

SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE HOLY TRIDUUM
THE GREAT VIGIL
WITH THE FIRST EUCHARIST OF EASTER
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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*.

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*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 Celebrant leads the procession into the darkened church, pausing three times and singing responsively



The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

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 The Lord be with you. *People* And with thy spi - rit.

Cantor Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

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 Grant who knows no setting, find it ever burning—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 chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, 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."

Canticle 8, The Song of Moses *(sung by the choir)*

Tone I.2

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.

Salvation Offered Freely to All

Isaiah 55:1-11

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Canticle 9, *The First Song of Isaiah* (sung by the choir)

Tone III.5

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

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

O God, who didst create all things by the power of thy Word, and didst renew the earth by thy Spirit: Give now the water of life to those who thirst for thee, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in thy glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The people sit.

The Valley of the Dry Bones

Ezekiel 37:1-14

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, "Prophecy 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, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, 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 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 prophecy, 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

- 1 Lord, hear my prayer, and in your faithfulness heed my 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 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.
- 7 O Lord, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me; *
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.
- 9 Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord, *
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's 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.

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

Ezekiel 36:24-28

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)*

Tone VIII.1

- 1 As the deer longs for the water-brooks, *
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.

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.**

Holy Baptism

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

After the Homily, the Celebrant invites the sponsors and immediate family members to stand and bring forward the candidate. As they are coming forward to the altar rail, the ushers will assist in re-lighting the congregation's candles. Once everyone is in place, the Presentation and Examination of the Candidate proceeds as follows

Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors I present Grant Ford Gremi to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Sponsors I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Sponsors I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Sponsors I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Sponsors I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Sponsors I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Sponsors I do.

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Sponsors I do.

Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Sponsors I do.

After the candidate has been presented, the Celebrant will invite the congregation to stand and will address the congregation as follows

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this child in his life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Dearly beloved, let us join with those who are committing this child to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

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 α 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.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People **I 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 your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

The Prayers for the Candidate & Procession to the Font

Celebrant On this most Holy Night, let us now pray for this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth, saying responsively "Lord, hear our prayer."

As the Celebrant and the altar party process to the Font with the baptismal candidate, his family, and sponsors, the Intercessor leads the people in the following litany.

Intercessor Deliver him, O Lord from the way of sin and death.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Open his heart to thy grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Fill him with thy holy and lifegiving spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Keep him in the faith and communion of thy holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Send him into the world in witness to thy love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bring him to the fullness of thy peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ thy Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who liveth and reigneth now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People **It 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.

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.**

After the water has been blessed, the font is censed by the Celebrant.

Baptism, Chrismation, & Presentation of the Baptismal Candle

The candidate is then presented to the Celebrant, who continues with the following, and the people respond as indicated

Grant, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Grant, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Receive the light of Christ that Grant may be a light to the world. **Amen.**

After the Baptismal Candle has been presented, the procession back to the chancel takes place as the Celebrant asperges the people using the blessed water from the baptismal font. The Asperges is sung during the procession with the Cantor singing the first line then all singing the rest.

The Asperges

Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, O Lord, and I shall be cleansed;
Have mercy upon me, O God,
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, O Lord, and I shall be cleansed;

Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
according to thy great mercy.
[As it was in the beginning, is now,] world with-out end. A - men.
ever shall be, shall be whiter than snow.
Thou shalt wash me, and I

Prayer over the Newly Baptized

Celebrant Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank thee that by water and the Holy Spirit thou hast bestowed upon this thy servant the forgiveness of sin, and hast raised him unto the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in thy Holy Spirit. Give unto him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love thee, and the gift of joy and wonder in all thy works. **Amen.**

Welcoming the Newly Baptized

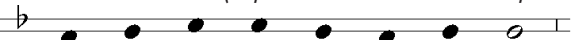
Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

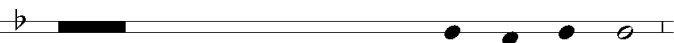
All **We receive you into the household of God: Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

After the newly baptized has been welcomed, the baptismal candidate, his family, and sponsors return to the congregation as the candles on the Altar are lighted in preparation for the First Eucharist of Easter. The people remain standing.

