



HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 12, YEAR A

JULY 26, 2026: 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 you can refer to 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 temporarily at the back of the church, 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

On this day

Hymn #47, verses 1-3,6

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: 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.

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 #S280

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

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 231

Please remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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

1 Kings 3:5-12

NRSV

Please be seated.

A reading from the first book of Kings.

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked

before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

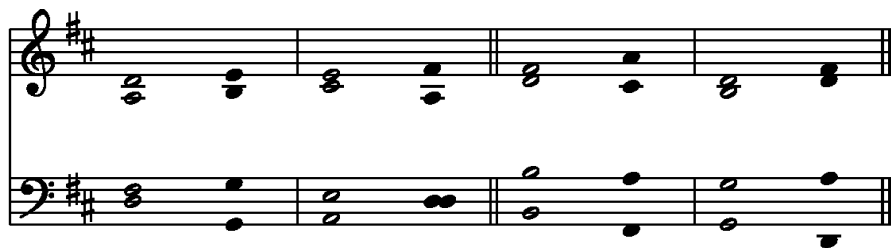
People Thanks be to God.

The Response

Psalms 119: 129-136

Psalter for the Christian People

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.



- 129 Your decrees are / wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with all my / heart.
- 130 When your word goes forth it gives / light; *
it gives understanding to the / simple.
- 131 I open my mouth and / pant; *
I long for your com - / mandments.
- 132 Turn to me in / mercy, *
as you always do to those who love your / Name.
- 133 Steady my footsteps in your / word; *
let no iniquity have dominion over / me.
- 134 Rescue me from those who oppress / me, *
and I will keep your com - / mandments.
- 135 Let your countenance shine upon your / servant *
and teach me your / statutes.
- 136 My eyes shed streams of / tears, *
because people do not keep your / law.
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 Epistle

Romans 8:26-39

NRSV

Please be seated.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because

the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

"Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee

Hymn #615

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.

The Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

NRSV

Please remain standing as you are able.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Canon Dr. Lynn Collins

Please be seated.

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 Siblings in Christ, give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name! Let us pray to God, saying, Spirit, help us in our weakness.

***People* Intercede for us.**

Intercessor God of the Church, may your people be as persistent as the mustard shrub. May we spread your love and grace to all people and in all places. May we do our kingdom work with the confidence that nothing can separate us from your love. Spirit, help us in our weakness.

***People* Intercede for us.**

Intercessor God of the world, make known your deeds among the peoples. Bring peace in places of conflict and violence. Spirit, help us in our weakness.

***People* Intercede for us.**

Intercessor God of creation, all of your works are marvelous. Everything in creation with which you have surrounded us speaks to your goodness. Give us eyes to see your fingerprints in our world. We pray for all those who live, work, and go to school on Oregon Hill. We pray for all who celebrate birthdays this week, especially: Patrick Hall, Sandra Williams, and Conor Salter. We pray for Jill Pollard and Ed Cole and give thanks for yesterday's Celebration and Blessing of their marriage. Spirit, help us in our weakness.

***People* Intercede for us.**

Intercessor Present God, you did not withhold your own Son, but gave him up for all of us. May we all come to know and experience the depths of your love. By your love, transform hearts and change lives. Spirit, help us in our weakness.

***People* Intercede for us.**

Intercessor God of wholeness, neither hardship, nor distress can separate anyone from your love. Assure the suffering and sick, the hurt and sorrowful, that you care for them. May they remember that you are a God who does marvelous things. Spirit, help us in our weakness.

***People* Intercede for us.**

Intercessor God of our ancestors, you have always been mindful of your promises. You promise that not even death can separate us from your love. May all those who have died rest in your eternal love. Spirit, help us in our weakness.

***People* Intercede for 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.

Intercessor At this time we invite you to share your prayers of intercession and thanksgiving, either silently or aloud.

The celebrant adds the concluding collect.

The Confession

BCP, p. 360

Please remain standing or kneeling 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

BCP, p. 360

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant The peace of Christ 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

Ave Maria

Charles Gounod (1818-1893) &
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Please remain seated.

Presentation Hymn

From all that dwell below the skies

Hymn #380

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, p. 367

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 by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to

show forth your glory in all the world. 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

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Hymn #S129

Please remain standing or kneel as you are able.

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;**

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, Andrew, 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 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!**

Communion Hymn

I come with joy to meet my Lord

Hymn #304

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

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God!

Postlude

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God
and in thanksgiving for yesterday's Celebration and Blessing of the Marriage of Jill Pollard and Ed Cole.

THIS MORNING'S LEADERS

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Canon Dr. Lynn Collins *Organist:* Demas Boudreaux
Reader: Elaine Baur *Crucifer:* Dwight Johnson *Intercessor:* Jim Evans *Altar Guild:* Aimee Johnson
Lead Greeter: Mike Culver *Sunday Steward of the Day:* Brian Millward
Soloist: Chris Leyen *Email your vestry:* vestry@standrewsoregonhill.org

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Jim Bennett, Pat Bridgewater, Scott Creamer, John Cyrus, Sarah Farber, Ellen Field, Mil Floyd, Patrick Getlein, Maddie Gross, Sandra Heitzler, Bill Jackson, Tracey Miles, Crystal Munnings, Cathy O'Neil, Deya Porter & family, Brick Quinn, Lizzie Schrass, Carol Slonaker, the Thompson-White family, Chris Vega.
- Pray for Jill Pollard & Ed Cole, whose marriage was celebrated and blessed yesterday.
Pray for those who live and work and go to school on Oregon Hill and for the ministry of St. Andrew's School.
- Pray for our discernment committee: 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.
- Pray for those in our armed forces, especially those deployed to combat zones.
- Pray for the governments and governing bodies of Metropolitan Richmond: For the Board of Supervisors of Henrico County, the County Administrator, and all county employees.
- Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Patrick Hall (7/28), Sandra Williams (7/31), Conor Salter (8/1).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **It's not too late to pledge!** Pledge cards are available in the narthex, or you can [pledge online](#) using this QR Code to the right.
- **Updated Directory Available:** If you still have a 2025 or older directory, have changes to your information, or have questions or concerns, please see or email Britton Trimble for the new, updated directory 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.
- **Organ Restoration Project: How Can I Help?** While most of the project work is being handled by our Organ Committee or the contractors we have hired, members of the congregation can still get involved if you have an interest in photography, which can help document the various phases of the project by creating accurate and lasting records of the process. Also, in early summer, we will need help clearing out the old nursery area in the undercroft located at the bottom of the stairs near the back door of the church. This is to make room for the installation of the blower, which supplies the air enabling the organ pipes to sound. As other opportunities arise to give of your time, talent, and treasure during the organ restoration, we will let you know. Please contact [Dwight Johnson](#), Tracey Miles, or Dale Holcomb if you are interested in lending a hand.
- **Pride Shirts for PACE – Turning Welcome Into Action:** Support St. Andrew's Fellowship Ministry by purchasing a Pride shirt that gives back to our community. Proceeds from every shirt sold are used exclusively to purchase food ingredients for homemade soup donations through the PACE Center's Gather • Eat • Share program, serving VCU students experiencing food insecurity. [Click here](#) or scan the QR code to order. Questions? Please email fellowship@standrewsoregonhill.org. Thank you for helping us turn welcome into action!



THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 12, July 26

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

Wednesday, July 29

- **Laundry Ministry:** 1:30 p.m., corner of Cary & Meadow streets

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 13, August 2

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



Seekers, believers, and doubters of all ages:
Welcome home to St. Andrew's!

Together we are building a community in Christ that gathers to
worship joyfully, love abundantly, and serve wholeheartedly.

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