EPISCONAL CHURCH

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE 11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 16): YEAR C AUGUST 24, 2025: 10:00 A.M. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Seekers, believers, and doubters of all ages, welcome home to St. Andrew's! Everything you need for the Liturgy of the Word is found in your bulletin. Music may be found in this bulletin or in the blue 1982 Hymnal (in the pew rack). Restrooms are downstairs in the undercroft; our greeters can direct you to a more accessible restroom in the parish house as well.

Children of all ages are welcome to join us in our Soft Space, located by the St. Andrew's flag up front, during worship. Please move around our space as you and your children are most comfortable. Visitors, we would love to get to know you, and we invite you to fill out one of our welcome cards and place it in the offering plate or hand it to one of our greeters. We are so glad you are here!

Prelude

Opening Hymn

O, for a thousand tongues to sing

Hymn #493

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 355

Please remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant Blessed be God:

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Please remain standing as you are able.

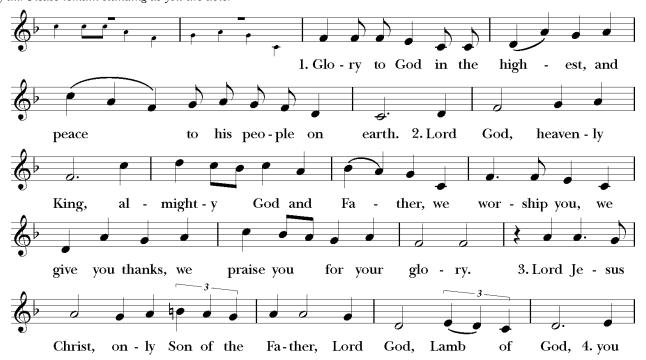
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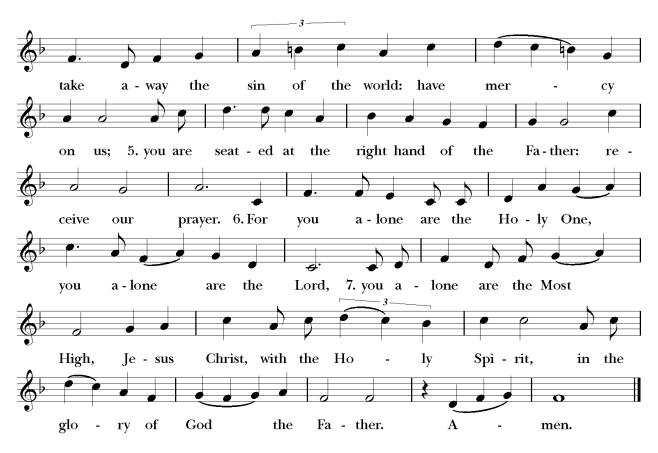
Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:

All 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.

Song of Praise Glory to God Hymn #S-280

Sung by all. Please remain standing as you are able.





THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 232

Please remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson Isaiah 58:9b-14 NRSV

Please be seated.

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

People Thanks be to God.

The Response

Psalm 103:1-8

Psalter for the Christian People

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.



- Bless the Lord, O my / soul, * and all that is within me, bless God's holy / Name.
- Bless the Lord, O my / soul, * and forget not all the benefits of the / Lord,
- Who forgives all your / sins * and heals all your in- / firmities;
- Who redeems your life from the / grave * and crowns you with mercy and loving- / kindness;
- Who satisfies you with good / things, * and your youth is renewed like an / eagle's.
- 6 The Lord executes / <u>righteousness</u> * and judgment for all who are op-/<u>pressed</u>.
- 7 To Moses were made known God's / ways * and to the children of Israel the works of the / Lord.
- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and / mercy, *
 slow to anger and of great / kindness.
 Glory to the Father, and to the / Son, *
 and to the Holy / Spirit:
 as it was in the beginning, is / now, *
 and will be for ever. A- / men.

The Second Lesson Hebrews 12:18-29 NRSV

Please be seated.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

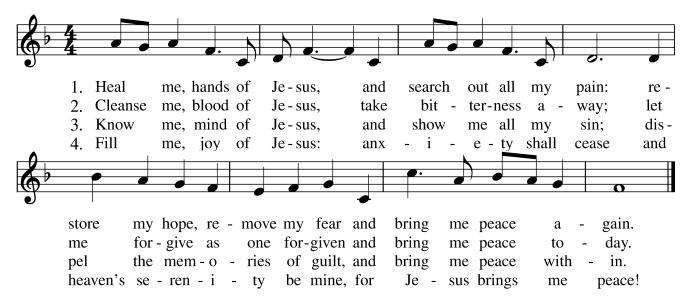
You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things— so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom

that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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

Sequence Hymn Heal me, hands of Jesus Wonder, Love, & Praise #773

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.



The Gospel Luke 13:10-17 **NRSV**

Please remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath until his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Rev. Robert Hetherington

BCP, p. 358

The Sermon Please be seated.

