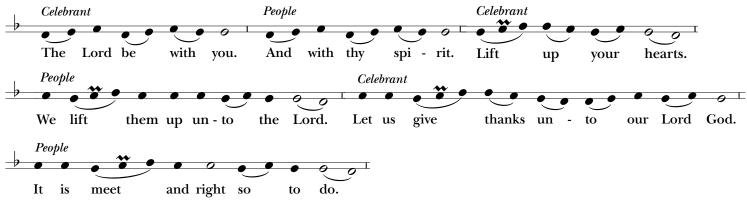
After the Offertory Anthem, the choir is censed. Then the people stand, are censed, and remain standing as the other offerings are brought forward and received with the following words.

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving Rite I, Prayer II

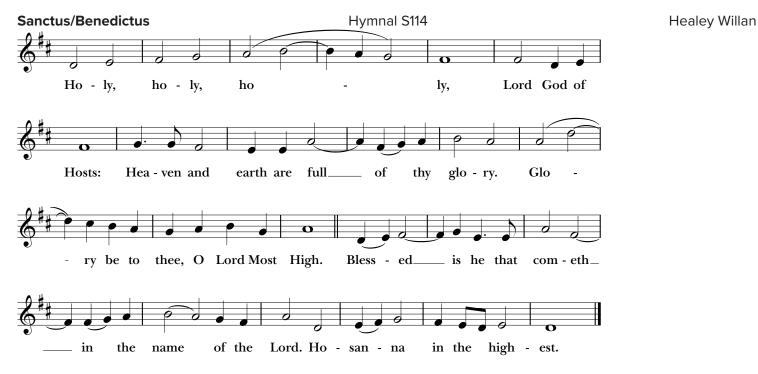
The people stand for the opening of the Eucharistic Prayer, which begins as follows.



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, but chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,



The people are encouraged to remain standing for the remainder of the eucharistic prayer in recognition of the festive nature of the first Eucharist of Easter.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

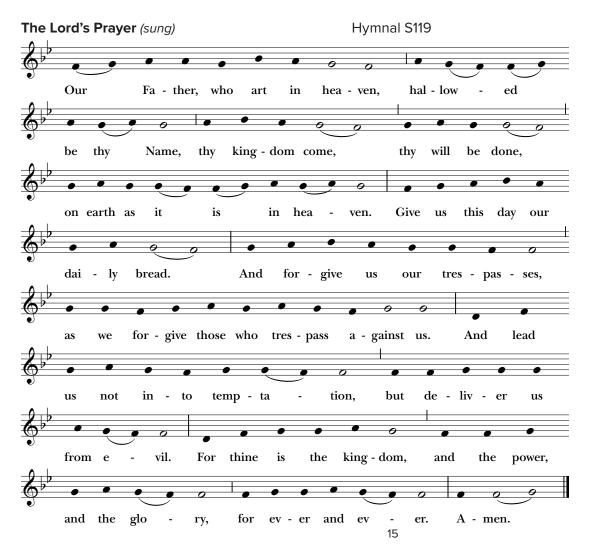
And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled $\underline{\Psi}$ with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

As the prayer is concluding, the Celebrant chants the following, and the people respond with the Great Amen.

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.

Plainsong

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



The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept before the following is sung



Invitation to Communion

Facing the people and elevating the Blessed Sacrament, the Celebrant chants the following as an invitation to receive the First Eucharist of Easter.

After the Blessed Sacrament has been distributed to the altar party and the choir, all are welcome to come forward to the altar rail at the direction of the ushers. 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 one of the ushers so that Holy Communion can be administered at your pew.

Communion Hymn, No. 413

New songs of celebration render

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Postcommunion Prayer

Upon the invitation to prayer, please stand and remain standing through the Dismissal.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy All 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.

The Easter Blessing

Celebrant May Almighty God, who hast redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. Amen.

> May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. Amen.

> May God, who hast brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. Amen.

> And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, $\mathbf{\Phi}$ the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

Retiring Processional Hymn No. 174	At the Lamb's high feast we sing	SALZBURG
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Dismissal

Minister Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Voluntary

Prelude on Salzburg: At the Lamb's high feast

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Please join us as we continue to celebrate the Good News of this festive night with a reception in the Parish Hall immediately following the service! And may you then go forth marked by the truth, beauty, and hope of the Resurrection!

The Easter lilies are given as indicated on the following page.

