

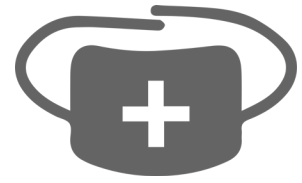


# SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

September 5, 2021 · 8:30 AM  
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

## Everyone is Welcome at Saint Andrew's

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.

Given current public health concerns, especially increased concerns relating to children and youth (most of whom are not yet eligible to be vaccinated), **we are now requiring that everyone, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask while inside church buildings** (though we are allowing individuals to remove their masks if they are engaged in leading singing or speaking). We will continue to evaluate these protocols as public health concerns develop.

### 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:

[www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving](http://www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving)

Your donations can also be mailed to the Parish Office  
at 1002 S. Main St. Greenville, SC 29601

**The Rt. Rev'd Andrew Waldo, Bishop**

**The Rev'd Gary Eichelberger, Rector**  
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### Members of the Vestry

Erin Culbertson, Senior Warden (2022); Scott Chastain,  
Junior Warden (2023); Rusty Infinger, Clerk (2021);  
Jim Arnau and Helen Farmer (2021);  
Cheryl Banks and Ethan Cashwell (2022)  
John Rhodes and Charles Shields (2023)

# Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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

## 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, 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.**

### Kyrie

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy.

*People* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy.

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through 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

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 125 *(said responsively by whole or half verse, as announced)*

<sup>1</sup> Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, \*  
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

<sup>2</sup> The hills stand about Jerusalem; \*  
so does the Lord stand round about his people,  
from this time forth for evermore.

<sup>3</sup> The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, \*  
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

<sup>4</sup> Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good \*  
and to those who are true of heart.

<sup>5</sup> As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,  
the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; \*  
but peace be upon Israel.

**Second Lesson**

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand for the proclamation of the Gospel.*

**The Gospel**

Mark 7:24-37

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

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

The Rev'd Fr. Gary Eichelberger

*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 ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

### 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 your holy Catholic Church;

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

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

*People* **That your 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 Seminarian; and all other bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

*Intercessor* We pray for Joseph, 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 your will in all that we undertake;

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

*Intercessor* Have compassion on Alan, Barbara, Bella, Bill, Brett, Chuck, Corinne, Dan, Danny, Darrell, David, Dick, Ephraim, Ginger, Jane, Jim, Jodi, Judy, Ken, Leigh Ann, Linda, Lori, Margaret Lee, Marvin, Mary, Meredith, Miles, Nancy, Patt, Peter, Ray, Raymond, Sandy, Steve, Theresa, 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 your faith and fear, especially LeAnn Watson, as well as those whom you are invited to name now, either silently or aloud [*pause for people to add names*], give to the departed ☩ eternal rest.

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

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

*People* **May we also come to share in your 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 confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*A period of silence is observed.*

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

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

## 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 altar. Then, after the people's offering of bread and wine are brought forward, the people sit as the altar is set. At this time, we are not collecting the other offerings by passing a plate. Instead, an offering can be placed in the offering plate located on the table in the aisle by the font. (An offering can also be made online at [www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving](http://www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving).) After the altar is set, the people stand as the offerings received in the plate are brought forward.*

### 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 ☩ 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 ✠ 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.

*All*        **AMEN.**

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 ✠ for the People of God.

*After the priest 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.

*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.**

### **Blessing**

*Celebrant* The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

*After the Blessing, the people stand.*

### **Dismissal**

*Celebrant* 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 Jim Muhleman to the glory of God,  
and in honor of Leona and Jim's 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and for the many blessings they have received.*

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## Announcements & Upcoming Events

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**Volunteers Needed for Rebuild Upstate Workday Saturday, September 11, 2021 | 8 AM - 4 PM** | Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church is teaming up with Rebuild Upstate to create healthy, sustainable home environments for disabled, low-income, and elderly people. Any skill level and all ages are welcome. You may work for as long as your schedule permits on the work day. Sign up at [www.standrewsgreenville.org/signup](http://www.standrewsgreenville.org/signup)

**Saint Andrew's Book Club | Today | After 10:30 AM Mass | Parish Hall** | We will discuss *The Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd. Questions? Contact Kay Friddle at 864-505-2339.

**Parish Office Closed for Labor Day** | Please note that our Parish Office will be closed Monday, September 6, in observance of Labor Day.

**West End Association Meeting | Tuesday, September 7 | 6:30 PM | Parish Hall** | Saint Andrew's will host the monthly West End Neighborhood Association meeting. They will discuss numerous topics that relate to the neighborhood, downtown and our surrounding community. All are invited.

**Second Sunday Harvest | Next Sunday, September 12 | At Both Masses** | As is our custom on the Second Sunday of each month, we will be collecting food and personal hygiene products as well as financial donations designated to United Ministries.

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### Weekly Schedule

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#### Sundays

8:30 AM, Low Mass, Rite II

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

#### Wednesdays

6:30 PM, Healing Mass, Rite II

#### Every Third Wednesday of the Month

5:30 PM Rosary in Church

#### Every Fourth Wednesday of the Month

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament follows the 6:30 PM Mass

**Update on Bishop's Election** | The names and background information of the nominees for the Ninth Bishop of EDUSC are now available to view here:

[www.edusc.org/bishopsearch/](http://www.edusc.org/bishopsearch/)

The Special Convention for the Bishop's Election will be held on September 25 at Trinity Cathedral in Columbia. In the meantime, please keep the nominees and those who will be voting at convention (clergy and lay delegates) in your prayers as we seek the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit in choosing our next bishop.

**Assisting Relief Efforts in Haiti** | As many of you know, the Episcopal Church — and, in particular, our Diocese — has a long-standing history of ministry with the people of Haiti. Over the last month, Haiti has suffered from back-to-back natural disasters—all while in the midst of a time of great political uncertainty. Episcopal Relief & Development and its partners are responding immediately with direct assistance to vulnerable households in the region impacted. To assist in these efforts, visit [episcopalrelief.org/haiti-relief](http://episcopalrelief.org/haiti-relief).

**Summer Choir** | We always need additional singers to reinforce our sections, so please consider joining the Summer Choir. We gather on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM (and not on Wednesday evenings), to prepare the music for each Sunday 10:30 AM Mass. With this limited time commitment the Summer Choir is an excellent opportunity for prospective new members of the choir to “try us out.” Questions? Contact the Parish Office--or just show up on Sunday morning! **Update:** Summer Choir will continue through the end of September.

#### Sunday Altar Flower 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. If you would like to sign up for a Sunday, please call or email the office, or sign up online at [www.standrewsgreenville.org/signup](http://www.standrewsgreenville.org/signup), by the preceding Tuesday. You may mail or place a check in the offering plate with “Altar Flowers” or “Presence Candle” noted in the memo. Alternatively, you can pay online at [www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving](http://www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving) and note that it is for altar flowers or presence candle. (\$50-\$100 for altar flowers, \$10 for presence candle.)



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