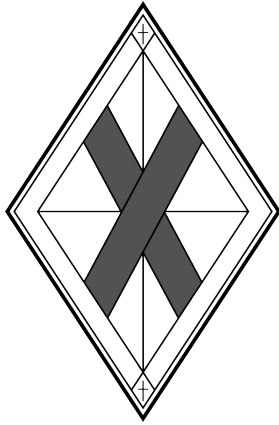


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# SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

June 21, 2020 · 10:30 AM via Livestream  
The Third Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Eucharist, Rite I

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

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



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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 **Book of Common Prayer**, which can also be found online at [bcponline.org](http://bcponline.org).

## Restrooms

are located on the first floor of the Parish House.

Use the door to the left of the church,  
closest to the parking lot.

## Link for Online Donations:

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Your donations can also be mailed to the Parish Office  
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## Members of the Vestry

Riley Owens, Senior Warden (2020); Rusty Infinger,  
Junior Warden (2021); Erin Culbertson, Clerk (2022);  
Joseph Austin and Hamilton Parks (2020);  
Jim Arnau and Helen Farmer (2021);  
Cheryl Banks and Ethan Cashwell (2022)

# Holy Eucharist, Rite I

**Voluntary**

*Suite du Premier Ton (Suite on the First Tone)*  
1. *Grand plein jeu* 2. *Fugue.* 3. *Duo*

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault  
(1676-1749)

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

## Introit (sung by cantor)

The Lord is the strength of his people, and a stronghold of salvation to his Anointed One: O Lord, save thine own people, and give thy blessing unto thine inheritance; O feed them also, and set them up forever. *Ps.* Unto thee will I cry, O Lord; my God, be not silent unto me: lest, if thou make as though thou hearest not, I become like them that go down into the pit. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

## The Word of God

### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

### Collect for Purity

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

### Summary of the Law

*Celebrant* Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

**Gloria** Hymnal S202 Healey Wilan

*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 - might - 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



filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17** (sung)

Robert Knox Kennedy



- 1 Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer me, \*  
for I am poor and in misery.
- 2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; \*  
save your servant who puts his trust in you.
- 3 Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God; \*  
I call upon you all the day long.
- 4 Gladden the soul of your servant, \*  
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
- 5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, \*  
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.
- 6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer, \*  
and attend to the voice of my supplications.

- 7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, \*  
for you will answer me.
- 8 Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord, \*  
nor anything like your works.
- 9 All nations you have made will come and worship you,  
O Lord, \*  
and glorify your Name.
- 10 For you are great; you do wondrous things; \*  
and you alone are God.
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; \*  
give your strength to your servant;  
and save the child of your handmaid.
- 17 Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate  
me may see it and be ashamed; \*  
because you, O Lord,  
have helped me and comforted me.

**Second Lesson**

Romans 6:1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? 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. 675** (organ)

*Take up your cross, the Savior said*

BOURBON

**The Gospel**

Matthew 10:24-39

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

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

Jesus said to the twelve apostles, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will

acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

The Rev'd Melanie Rowell

*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  $\text{✠}$  of the world to come. Amen.

*After the Nicene Creed, the Celebrant introduces the prayers as follows.*

## **Prayers of the People, Form III**

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

*The people kneel.*

*Intercessor* Father, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church;

*People* **That we all may be one.**

*Intercessor* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve thee;

*People* **That thy Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Intercessor* We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andrew, our Bishop; Gary, our Rector; Tommy, our Aspirant; and all other bishops, priests, and deacons;

*People* **That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word and Sacraments.**

*Intercessor* We pray for Donald, our president; Henry, our governor; Knox, our mayor; and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*People* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Intercessor* Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake;

*People* **That our works may find favor in thy sight.**

*Intercessor* Have compassion on Agnes, Barbara, Betty, Bill, Bob, Bobbie, Buddy, Carol-Ann, Chuck, Corinne, David, Dick, Eddie, Edward, Ena, Frank, Ginger, Hamilton, Hannah, Jane, Jodi, John-Frank, Ken, Leigh Ann, Margaret Lee, Mary, Nancy, Nell, Ray, Sandy, Scott, Tracey, Wade, Weesie, and Winnie, as well as those whom you are invited to name now, either silently or aloud [*pause for people to add names*], and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*People* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Intercessor* As we remember all those who have died in thy faith and fear, especially those whom you are invited to name now, either silently or aloud [*pause for people to add names*], give to the departed  $\text{✠}$  eternal rest.

