SEPISCONAL CHURCH

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE 13th Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 18): Year C September 7, 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!



Opening Acclamation

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.

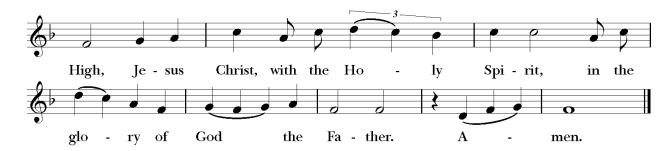
Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:

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 #S-280

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





THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 233

Please remain standing as you are able.

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.**

The First Lesson Deuteronomy 30:15-20 NRSV

Please be seated.

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said to all Israel the words which the Lord commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Response

Psalm 112

Psalter for the Christian People



- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the | wicked, | nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in | the seats | of the | scornful! |
- Their delight is in the law | of the | Lord, | and they meditate on | the law | day and | night. |



3 They are like trees planted by streams of <u>water</u>,

bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; every- thing they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked;

they are like chaff which | the wind | blows a- | way. |

- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judg-ment | comes, | nor the sinner in the | coun-cil | of the | righteous. |
- 6 For the Lord knows the way | of the | <u>righteous</u>, | but the way of | the wick- | ed is | <u>doomed</u>. | Glory to the Father, and | to the | Son, | |

and to the Ho-ly | Spirit: || as it was in the be- | ginning, is | now, ||

as it was in the be- | ginning, is | now, | and will be | for ev- | er. A- | men. |

The Second Lesson Philemon 1-21 NRSV

Please be seated.

A reading from Paul's letter to Philemon.

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother~ especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn Help us, O Lord Hymn #628

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.

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 large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, `This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev. Robert Hetherington

Please be seated.

The Nicene Creed BCP, p. 358

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 Great are the deeds of the Lord! Siblings in Christ, let us pray, saying, Christ hear our prayer!

People Jesus, have mercy on us!

Intercessor May your Church be faithful, even as you are faithful. May we and your whole Church

unashamedly work to further the gospel. May we overcome whatever apathy or distraction might

threaten our witness. Christ hear our prayer!

People Jesus, have mercy on us!

Intercessor May the nations of the world seek wisdom and truth. May people, rich and poor, powerful and

weak, find in you the source of healing and wholeness. We give thanks for all who are celebrating

birthdays this week, especially, Carlos Alvarez and Carole Justice. Christ hear our prayer!

People Jesus, have mercy on us!

Intercessor May we protect and guard the created order. May we recognize the majesty and splendor of all you

have made. May we remember that healthy waters, sky, and land make us healthier people.

Christ hear our prayer!

People Jesus, have mercy on us!

May we be ever compassionate towards those who are pushed into the margins of our society. Give Intercessor

us open hearts that welcome and open hands that touch. Teach us a love that crosses boundaries

and borders. Christ hear our prayer!

People Jesus, have mercy on us!

Intercessor May the sick and suffering know in their bodies and minds your healing power. You desire to

make men and women clean of disease and stigma; make your grace known. Christ hear our

praver!

People Jesus, have mercy on us!

Intercessor May those who have died, especially Merle Harris and Vernice Blyden, know the salvation found

in you, Christ Jesus. Preserve the living in the enduring hope that, just as we are baptized into your

death, so will we also live with you forever. Christ hear our prayer!

People Jesus, have mercy on 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 O God of Bethel Hymn #709, verses 1-3, 5

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.

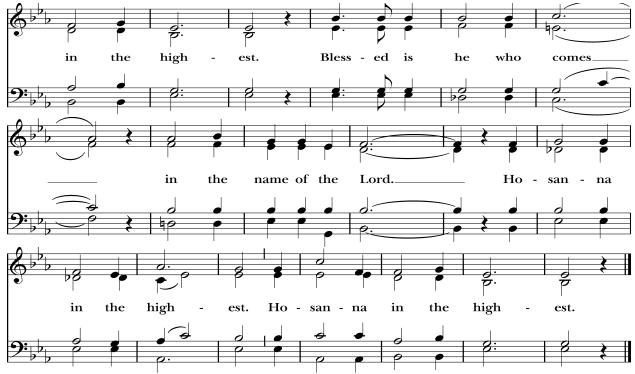
People We lift them to the Lord.