The First Eucharist of Easter

The Proclamation of Easter *(repeated three times responsively)*

Celebrant 
Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

People 
The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

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.

Gloria in excelsis *(with bells ringing)*

Hymnal S202

Healey Willan

Celebrant  *All* 

1. Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,

good will towards men. 2. We praise thee, we bless thee,

we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give

thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly

King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty - y.

4. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ;

5. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that

ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -

on us. 6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the

world, re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the

right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mer-cy up-on us.

8. For thou on-ly art ho-ly; thou on-ly art the Lord; 9. thou on-ly, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost, art most high in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

The Collect

Celebrant *People* *Celebrant*

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit. Let us pray.

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.

All

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

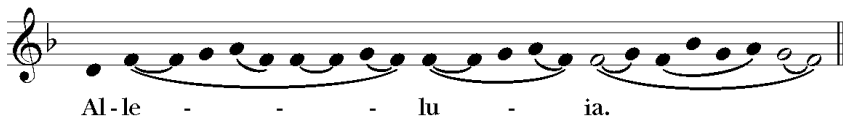
Sequence Hymn No. 180

He is risen, he is risen!

UNSER HERRSCHER

The Great Alleluias

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



The Gospel

Luke 24:1-12

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

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

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise 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.

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

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

People **It was embittered.**

Celebrant when it met you below.

Hell was embittered

People **It was embittered.**

Celebrant for it was abolished!

Hell was embittered
People **It was embittered.**
Celebrant for it was mocked!

Hell was embittered
People **It was embittered.**
Celebrant for it was destroyed!

Hell was embittered
People **It was embittered.**
Celebrant for it was stripped of its power!

Hell was embittered
People **It was embittered.**
Celebrant 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?

Christ is risen,
People **Truly, he is risen.**
Celebrant and you are overthrown!

Christ is risen,
People **Truly, he is risen.**
Celebrant and the demons are fallen!

Christ is risen,
People **Truly, he is risen.**
Celebrant and the angels rejoice!

Christ is risen,
People **Truly, he is risen.**
Celebrant and life has dominion!

Christ is risen,
People **Truly, he is risen.**
Celebrant and not one dead remains in a tomb!

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.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

After the reading of the Paschal Homily, 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 altar. 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 www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving.)

Offertory Anthem

Christ the Lord is risen again
(Christus ist erstanden)

arr. Carl Schalk
(1929-2021)

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n again; Christ has broken death's strong chain.
Hark, the angels shout for joy, Singing evermore on high: Alleluia!
2. He whose path no records tell hath descended into hell;
He the strong man armed hath bound and in highest heav'n is crowned. Alleluia!
3. He who gave for us His life, Who for us endured the strife, is our Paschal Lamb today.
We, too, sing for joy and say: Alleluia!
4. Thou our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ today Thy people feed;
Take our sins and guilt away that we all may sing for aye: Alleluia!

– Michael Weisse, 1531; Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863

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 remain standing for the Eucharistic Prayer, which begins as follows.

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And with thy spi - rit. *Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up un - to the Lord. *Celebrant* Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