SAINT ANDREW'S EASTER DAY SCHEDULE

Sunday of the Resurrection, Easter Sunday, March 31

8:30 AM, Low Mass with Hymns

10:00 AM, Flowering of the Cross and Digging Up the Alleluias (Please bring cut flowers from your home to decorate the cross that will be on the lawn in front of the church)

10:30 AM, Solemn High Mass

The Easter Lilies are given to the Glory of God by:

- Mancy Barutio, in thanksgiving for family and friends; and in memory of Bill Barutio;
- Kate Townsend and Brian Connaughton, in honor of Linda & Mike Riley; and in memory of James & Katherine Connaughton;
- Anne & Andrew Culbreath, in memory of their grandparents; and in honor of Emily and Grace Culbreath;
- Deborah Dunlap, in honor of Emily and Lauren Dunlap; and in memory of Barbara & John Wright, and Claire & David Wilkinson;
- ✤ Kacey & Gary Eichelberger, in honor of their parents, Bruce & Deirdre Young, and John & Kathryn Eichelberger, and in thanksgiving for the people and staff of Saint Andrew's parish,
- Annette Geraghty, in memory of Tom Kent;
- ✤ Lee Gray, in honor of Carl Headley, Debra, Brooks, and Rosemary; and in memory of Jim & Mary Lou Gray;
- Mikki Hargrave and Jeff Renk, in honor of Susanna, Preston, and Grayson;
- Anne & Mark Kaiser, in memory of Connie & Julius Hydrick;
- ✤ Tony & Jean Knox, in memory of Tony's big brother Jack;
- ✤ Tim Lewis, in memory of his parents;
- Robert MacElhiney, in honor of my personal Savior, Jesus Christ; and in memory of Richard J. West, Lee McElhiney, Joanne Carr, Helen McElhiney, George McElhiney, Anna Perkins;
- William G. McCoy, in memory of William & Mary McCoy, and Mary Elaine McCoy Hopkins;
- James & Leona Muhleman, in honor of our Lord Jesus Christ; and in memory of their parents;
- Riley Owens, in honor of W. Donald Owens;
- ✤ Lucy Quinn, in memory of Curtis Quinn Casteel;
- The Rhodes family, in memory of Dan L. Rhodes, Sr., and Nola Gail Rhodes;
- Mary Stahl, in memory of Karl N. and David Stahl;
- Inge & Dick Stanley, in memory of Walter & Marianne Herbst, and Bob & Carl Denise Stanley;
- ✤ David & Lee Ann Tolzmann, in memory of Gregory Tolzmann.

Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church

Called to Worship. Sent to Witness. Led to Welcome.

A Christ-centered community where all are invited to encounter God, know love, and find friendship.

Called to Worship.

We gather in worship that is **abundant**, **embodied**, and **traditional** so that we might encounter an abundant, embodied God who has been faithfully and consistently revealed through the traditions that we uphold.

- ABUNDANT: We worship a God of abundance, and so our worship is accordingly lavish and awe-inspiring. Likewise, as we come together to celebrate mass each week expecting to encounter God in that abundance, we seek to model God's generosity in our offering of ourselves and our gifts in service to God, to his church, and to one another through our common worship.
- ✤ EMBODIED: We worship a God who sanctified the human body through the incarnation of Jesus Christ and so our worship fully engages the human body all of the bodily senses touch, sight, hearing, smell, and taste. We sit, we stand, we kneel. We see the beauty of God's creation reflected in each other and all that surrounds us in worship. We sing, we say, we experience silence. We smell the fragrant offering of incense. We taste the Body and Blood of Christ.
- ▼ TRADITIONAL: We recognize that there are many ways to worship God faithfully. At the same time, we also recognize that our particular calling is to offer our prayers and praise to God in the distinctive splendor of the Anglo-Catholic tradition, through which we exalt and elevate the rich, ancient liturgies and practices that have sustained our Christian brothers and sisters throughout the centuries.

Sent to Witness.

We witness to the life changing implications of Jesus Christ's reconciling love through our faithful **service** to the "least of these" in our midst, our commitment to practices of lifelong **discipleship**, and our ongoing **care** for one another as we face the challenges of life together.

- SERVICE: Through our ongoing commitment to a variety of ministries at Saint Andrew's, we seek to help feed, clothe, and house our neighbors in need. We do this in recognition that, as a parish in the Anglo-Catholic tradition, our commitment to social justice should be as central to our identity as our commitment to ancient practices of worship.
- ✤ DISCIPLESHIP: Just as the first Christian disciples "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers," (Acts 2:42) we are committed to the ongoing work of formation through the practices of study, fellowship, worship and prayer, such that we can continue to grow, as individuals and as a community, in the knowledge and love of God.
- CARE: In the midst of the Last Supper, Jesus gave his disciples a "new commandment" that they were to love one another for "by this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:34-35). And so we are committed to loving one another through concrete acts of care, and we promise that, if you spend any time in our midst, you will know that love.

Led to Welcome.

We welcome unreservedly all God's children into Christ's Body, the Church – as we strive for a **diversity** that reflects the unfolding reality of God's kingdom, display the blessings of being an **affirming** parish, and continue to seek ways to broaden that welcome in our particular **community**, through our support of local manifestations of art, music, and culture.

