

SAINT ANDREW'S Episcopal Church

April 28, 2024 · 8:30 AM The Fifth Sunday of Easter Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Alleluia! He is Risen!

A special welcome to all visitors. We are delighted you have joined us for worship!



Saint Andrew's is a parish of the **Episcopal Church within the Diocese of Upper South Carolina.** Over time, our identity as a parish has come to be defined by our commitment to **worship** in the distinctive splendor of Anglo-Catholic tradition, to **witness** through word and deed to the life changing implications of Jesus Christ's reconciling love, and to **welcome** unreservedly all God's children into Christ's Body, the Church. +

If you are not familiar with Episcopal Church worship, we have tried to make our worship bulletin easy to follow. All of the prayers and responses for the congregation are printed in the bulletin. Page numbers that are prefaced by **"BCP"** reference pages in the **red Book of Common Prayer** found in the rack on the back of the pew in front of you. Hymns are referenced by hymn number and can be found in the **blue Hymnal** also in the pew rack.



As you depart worship, we hope you will enter your name and contact information in our **visitor's book** located on a stand in the narthex (the little room that you pass through on your way in and out of the main doors of the church). We would also love to have you join us for **coffee hour** in the Parish Hall immediately after the 10:30 AM mass. Thank you for blessing us with your presence!

Restrooms

are located on the first floor of the Parish House. Use the door to the left of the church, closest to the parking lot.

Nursery

is available during the 10:30 AM Mass on the second floor of the Parish House.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (ages 3-9) is upstairs in the Parish Hall at 9:30 AM

Link for Livestream: www.standrewsgreenville.org/video

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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Collect for Purity

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

Gloria in excelsis

Celebrant Glory to God in the highest,

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All	and peace to his people on earth.
	Lord God, heavenly King,
	almighty God and Father,
	we worship you, we give you thanks,
	we praise you for your glory.
	Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
	Lord God, Lamb of God,
	you take away the sin of the world:
	have mercy on us;
	you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
	receive our prayer.
	For you alone are the Holy One,
	you alone are the Lord,
	you alone are the Most High,
	Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
	in the glory ${f \Phi}$ of God the Father. Amen
The Collect of the Day	

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

After the Collect, the people sit.

First Lesson

Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip

baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

LectorThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Psalm 22:24-30 (read responsively by whole verse)

- ²⁴ My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
 I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- ²⁵ The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: * "May your heart live for ever!"
- ²⁶ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, * and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- ²⁷ For kingship belongs to the Lord; * he rules over the nations.

- ²⁸ To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; * all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- ²⁹ My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; * they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
- ³⁰ They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
 - the saving deeds that he has done.

Second Lesson

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

LectorThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

The people stand for the proclamation of the Gospel.

The Gospel

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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

The Sermon

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

The Nicene Creed

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

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

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life Φ of the world to come. Amen.

After the Nicene Creed, the Assisting Minister introduces the prayers as follows.

Prayers of the People, Form VI

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

The people kneel.

Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Intercessor For all people in their daily life and work;

People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Intercessor For this community, the nation, and the world;

People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Intercessor For the just and proper use of your creation;

People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Intercessor For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Intercessor For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Intercessor For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop; Gary and Tyler, our priests; Tommy, John, and Andrew, our parishioners in the ordination process; and for all bishops and other ministers;

People For all who serve God in his Church.

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially we pray for Audrey, Beth, Bob, Carlos, Charlie, Chuck, Denise, Dick, Duane, Emily, Frances, Jamie, Jane, Jerry, Jim, Jodi, Joyce, Lauren, Leigh Ann, Linda, Lucy, Luke, Margaret Lee, Marvin, Mary, Mary Beth, Millie, Nancy, Patt, Sandy, Shawn, Sommer, Stacey, Stephanie, Sylvia, Theresa, Wade, and Weesie, as well as those whom you are invited to name now, either silently or aloud [pause for people to add names].

Additional prayers of intercession on behalf of the worldwide and local church are offered.

Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Additional prayers of thanksgiving are offered.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Intercessor We pray for all who have died 4, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The people may add their own petitions on behalf of those who have died.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People Who put their trust in you.

The Assisting Minister then introduces the Confession.

Confession and Absolution

Minister We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

A period of silence is observed.

- Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- *Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you № all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Following the Absolution, the people stand for the Peace.

The Peace

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

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Then the ministers and people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

After the Announcements, the Celebrant invites those celebrating their birthdays or anniversaries to come forward. If anyone comes forward, the Celebrant invites the people to join in the following prayer

All Almighty and gracious God, we give you thanks for each of these your servants as they celebrate their special day. Watch over them as they begin another year, and give them grace to keep the vows and promises they have made. Bless and guide them wherever they may be; strengthen them when they stand; raise them up if they fall; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; and may your peace which passes all understanding abide in their hearts all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy Communion

The Offertory

After the opportunity for Birthday and Anniversary Blessings, the Celebrant says an Offertory Sentence and returns to the sanctuary. Then, after the people's offering of bread and wine are brought forward, the people sit as the altar is set and other offerings are collected from the people. (An offering can also be made by placing it in the offering plate located on the table in the aisle by the font or online at <u>www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving</u>.) After the altar is set, the people stand again as the other offerings are brought forward and remain standing for the eucharistic prayer.