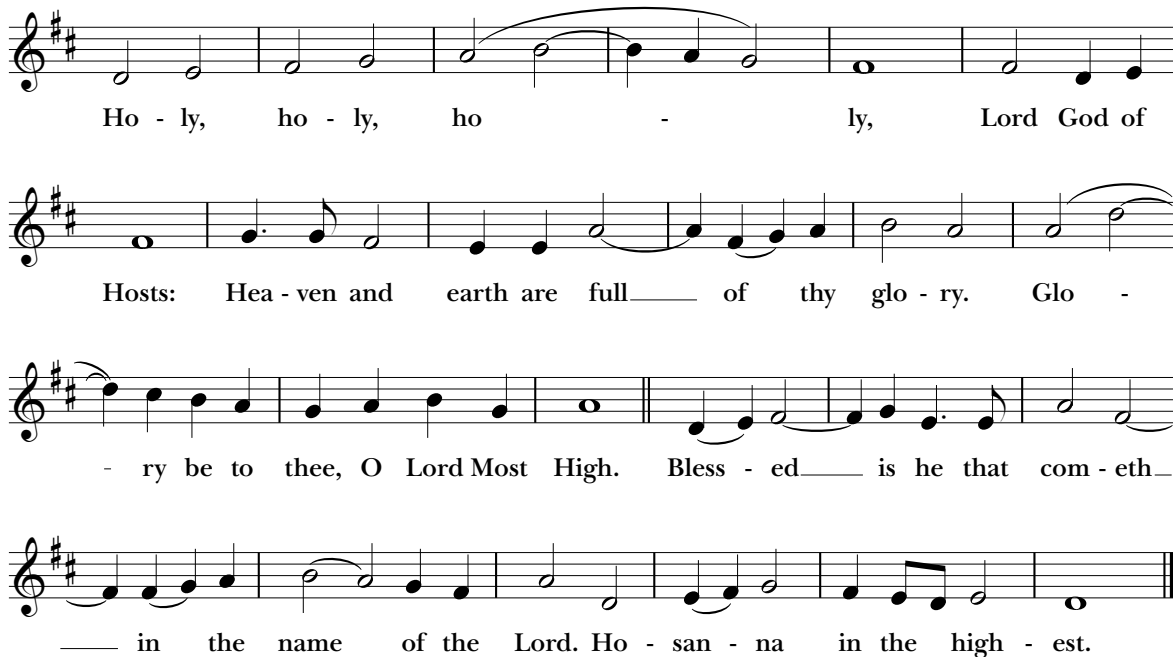
People It is meet and right so to do.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant chants the Preface and Proper Preface followed by

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

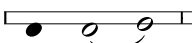
Healey Willan



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people are encouraged to remain standing for the remainder of the eucharistic prayer (full text found on page 340 of the prayer book) in recognition of the festive nature of the first Eucharist of Easter. As the prayer is concluding, the Celebrant chants 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.

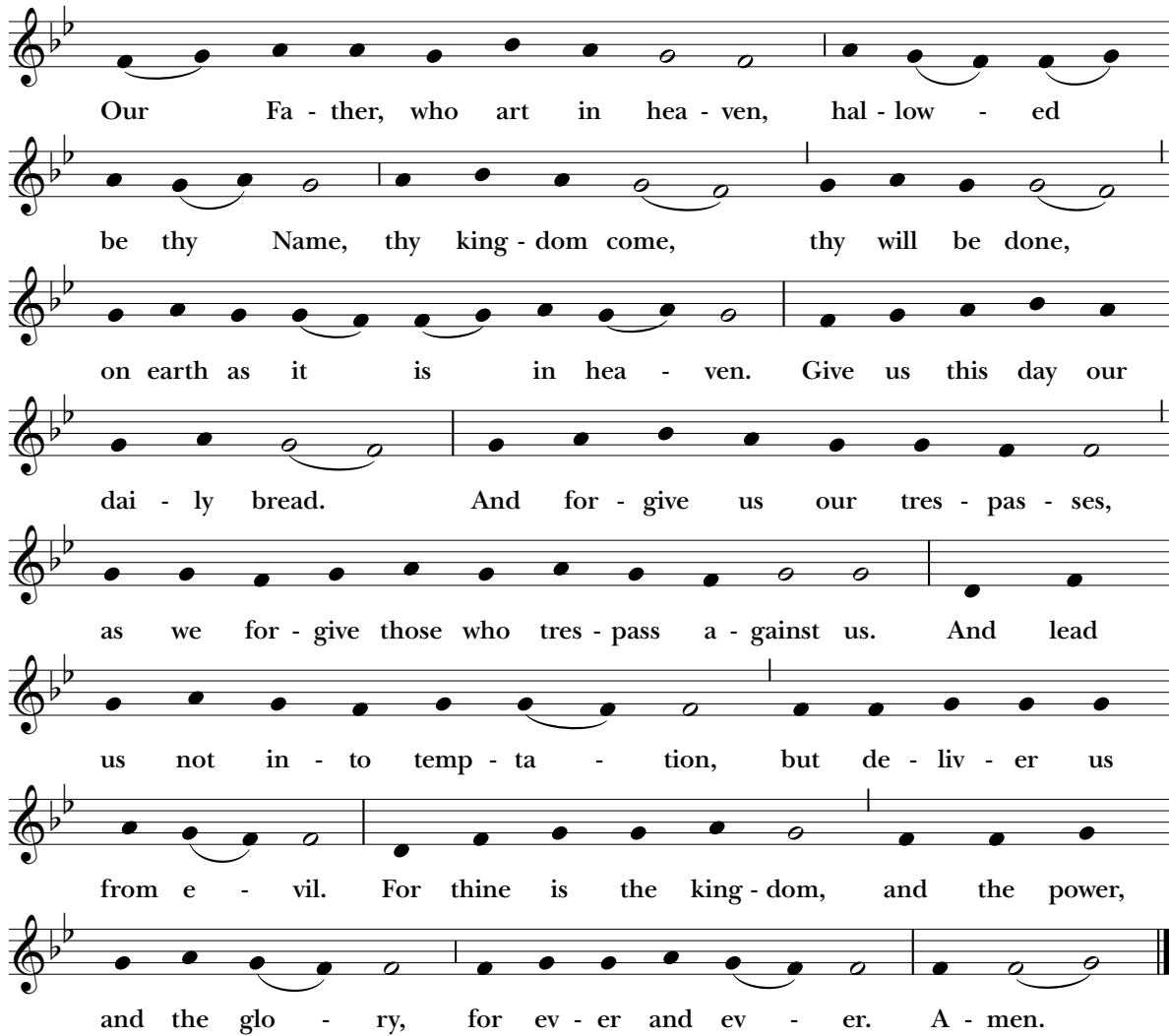
All 
A - men.