- DIVERSITY: Through our belief in the extraordinary and unfolding reality of the communion of the saints in God's kingdom, we see holiness being revealed through the rich diversity of faithful lives of holy women and men throughout the history of the church people of all races, colors, nationalities, genders, ages, and sexual orientation. Though we recognize that we are not there yet, we strive to have our parish embody that diversity.
- ▲ AFFIRMING: Being an affirming church is not new to us. In fact, over the past three decades at Saint Andrew's, we have offered a bountiful witness to the ways in which Christ's love is revealed through a variety of faithful, committed relationships, including same-sex relationships. We welcome you to come and see the vibrant life of a faithful community in which those blessings have been made known and join us as we continue to offer our lives and our love as a witness to the wider world.
- ✤ COMMUNITY: Beyond worship, we experience the incarnate beauty of God's creation and God's creative spirit through our participation in and support of local expressions of art, music, and culture, as we continuously seek new ways to broaden our celebration of God's truth and love.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

* Announcements with an asterisk indicate online registration available at www.standrewsgreenville.org/sign-up

Guest Organist at our 8:30 AM Mass Today | In celebration of Easter Sunday, we welcome Saint Andrew's parishioner, Lee Gray, as our guest organist for the 8:30 AM service. We are grateful for Lee's offering of his gifts in service to our worship as we celebrate mass this day.

Saint Andrew's Book Club | Sunday, April 7 | 12:45 PM At the Home of Kay Friddle | We will be discussing *The Gilded Age* by Samuel Clemens. Please RSVP to kayvinsonsc@gmail.com.

Children's Formation | Catechesis of the Good Shepherd | Starting on the Second Sunday of Easter, April 7 | 9:30 AM | For the Easter Season, we will offer Catechesis to children ages 3 to 9, with Fr. Gary as the lead catechist (teacher). See insert for more information.

*Bible Study in Easter Season (and beyond) | Mark's Gospel | Starting on Tuesday, April 9 | 4 PM | We will be embarking on a study of Mark's Gospel, which is our primary source for our Gospel readings during this lectionary year (Year B).

*Easter Season Wednesday Night Supper Class | God's Saving Deeds: Learning Our Faith Through the Liturgy | Starting on Wednesday, April 17, 6:30 PM This class will focus on how liturgy, in particular the liturgy of the Easter Vigil, provides us with an outline for understanding and living out our faith. This class will be open to all—and will also provide formation necessary for those seeking to be confirmed or received at our next Bishop's visitation on Sunday, August 11.

Bishop's Visit | Opportunity for Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation | Sunday, August 11, 10:30 AM | Our next regular visit from The Rt. Rev. Daniel Richards will provide an opportunity for individuals seeking confirmation, reception, or reaffirmation. We have planned our Easter Season Wednesday Night Supper Class (described above) to be an opportunity for those seeking to prepare for confirmation or reception. Fr. Gary encourages any active parishioners (currently in high school or older) who are interested in confirmation or reception to plan to take those classes.

Next Second Sunday Harvest | Sunday, April 14 | For April's Second Sunday Harvest, we will be collecting canned pasta for United Ministries. Our goal is 50 cans.



*GOAL Justice Nehemiah Action | Monday, April 15 6:30 PM | Bethlehem Baptist Church | The Nehemiah Action is GOAL's most important annual gathering. At the Nehemiah Action, all of the congregations come together, with public officials in attendance, to ask for clear, concrete commitments to specific solutions to community problems. Sign up online.

*Volunteers needed for Hands on Greenville Day Saturday, April 20 | 8 AM - 11 AM | Sterling School (99 John McCarroll Way) | <u>Deadline to sign up is April 4</u> Saint Andrew's is sponsoring a team of 15 to participate in United Way's HOG Day. We will meet at the school and spread mulch and pick up debris. There is an afterparty at Fluor Field 11 AM - 2 PM. We have available slots for adults or youth aged 10 & above accompanied by an adult. For more info, contact Jenny Peer, jpeer060606@ gmail.com. Sign up in Parish Hall or online.

*Marian Tea | Saturday, May 4 | 2:00 PM | All are welcome to join us for this special event *The May Magnificat: Mary's Song of Spring* with guest speaker Rev. Mtr. Kellan Day. Sponsored by Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church Women (ECW). Donations received at this event will benefit the Frazee Center. Sign up online.

*Newcomer's Gathering at the Rector's House Sunday, May 5 | 5 to 7 PM | All newcomers, both recent visitors and new members, are invited to a casual get together with the vestry, Father Gary, and leaders of various church ministries, on the evening of Sunday, May 5, at the Eichelbergers' house. RSVP to office@ standrewsgreenville.org or online.

Weekly Schedule

Sundays

8:30 AM Low Mass, Rite II 10:30 AM Sung High Mass, Rite I (also via livestream)

Tuesdays 8:30 AM Morning Prayer, Rite I 4:00 PM Clergy Led Bible Study *(not on 4/2)*

> Wednesdays 5:30 PM Healing Mass, Rite II

Thursdays 8:30 AM Morning Prayer, Rite I

Every Third Wednesday of the Month 5:00 PM Rosary in Church

Every Fourth Wednesday of the Month Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament follows Healing Mass