The Nicene Creed

Said by all. Please stand as you are able.

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.

The Prayers of the People

Praying the Scriptures

Please remain standing or kneel as you are able.

Intercessor Sisters and brothers, the Lord is full of compassion and mercy. Let us then pray to the Lord saying,

you, O God, are our hope;

People Incline your ear to us.

Intercessor O Lord, may your Church take delight in you above all else. Fill our hearts with joy and gladness

as we worship in your presence. May we faithfully keep the feast. We give thanks for all who are celebrating birthdays this week, including Preston Harper, Britton Trimble, Sylvia Sims. You, O

God, are our hope;

People Incline your ear to us.

Intercessor Give to the leaders of nations, O Lord, compassion for the hungry; satisfy the needs of the

afflicted. May we, satisfied with good things, show mercy to the poor and oppressed. You, O God,

are our hope;

People Incline your ear to us.

Intercessor God, you are a consuming fire. Your light rises in the darkness and our gloom becomes like the

noonday. Continue to make yourself known to us in your creation-in the stars of the night and the

new light of the morning. You, O God, are our hope;

People Incline your ear to us.

Intercessor You call us, O God, into a great community of believers: to join with angels and saints, with those

you have made righteous, and with your Son Jesus, the mediator of the new covenant. We pray for our fellow Christians around the world, especially those facing persecution. Protect and strengthen

them. Have mercy Lord. You, O God, are our hope;

People Incline your ear to us.

Intercessor We pray for the healing of those who are spiritually and physically broken. May all who are

troubled by the power of evil find freedom in the hands of your Son. You, O God, are our hope;

People Incline your ear to us.

Intercessor O God, you redeem life from the grave through the resurrection of Christ. We pray for those who

have died in hope; may they eternally be satisfied with good things. You, O God, are our hope;

People Incline your ear to us.

Intercessor God of wisdom who knows our path, we humbly ask you to guide our discernment

committee: Christine, Patrick, Shar, Steve, and Vivien by the Holy Spirit towards the priest whom you have raised up to lead us. Quiet their hearts, keep them from sin, and strengthen Your gifts within them so they may better listen and respond to Your perfect counsel. We pray also for our future priest, that You may prepare them to aid us in continuing the mission of the church, began in the apostles, continued in Grace Arents, us, and all St. Andreans, and perfected in the return of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Until that day, be close to St. Andrew's and strengthen our spirits, so we may continue in doing Your good work.

People Amen.

You are invited to add your own prayers at this time. The celebrant adds the concluding collect.

The Confession BCP, p. 360

Please kneel as you are able.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

The Peace

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

Please be seated.

Offertory Anthem

Please remain seated.

Presentation Hymn As those of old their first fruits brought Hymn #705

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A BCP, p. 361

Please remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

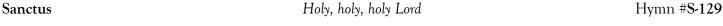
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

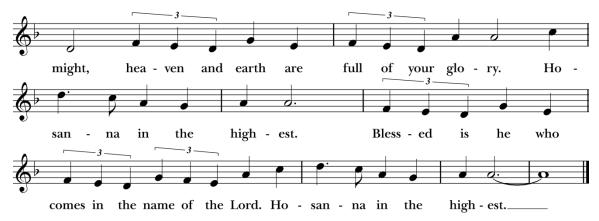
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:







Please remain standing or kneel as you are able.

Holy and gracious God: 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.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, 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 God, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

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

The Lord's Prayer BCP, p. 364

Said by all. Please remain standing or kneeling as you are able.

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. Please remain standing or kneeling as you are able.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Invitation to the Table

All are welcome at Christ's table. Communion is offered in both kinds, bread and wine. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Those who do not wish to receive the Eucharist may come forward and simply cross their hands over their chest to receive a blessing. Please let a greeter know if you would prefer to have communion brought to you in your seat.

Communion Hymn Here, O my Lord, I see Hymn #318

Sending of Eucharistic Visitors

Postcommunion Prayer BCP, p. 365

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

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.

The Blessing BCP, p. 366

Please remain standing as you are able.

Closing Hymn Rock of ages Hymn #685

Sung by all. Please remain standing as you are able.

The Dismissal BCP, p. 366

Please remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God!

Postlude

THIS MORNING'S LEADERS

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Robert Hetherington Organist: Jeannine Uzel

Altar Guild: Dale Holcomb Crucifer: Paula Harper Tellers: Ricky Gorrell & Chris Catanzaro

Guitar: Jim Uzel Lay Reader: Tim Williams Lead Greeter: Mike Culver

Vestry Person of the Day & Intercessor: Pat Bridgewater Soft Space Volunteer: Laura Boucher

Sunday Steward of the Day: Chris Prior Email your vestry: vestry@standrewsoregonhill.org