*People* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Intercessor* We praise thee for Blessed Mary, Mother of God; Blessed Joseph, her spouse; Blessed Andrew, our patron; and all thy saints who have entered into joy;

*People* **May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*After any additional prayers of intercession and thanksgiving are offered, the Celebrant says a concluding collect before introducing the Confession.*

### **Confession and Absolution**

*Celebrant* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*A period of silence is observed.*

*All* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

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

*Following the Absolution, the people stand for the Peace.*

### **The Peace**

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

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

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

### **Birthday and Anniversary Blessings**

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

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

## **Holy Communion**

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

### **Offertory**

*Suite du Premier Ton: Basse et Dessus de Trompette* Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

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

*Celebrant* All things come of thee, O Lord.

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






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 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.*

*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

Hymnal S119

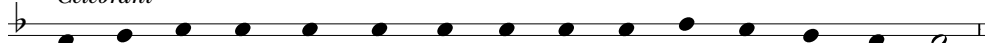
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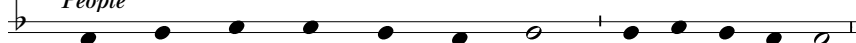


Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to 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.*

*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

Hymnal S158

Healy 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

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

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

*For those who are unable to be present to receive, the following prayer from the Armed Forces Prayer Book (1951) may be said*

### A Prayer of Spiritual Communion

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

**Postcommunion Prayer**

BCP 339

*Upon the Celebrant's invitation to prayer, the people kneel.**Celebrant* Let us pray.

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

**Blessing**

*Celebrant* The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father,  $\text{✠}$  the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Dismissal***Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*People* **Thanks be to God.****Voluntary***Suite du Premier Ton: Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux*

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

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

The presence candle is given by Doug Barrett to the glory of God,  
and in loving memory of his father, Grady E. Barrett.

*No virtual coffee hour this week, we will resume next Sunday, June 28.*

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## Announcements & Upcoming Events

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**Mother Melanie Rowell Presiding at Mass Today**  
Father Gary has been away on vacation with his family this week. Mother Melanie Rowell will preside at today's mass in Father Gary's stead. We are grateful to Mother Melanie for her participation in our worship life. Father Gary will return to the parish office on Tuesday.

**Livestream of Healing Mass | Feast of The Nativity of John the Baptist | Wednesday, June 24 | 6:30 PM**  
Please join us as we livestream our healing mass followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Livestream may be viewed on our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/standrewsgvl](http://www.facebook.com/standrewsgvl)) or website ([www.standrewsgreenville.org/video](http://www.standrewsgreenville.org/video))

**Bishop Waldo Announces Retirement** | Last week, our Diocesan Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Andrew Waldo, sent an email detailing his plans to retire in 2021. Your prayers for our diocese in this time of transition are requested. Bishop Waldo's letter can be found at: [www.edusc.org/bishopsearch](http://www.edusc.org/bishopsearch)

**Altar Flowers and Presence Candle Dedications**  
On Sundays, we have the opportunity to offer a special dedication of the altar flowers or presence candle in honor, memory, or celebration of loved ones. The cost to the church for altar flowers is \$100 per Sunday, so we suggest that donations for dedicating altar flowers be in the range of \$50 to \$100 to help us cover those costs. The suggested donation for a presence candle dedication is \$10. If you would like to sign up for a Sunday, please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin in the Parish Hall or sign up online at [www.standrewsgreenville.org/signup](http://www.standrewsgreenville.org/signup) If paying by check, please note "Altar Flowers" or "Presence Candle" in the memo. **NOTE: During the summer, we will only have Altar Flowers if someone has made a dedication. Thus, the deadline for dedicating flowers is the Tuesday prior to the Sunday for which you want to make a dedication.**

**Parish Hall Accessible Bathroom Under Construction**  
If you visit the parish hall over the next couple of weeks, please advised that a portion of the room is now a construction zone!

**Starting Next Sunday, June 28** - We will move to having two Sunday services as follows:

- **8:30 AM - Morning Prayer (Rite II)** - We are planning for this service to take place outside in the church courtyard and are still working out the details (including what we will do in case of rain). It is our hope that this service will provide a transitional option for folks who are not yet ready to gather inside the church--or may have other concerns about participating in a Sung High Mass at this point.
- **10:30 AM - Sung High Mass (Rite I)** (in the Church) - This service will continue to be very similar to the format that we have been using for the past two months (and will continue to be live-streamed) and will be limited, at least initially, to no more than 10 participants. Later this summer, it is possible that, if the testing trend lines improve, this service could open up to a few more participants -- though probably not more than 20. The exact method for allotting those spaces is still under development.



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# 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.