

# SAINT ANDREW'S

# Episcopal Church

July 23, 2023 · 8:30 AM The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with Baptism

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

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.

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# Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with Baptism

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

#### The Word of God

#### **Opening Acclamation**

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

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People There is one hope in God's call to us;
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

#### The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

After the Collect, the people sit.

First Lesson Genesis 28:10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

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

#### **Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23** (said responsively by whole verse)

- Lord, you have searched me out and known me; \* you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
- You trace my journeys and my resting-places \* and are acquainted with all my ways.
- Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \* but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- You press upon me behind and before \* and lay your hand upon me.
- Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \* it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- Where can I go then from your Spirit? \* where can I flee from your presence?

- If I climb up to heaven, you are there; \* if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning \* and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- <sup>9</sup> Even there your hand will lead me \* and your right hand hold me fast.
- If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, \* and the light around me turn to night,"
- Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; \* darkness and light to you are both alike.
- Search me out, O God, and know my heart; \* try me and know my restless thoughts.
- <sup>23</sup> Look well whether there be any wickedness in me \* and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

Second Lesson Romans 8:12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

The people stand for the proclamation of the Gospel.

**The Gospel** Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

 ${\it Deacon}$  The Holy Gospel  ${\it f B}$  of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Another parable Jesus put before the crowds: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon**The Rev'd Fr Gary Eichelberger

After the Sermon, the congregation remains seated as the candidates for Holy Baptism are presented at the top of the chancel steps.

# **Holy Baptism**

#### **Presentation and Examination of Candidates**

Celebrant The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Each set of sponsors presents their candidate as follows.

*Sponsors* I present *N.*, to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Upon their presentation, the Celebrant asks each candidate the following.

Celebrant Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate I do.

The Celebrant then asks the following questions of the candidates, who then answer accordingly.

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

Candidates I renounce them.

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

Candidates I renounce them.

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

Candidates I renounce them.

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

Candidates I do.

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

Candidates I do.

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

Candidates I do.

After the candidates are presented and examined, the Celebrant invites the people to stand and addresses them as follows

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

#### **The Baptismal Covenant**

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves 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 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.

#### **Prayers for the Candidates**

During the Prayers for the Candidates, the procession to the baptismal font occurs.

Celebrant Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deacon Deliver them, O Lord from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Fill them with your holy and lifegiving spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

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Deacon Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his

resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.

#### Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

#### The Celebrant continues

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who 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 pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

#### Baptism, Chrismation, and Presentation of the Baptismal Candle

Each candidate, in turn, steps forward to the font, and the Celebrant continues with the baptisms as follows. The people respond as indicated.

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

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

N., receive the light of Christ that you may be a light to the world. **Amen.** 

When this has been completed for all of the candidates, the procession back to the chancel takes place as the Celebrant asperges the people using the blessed water from the baptismal font.

#### **Prayer over the Newly Baptized**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your 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.

#### The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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 <a href="https://www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving">www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving</a>.) 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 A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

#### Sanctus/Benedictus

All Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he 4 who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or remain standing, and the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

#### All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us  $\mathfrak{B}$  also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

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#### All AMEN.

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

#### The Lord's Prayer

ΑII

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

#### The Breaking of the Bread

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

#### **Invitation to Communion**

The ministers then face the people as the following Invitation is offered Celebrant The Gifts of God  $\blacksquare$  for the People of God.

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

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

#### **Postcommunion Prayer**

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

ΑII

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.

#### Blessing

After the Blessing, the people stand.

#### **Dismissal**

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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

The altar flowers are given by Michael Comer and Charles Warder, to the glory of God, and in thanksgiving for Fr. Gary, Deacon Tyler, and the people of Saint Andrew's.

The presence candle is given by Jennie and Jerry Batte to the glory of God, and in thanksgiving for the baptisms of their granddaughters, Sophia Marie Sloan and Millie Grace Batte.