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

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Hymnal S119

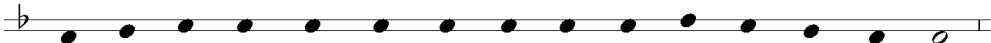
Plainsong




Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Celebrant 
Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People 
There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

Agnus Dei

Healey Willan

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.

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.

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

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

RENDEZ À DIEU

Postcommunion Prayer

Please stand and remain standing through the Dismissal.

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.**

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, ✠ 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

Dismissal

Priest 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 next page.

The presence candle is given by Jenny and Jeff Peer to the glory of God
and in memory of Robin Lott Reese.

SAINT ANDREW'S EASTER DAY SCHEDULE

Sunday of the Resurrection, Easter Sunday, April 17

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:

- ✘ Erin Culbertson, JJ Andrighetti, & Ethan Andrighetti, for the Ukranian refugees and all those affected by war,
- ✘ Douglas Barrett, for the Eichelberger family,
- ✘ Scott Chastain, in memory of Bernice Smith, Lois Davis, Houston and Alma Stancil, and William Garrison,
- ✘ Anne Culbreath, for Andrew, Emily, and Grace,
- ✘ Anne Marie Currier, in thanksgiving for family, friends, and good health,
- ✘ 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,
- ✘ Chuck Evans, for our entire parish family, and for Fr. Gary and all who contribute their time and talent to make our masses so beautiful and meaningful,
- ✘ Duane and Joyce Ford, in memory of their parents,
- ✘ Allison Giambrone-Wilson, for Christy Morton Henson,
- ✘ Lee Gray, in honor of Debra, Brooks, and Rosemary; in honor of Carl Headley; in memory of Jim and Mary Lou Gray, Sam and Frances Gray, and Gordon and Vera Bellamy,
- ✘ Mikki Hargrave, for Lester Hargrave, Sandy Patterson, and Beverly Fillio,
- ✘ Terry and Donna King, for our church family and God's never-ending love,
- ✘ Jean and Tony Knox, in thanksgiving for each other and our family,
- ✘ Bambi and Jack Martin, for Saint Andrew's, family, and friends,
- ✘ Barbara P. McMullan, for Lisa and Brian Brandon,
- ✘ Susan and Kevin Moore, in memory of Van Moore and Patt Moore, Lauri Ann Moore, and Bill Jamison,
- ✘ James and Leona Muhleman, for their families,
- ✘ Riley Owens, in loving memory of Stella Guest Owens,
- ✘ Jeff and Jenny Peer, in memory of Barbara and Walter Peer, Charlotte and James Zack,
- ✘ The Rhodes family, for Ellen Cash and Nola Rhodes,
- ✘ Dave and Jackie Roeske, for all their blessings,
- ✘ Charles, Emily, Charlie and Hampton Shields, for Linda Patterson (Mimi),
- ✘ Mary E. Stahl, for Karl N. Stahl and David W. Stahl,
- ✘ Jeff and Marla Thornburn, for Dean Thornburn, Georgena Huhman, Geralyn Bizjak,
- ✘ The Wrigley family, for the people of Ukraine.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