The Great Thanksgiving Rite II, Prayer D

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.PeopleWe lift them to the Lord.CelebrantLet us give thanks to the Lord our God.PeopleIt is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant says

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say:

Sanctus/Benedictus

All Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he \ who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand, and the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

All We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Celebrant Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend ₱ upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. *(Additional prayers of remembrance may be offered.)* And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Blessed Andrew, our patron, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

All **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept before the following is said. Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Invitation to Communion

The Celebrant then faces the people and says the following Invitation Celebrant The Gifts of God \mathfrak{A} for the People of God.

After the altar party has received, all are welcome to come forward to the altar rail. At the altar rail, all baptized Christians are invited to receive the Blessed Sacrament, and those who are not yet baptized are invited to indicate a desire to receive a blessing by crossing their arms upon arrival at the altar rail. (Our rector is always eager to speak with anyone who is not yet baptized about preparing for and receiving the sacrament of Baptism.)

For those receiving the Blessed Sacrament, a wafer will be placed in the palm of your hand or upon your tongue after which the chalice is offered. If you need a gluten-free wafer, you may request one from the priest at the altar rail. Should you wish to receive wine by intinction (dipping), allow the chalice bearer to take the wafer from your open palm and intinct for you. Should you be unable to manage the steps, please notify the usher so that Holy Communion can be administered at your pew.

Postcommunion Prayer

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Easter Blessing

Celebrant The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father على the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. You are invited to either take your bulletin home or to place it in the recycle bin in the narthex.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

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

Guest Preacher Today | Today we welcome the Rev. Canon Lee Ann Tolzmann as our preacher. Mtr. Lee Ann was ordained in the Diocese of Maryland in 2001 and served as a priest there until she was called to a parish in the Diocese of Connecticut in 2008. In the years immediately prior to her retirement in 2021, she served on the diocesan staff as the Canon for Mission Leadership. Upon her retirement, Mtr. Lee Ann and her husband, David, moved to Greenville—just down the street from Saint Andrew's. She has been attending Saint Andrew's regularly since the Fall of 2022. We are grateful for her participation and leadership in our worship today!

April Youth Group | Hike at Conestee Nature Preserve (840 Mauldin Road, Greenville SC) | Today | 5 to 7 PM |

This month, the Eichelbergers will be leading our youth and their friends on a hike in Conestee Nature Preserve that will include several stops so that we can celebrate the mass over the course of the hike—concluding with a time of food and fellowship. We will meet up at 5 PM at the Pavilion by the Playground at the Main Entrance (at 840 Mauldin Road). If you have not RSVP'd and would like to attend, please speak to Fr. Gary after the mass.

Children's Formation | Catechesis of the Good Shepherd | Sundays | The Atrium (Upstairs in Parish Hall) | 9:30 AM | For Easter Season, we are offering Catechesis to children ages 3 to 9.

*Clergy-Led Bible Study | Mark's Gospel | Tuesdays | 4 PM | We will continue our study of Mark's Gospel, the primary source for Gospel readings in Lectionary Year B.

*Easter Season Wednesday Night Supper Class | God's Saving Deeds: Learning Our Faith Through the Liturgy | Wednesdays | 6:30 PM This class is focusing on how liturgy, in particular the liturgy of the Easter Vigil, provides us with an outline for understanding and living out our faith. It is 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.

*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 Mtr. Kellan Day, who is the new rector at St. James Episcopal Church. Sponsored by Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church Women (ECW). Donations received at this event will benefit the Frazee Center. Sign up online.

Day of Pentecost | **Sunday, May 19** | Opportunity for Baptism, contact Fr. Gary if interested.

*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, at the Eichelbergers' house. RSVP to office@standrewsgreenville.org or online.

Saint Andrew's Book Club | Sunday, May 5 | 12:30 PM At the Home of Anne Kaiser (21 Knoxbury Terrace) We will discuss *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros. Please RSVP to anne@jacresfarm.com.

*Music at Saint Andrew's Concert: "O Love" featuring The Greenville Gay Men's Chorus | Thursday, May 9 | 7:00 PM | Please join us for our next quarterly concert which is dedicated to Hamilton Parks and Kelly Proffitt. They will be moving to Boston in June and they will be very much missed by our church, our choir, as well as the Gay Men's Chorus. A reception will be held in their honor after the concert. Suggested donation for the concert is \$20 and will benefit The Queer Wellness Center. Reserve your seat online.

The Ordination to the Diaconate of Dr. Tommy Watson Saturday, June 1 | 11 AM | Trinity Cathedral, Columbia

Bishop's Visit | Opportunity for Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation | Sunday, August 11, 10:30 AM | The Rt. Rev. Daniel Richards' next visit will provide an opportunity for those seeking confirmation, reception, or reaffirmation. Fr. Gary encourages any active parishioners (currently in high school or older) who are interested in confirmation or reception to take the Easter Season Wednesday Night Supper Classes.

- Weekly Schedule

Sundays

8:30 AM Low Mass, Rite II 9:30 AM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (ages 3-9) 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

> > Wednesdays

5:30 PM Healing Mass, Rite II 6:30 PM Wednesday Night Supper Class

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

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