#### **Prayer Requests**

The following people have been commended to the prayers of the parish: Bella, Bob, Charlie, Cleve, Dick, Duane, Emily, Gary, Ginger, Jane, Jenny, Jim, Jodi, Kathy, Laura, Leigh Ann, Linda, Lucy, Margaret Lee, Marvin, Mary, Millie, Nancy, Patt, Sam, Sandy, Shawn, Stacy, Steve, Sylvia, Weesie

# **Announcements & Upcoming Events**

Baptisms at the 8:30 AM Mass | At today's 8:30 AM Mass, we are delighted to have the opportunity to baptize, through water and the Holy Spirit, Sophia Sloan-Praytor and Millie Batte, granddaughters of Jerry Batte and Jennie Beam-Batte. We are grateful for this opportunity to welcome Sophia and Millie into Christ's Body the Church!

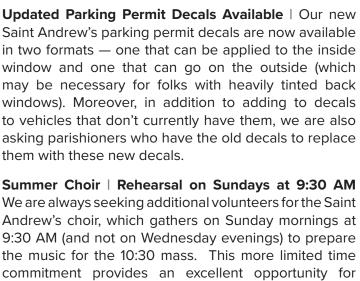
Indoor Potluck Picnic to Celebrate the Anniversary of Saint Andrew's First Worship Service | Today After the 10:30 AM Mass | On the evening of Sunday, July 14, 1900, the newly formed Saint Andrew's Mission held its first worship service in Ferguson Hall above a storefront on Pendleton Street. Then five years later, in July 1905, the first worship service took place in the newly-constructed Saint Andrew's church building. In recognition of those anniversaries (and because we are always looking for a good excuse to eat good food together!), we will have an indoor picnic following the 10:30 AM mass today. Please plan to join us for worship followed by food and fellowship.

**Quarterly Planning Lunch Meeting | Wednesday, July 26 | Noon |** Our next quarterly planning meeting with the leaders of all parish ministries will meet in the parish hall Wednesday, July 26, at noon.

**Blessing of the Backpacks** | Sunday, August 13 | 10:30 Mass | Many of our local schools start back on Tuesday, August 8! Students and teachers are encouraged to bring their backpacks the following Sunday to church so that the students, teachers, and their backpacks can be blessed for the coming year!

Saint Andrew's Book Club Next Meeting | Sunday, September 3 | Following the 10:30 AM Mass | At the home of Anne Marie Currier (22 Arcadia Circle, 29605) Please note we will not be meeting in August. We will be discussing The Secret Place the sequel to Tana French's novel Faithful Place which we reviewed at our July meeting. Text Anne Marie to RSVP: 864-517-2116.

Save the Date | Next Rebuild Workday | Saturday, October 7



"Sterling School Supplies").

9:30 AM (and not on Wednesday evenings) to prepare the music for the 10:30 mass. This more limited time commitment provides an excellent opportunity for prospective new members to "try us out." If you have questions, contact the Parish Office—or just show up on Sunday morning!

Sterling School Supply Drive | Through Sunday,

August 5 | As the children of the Sterling Neighborhood

return to school along with the rest of Greenville County

school kids, we are partnering with Christ Church's

Annual School Supplies drive to send them off ready

to learn! We all remember that First Day of School

feeling, showing up with a new backpack filled with new notebooks and pencils, ready to learn! Help our

neighbors fill new backpacks and return to friends

they have been missing! Our goal is 150 packages of

sharpened Ticonderoga or Dixon #2 pencils. You can

shop and deliver to the Parish House (please mark bags

**Nursery Volunteers Needed** | If you have gifts for working with infants and young children — and have "Safe Church" training (and are fully vaccinated), we could use your help! Please sign up for an upcoming Sunday at www.standrewsgreenville.org/signup

# Weekly Schedule

#### Sundays

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

#### Wednesdays

5:30 PM, Healing Mass, Rite II

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