NEW OFFERING ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN EASTER SEASON: Washed & Fed with Love: How Baptism & Eucharist Teach Us Who We Are & What We Are Called to Be | Wednesdays at 6:30 PM starting April 20 (Healing Mass will move to 5:30 PM)

As we seek to return to a fuller experience of our life in Christ together, we will return to the example of the early church – devoting ourselves to “the apostles’ teaching and fellowship” (Acts 2:42) – through this opportunity to deepen our understanding of the “two great sacraments given by Christ to his Church” (Catechism, BCP 858). Thus, on Wednesday nights in Easter season, the Healing Mass will shift to 5:30 PM so that, following the Mass, we can gather in the Parish Hall for an hour of fellowship and learning (with light supper provided) starting at 6:30 PM. (Choir practice will follow at 7:30 PM.) Please join us – sign up at www.standrewsgreenville.org/signup if you plan to attend so we can get a head count for food purposes.

ECW (Episcopal Church Women) Meeting | Tuesday, April 19 | 6:30 PM | Parish Hall All women of the parish are invited to attend! (Note: Due to Holy Week, this meeting has been moved to one week later than usual.) Our guest speaker will be Adelaide Gantt: “Biblical Herbs and their Significance.” We will tour the garden in the columbarium and you may take home an herb for your garden or kitchen window! Dinner will be herbed frittata on greens, fruit, and rosemary cookies with ice cream. Please RSVP to Patty Slay or office@standrewsgreenville.org.

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

Youth Group | Sunday, April 24 | 5-7 PM | Saint Andrew’s youth and their friends in elementary through high school will have the opportunity to gather for a time of fun and fellowship. This month, the Shields will lead the gathering. Please RSVP to formation@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 www.standrewsgreenville.org/signup

Newcomer’s Gathering at the Rector’s House Sunday, May 1 | 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 1, at the Eichelbergers’ house. If you are a newcomer, please make sure that you take a printed invitation with you today.

Art in the Churchyard | Saturday | May 7 | 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM | Saint Andrew’s will be sponsoring “Art in the Churchyard,” featuring the artwork of Saint Andrew’s artists and as well of local artists of all types of medium. This event coincides with Artisphere Weekend, which will take place on South Main Street ending in front of the church at Markley Street. Contact Riley Owens at wileyowens@gmail.com for more information, or call the office at 864-235-5884.

Volunteers Needed | Feed Thy Neighbor Resumes Serving Indoors | Founded in 2010, Feed Thy Neighbor is 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. At the onset of the pandemic, Feed Thy Neighbor suspended indoor seating and distributed brown bag meals, but, as of this weekend, they have resumed indoor gathering. As a result, we are seeking more volunteers to help serve and clean up. Please contact the office if you would like to volunteer.

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

Weekly Schedule

Sundays

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

Wednesdays in Easter Season

5:30 PM, Healing Mass, Rite II
(*new time for Easter Season*)

Every Third Wednesday of the Month

5:00 PM Rosary in Church
(*in Easter Season*)

Every Fourth Wednesday of the Month

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
follows Healing Mass



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