



# SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

December 18, 2022 · 8:30 AM  
The Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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.

## Link for Online Donations:

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## Members of the Vestry

Scott Chastain, Senior Warden (2023);

Riley Owens, Junior Warden (2024)

John Rhodes, Clerk (2023);

Charles Shields (2023);

Allison Giambrone-Wilson, Kelly Proffitt (2024);

Phil Buck, Lee Gray, and Jenny Peer (2025)

# 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.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*After the Collect, the people sit.*

### First Lesson

Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, "Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test." Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18** (said responsively by whole verse)

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance,  
and we shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts, \*  
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance,  
and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**Second Lesson**

Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

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

**The Gospel**

Matthew 1:18-25

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

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

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*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 I**

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

*The people kneel.*

*Intercessor* With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop; Gary, our Rector; Tommy, our Seminarian; and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord;

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For Joseph, our president; Henry, our governor; and Knox, our mayor; for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For Ari, Barbara, Bella, Beth, Bill, Dick, Didi, Duane, Frances, Emily, Ginger, Jane, Jean, Jodi, Joyce, Kathy, Ken, Kurt, Leigh Ann, Lucy, Margaret Lee, Marvin, Mary, Nancy, Patt, PK, Robert, Sandy, Shawn, Stacy, Steve, Sylvia, 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*], let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For all who have died  $\text{✠}$  in the hope of the resurrection, especially those whom you are invited to name now, either silently or aloud [*pause for people to add names*], and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*After any additional prayers of intercession and thanksgiving, the Intercessor continues with the following commendation.*

*Intercessor* In the communion of Blessed Mary, Mother of God; Blessed Joseph, her spouse; Blessed Andrew, our patron; and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

*People* **To you, O Lord our God.**

*After a moment of silence, the Celebrant says a concluding collect before introducing the Confession.*

### **The 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 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 altar. 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 [www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving](http://www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving).) After the altar is set, the people stand again as the other offerings are brought forward and remain standing for the opening of the eucharistic prayer.*

### **The Great Thanksgiving Rite II, Prayer B**

*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, because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*All* **We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant* And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us ✠ to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Blessed Mary, Mother of God; Blessed Joseph, her spouse; Blessed Andrew, our patron; and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

*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 ✠ 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* **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## Advent Blessing

*Celebrant* May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father ✠, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*After the Blessing, the people stand.*

## Dismissal

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*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 greens are given by Scott Chastain  
to the glory of God and in celebration of the bishop's visitation and confirmations.



## Announcements & Upcoming Events

**Fourth Sunday of Advent with Bishop's Visitation and Confirmation | Today | 10:30 AM Mass** | Today we welcome our new diocesan bishop, The Rt. Rev. Daniel Richards, for his first visit to Saint Andrew's. At our 10:30 AM Mass, we are presenting the following individuals to Bishop Richards for confirmation or reception: Johnny Buck, Phil Buck, Larie Buck, Anne Culbreath, Emily Culbreath, Grace Culbreath, Andrew Culbreath, Virginia Eichelberger, Gilberto King-Huerta, Mary Mays, and Delaney Townsend. Following the mass, we will have a special extended coffee hour with a time for the Bishop to offer some thoughts and answer questions from parishioners.

**Canon Rhodes Presiding in Fr. Gary's Stead** | In lieu of Fr. Gary's need to continue to isolate after this past Wednesday's COVID diagnosis, Canon Stephen Rhoades graciously agreed to preside at today's 8:30 AM mass and to assist at the 10:30 AM mass. We are grateful for Canon Rhoades' continued participation in our worship life. Fr. Gary is continuing to work from home but hopes to be cleared to return to the office later this week.

**Bishop's Discretionary Fund** | Please note that the plate offering today will be designated to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund for support of emergencies and non-budgeted ministries that arise over the course of each year.

**Election of 2023 Parish Officers** | We are pleased to announce that, at this past Sunday's vestry meeting, **Scott Chastain** was elected **Senior Warden**, **Riley Owens** was elected **Junior Warden**, and **John Rhodes** was re-elected Clerk. **Rusty Infinger** was elected to another one-year term as **Finance Committee Chair**, and **Jamie Hinds** was elected to another one-year term as **Treasurer**. **Phil Buck**, **Lee Gray**, and **Jenny Peer** began their service as new vestry members. We are so thankful for all of their willingness to serve! We also want to express our gratitude to our three outgoing members, **Cheryl Banks**, **Ethan Cashwell**, and **Erin Culbertson**!

**Parish Office Schedule** | Our Parish Administrator, Marie Ridolfo, will be out of the office December 21-28. Office volunteers will be in the office from 9 AM to 1 PM on December 22, 23, 27, and 28. The Parish Office will be closed Monday, December 26. Please also note that Father Gary plans to be out of the office December 27-30, although he will be presiding at the Wednesday night healing mass on 12/28.

**The Feast of the Holy Name | Sunday, January 1 | Guest Preacher, Dr. Tommy Watson** | On Sunday, January 1, as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, we are delighted to be able to welcome our seminarian, Dr. Tommy Watson, as our guest preacher at both our 8:30 and 10:30 masses.

**The Feast of Epiphany | Friday, January 6 | 6:30 PM** | The Feast of Epiphany, one of the Principal Feasts of the Church year, is when we remember the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child. At our evening mass, we will include the Blessing of the Chalk, an Epiphany tradition.

**The Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord (Baptismal Sunday) | January 8** | On January 8<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, where we remember Our Lord's baptism by John in the River Jordan. Anyone desiring to be baptized or to have a child baptized, please speak with or e-mail Father Gary (rector@standrewsgreenville.org).

**ECW Teaming with Greenville's Gift for Newborns In Need** | ECW is sponsoring a donation drive as their fall project. Our congregation is asked to donate clothing and/or money for newborns in need that will be distributed through Greenville's Gift. A box is in the church narthex. Items needed: clothing (size 0-12 months), baby blankets, socks, hats, bibs, and burp cloths. All seasons needed.

### 2022 CHRISTMAS & EPIPHANY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 24

**The Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

4:00 PM Creche & Carols Family Service

10:30 PM Sacred Music

11:00 PM Solemn High Mass

Sunday, December 25

**The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ**

12:00 Noon Low Mass

Sunday, January 1

**The Feast of the Holy Name**

Guest Preacher, Dr. Tommy Watson

8:30 AM Low Mass

10:30 AM Sung High Mass

Friday, January 6

**Feast of the Epiphany**

6:30 PM Sung High Mass with Blessing of the Chalk



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