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Welcome home to St. Andrew's!
Together we are building a community in Christ that gathers to worship joyfully, love abundantly, and serve wholeheartedly.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Pat Bridgewater, Dwayne Briggs, Barbara Butler, Wayne Clark, Katrina Comissiong-Williams, Tom Davis, Vicky Davis, Ellen Field, Patrick Getlein, Carleen Griffin, Missy Groome, Meagan Hechler, Sandra Heitzler, Bill Jackson, Nancy Lyons, Crystal Munnings, Clotilde Prior, Beverly Reid, Lizzie Schrass, Sandra S., Peyton Williams & Aidan Stoddart.
- Pray for those who live and work and go to school on Oregon Hill and for the ministry of Anna Julia Cooper School.
- Pray for the workplaces and businesses of Metropolitan Richmond: For economic development in depressed portions of the city; for the establishment of businesses that will create new employment opportunities.
- Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Peggy Davis (8/17), Kerry Plunkett (8/18), Preston Birmingham (8/22).

ST. ANDREW'S CALENDAR

Sunday, August 24: The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 16

- Holy Eucharist Rite II: 10:00 a.m., church and on Facebook Live
- Coffee Hour: directly following the service, chapel

Sunday, August 31: The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 17

- Holy Eucharist Rite II: 10:00 a.m., church and on Facebook Live
- Coffee Hour: directly following the service, chapel

Announcements

- Thanks and welcome to the Rev. Robert Hetherington, our guest celebrant this morning!
- Joe Fawley Elected as Trustee: Joe has been elected by the vestry to serve as a Trustee of St. Andrew's Parish. Joe will fill the seat vacated by the late Cyrus Field and will serve alongside Bill Butler and Cathy Creamer. The Trustees hold legal title to church property on behalf of the parish. We extend our thanks and congratulations to Joe for his many years of service and leadership.
- 150th Anniversary Celebration: The 150th Anniversary Celebration will be held on Sunday, October 19. Be sure to save this date on your calendar! The committee is working hard to finalize the agenda, but here are some items for you to consider:
 - This will be a *Homecoming Celebration* invite everyone with any connection to St. Andrew's!
 - This will be a *Community Celebration* we want to involve the greater Oregon Hill/Randolph/Byrd Park/VCU communities.
 - Chili Cookoff get your recipe together! Awards in various categories!
 - Musical/Talent Showcase don't keep your talents hidden under a bushel share with the congregation!
 - *Ideas for the Celebration* Please *share your ideas with the Committee* Hank Selby, Christine Baur-Millward, Deya Porter, Micheal Williams, Belinda Brugh, Laura Boucher, Beth Raper, Tracey Miles, Paula Harper, and Elaine Baur.

More information will follow shortly!!

• Gathering Grace Women's Group: You're invited to join Gathering Grace, a new community for all those identifying as women within our congregation! This group is a welcoming space to find strength, support, and encouragement in one another as we share wisdom and navigate life's joys and challenges together. For details, please reach out to Christine Baur-Millward. You are encouraged to come as you are and connect with a community dedicated to encouragement, connection, and spiritual growth!

• Updated 2025 Directory Available: If you would like a copy, have changes to your information, or have questions or concerns, please see or email Britton Trimble for the new link at office@standrewsoregonhill.org. Please do not share your copy of the directory and please do not distribute information contained in this directory outside of our parish family.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- St. Andrew's School Parlor: The school needs your help to transform the parlor into a multi-use space (teacher resource center, volunteer and student work area, and meeting room) and it's as easy as shopping on Amazon! All you have to do is go their Amazon Wish List at https://tinyurl.com/sasparlor and choose what you'd like to give. Thanks for your support of St. Andrew's School!
- **PrideFest:** We'll be joining the Episcopal Churches of Central Richmond on September 27, noon until 6:0 p.m., at the annual VA Pridefest at Midtown Green! Together, we'll offer an inclusive welcome on behalf of the Episcopal church in RVA. There are still spots left if you'd like to help staff the regional tent. To volunteer or to learn more, please email the office at office@standrewsoregonhill.org.
- Laundry Ministry: Our amazing Laundry Ministry celebrates its 10-year anniversary this year! Thanks to all who drop quarters in the donation box ~ every quarter helps. If you'd like to help out in person, we could really use your help! Please see Sue Barrett or email office@standrewsoregonhill.org to find out how you can get involved in this much-needed ministry to our neighbors.
- Fellowship Ministry: Fellowship is more than just coffee and cookies after church. It is ministry. It is fundamental to our mission and includes loving and serving God's purposes through and for each other. Please consider getting involved with your fellow parishioners to help bring joy and deeper connection to our church family. Bring your gifts for hospitality, organization, creativity or just a warm smile and a helping hand. You don't have to make a long-term commitment. Help with one-time events or small tasks. It's fun and greatly appreciated! Please reach out to our fellowship team at fellowship@standrewsoregonhill.org.
- 2025 Coffee Hour Sign-Up: We invite you to sign up to bring snacks for a coffee hour in 2025! Snacks can be as simple as you'd like, home-made or store-bought, and you don't have to worry about providing or setting up drinks. The sign-up sheet is available on the organ or the snack table in the chapel.



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