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:





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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

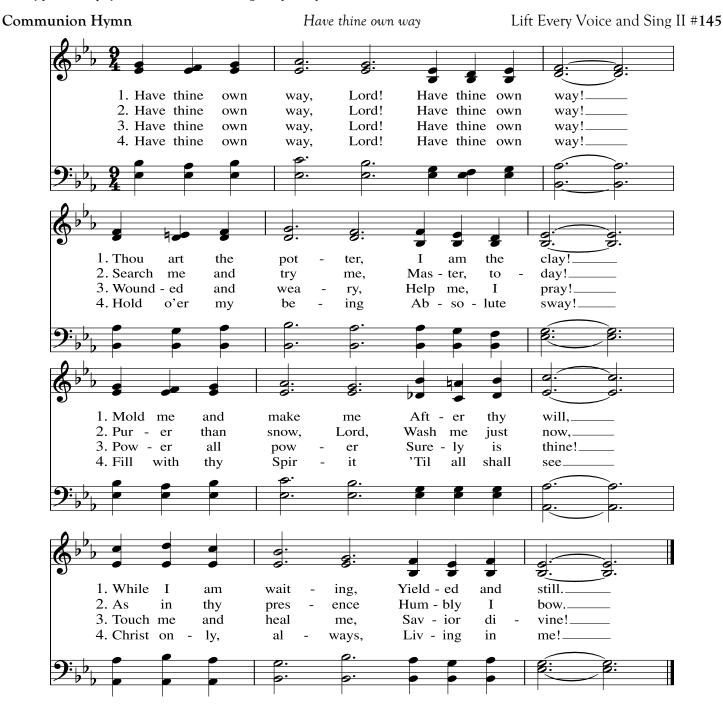
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Please remain standing or kneeling as you are able.

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.



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 God of grace and God of glory Hymn #594

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 & Choirmaster: Demas Boudreaux
Altar Guild: Dale Holcomb Crucifer: Paula Harper Tellers: Tracey Miles & Steve Salter
Lay Reader: Tim Williams Lead Greeter: Mike Culver Healing Prayer: Pat Bridgewater

Vestry Person of the Day: Tracey Miles Intercessor: Laura Boucher Soft Space Volunteer: Susie McKay
Sunday Steward of the Day: Brian Millward Email your vestry: vestry@standrewsoregonhill.org

Will you come and follow me; Glory to God; Holy, Holy, Holy Lord; and Have thine own way from RiteSong, copyright 2025 Church Publishing Incorporated.

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Pat Bridgewater, Barbara Butler, Wayne Clark, Tom Davis, Vicky Davis, Ellen Field, Patrick Getlein, Carleen Griffin, Sandra Heitzler, Bill Jackson, Nancy Lyons, Crystal Munnings, Beverly Reid, Lizzie Schrass, Chris Vega.
- Pray for those who have died, especially Merle Harris and Vernice Blyden, loved ones of Katrina Comissiong-Williams.
- Pray for those who live and work and go to school on Oregon Hill and for the Shelter Lunches Ministry.
- Pray for the schools and educational institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For all superintendents, school boards, school administrators, PTAs, teachers, students, and staff. For curriculum that is grounded in truth and meaning. For space to nourish the creative seed in both teachers and students.
- Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Carlos Alvarez (9/8), Carole Justice (9/11).

ST. ANDREW'S CALENDAR

Sunday, September 7: The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 18

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

Saturday, September 13

• Shelter Lunches: 8:30 a.m., chapel

Sunday, September 14: The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 19

- 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!
- Blessing of the Animals: Pets, stuffed animals, and photos of pets are all welcome at our annual Blessing of the Animals service, which will be held during the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, September 28.
- 150th Anniversary Celebration: The 150th Anniversary Celebration will be held on Sunday, October 19. 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 <u>office@standrewsoregonhill.org.</u> 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

- Shelter Lunches: On the second Saturday of the month, St. Andrew's assembles and delivers 115 lunches to shelters near our neighborhood. We hope you'll join us on September 13. If you can't pack lunches, you can always donate (please go to tinyurl.com/GiveToStA, then choose Shelter Lunches in the dropdown menu). You are also invited to support us every time you shop at Kroger thorugh Kroger Community Rewards (be sure your Kroger Plus Card is linked to St. Andrew's organization ID AF019). If you plan to come or have questions, please contact Chris Prior. Thank you for your support of Shelter Lunches!
- **PrideFest:** We'll be joining the Episcopal Churches of Central Richmond on September 27, noon until 6:00 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.
- 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.



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.