SEPISCONAL CHURCH

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 19): YEAR C SEPTEMBER 14, 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 Praise the Lord Hymn #334

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.

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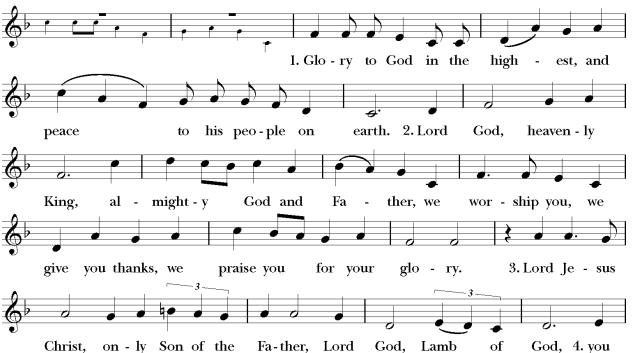
Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:

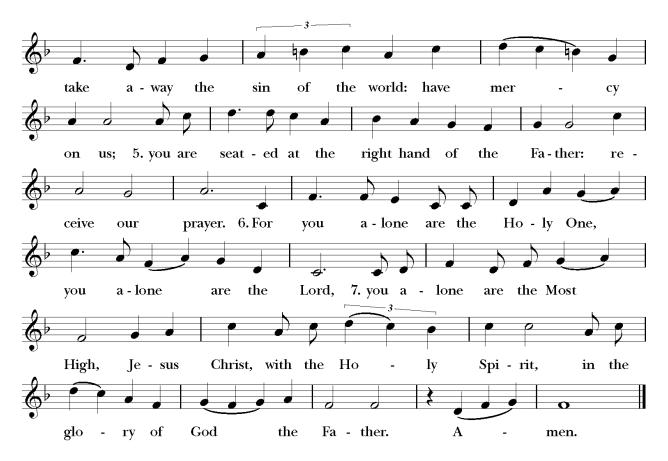
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfect the secret are hid:

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.

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.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 Exodus 32:7-14 NRSV

Please be seated.

A reading from the book of the Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I

have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever." And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Response

Psalm 51:1-11

Psalter for the Christian People

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.



- Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | lov-ing | <u>kindness</u>; | in your great compassion | blot out | my of- | fenses. |
- Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know | my trans- | gressions, | and my sin is | ev-er | be-fore | me. |
- 4 Against you only | have I | sinned | and done what is | ev-il | in your | sight. |
- 5 And so you are justified | when you | speak | and | up-right | in your | judgment. |
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked | from my | birth, || a sinner | from my | moth-er's | womb. ||
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep | with-in | me, | and will make me understand | wis-dom | sec-ret- | ly. |
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I | shall be | pure; | wash me, and I | shall be | clean in- | deed. |
- 9 Make me hear of | joy and | gladness, | that the body you have | bro-ken | may re- | joice. |
- 10 Hide your face | from my | sins | and blot out all | my in- | iq-ui- | ties. |
- 11 Create in me a clean | heart, O | God, || and renew a right | spi-rit | with-in | me. ||

 Glory be to the Father, and | to the | Son, || and | to the | Ho-ly | Ghost: || as it was in the be- | ginning, is | now, ||

and ever shall be, world without | end. A- | men, a- | men. |

The Second Lesson

1 Timothy 1:12-17

NRSV

Please be seated.

A reading from the first letter to Timothy.

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received

mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn In your mercy Hymn #706

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.

The Gospel Luke 15:1-10 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.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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 Siblings in Christ, God is our refuge. Let us implore the Lord our God praying, create in me a

clean heart, O God,

People And renew a right spirit within me.

Intercessor We pray for the leaders of the Church. Make them worthy examples to those who would come to

believe in Christ for eternal life. May the Church place its hope in you, O God, and not in human

wisdom. Create in me a clean heart, O God,

People And renew a right spirit within me.

Intercessor We pray for the leaders of the nations. May they show mercy and advocate for the rights of the

people. May they, like Moses, seek the greater good rather than self-interest. Create in me a clean

heart, O God,

People And renew a right spirit within me.

Intercessor We thank you for all you created. We thank you that your Son Jesus Christ rejoiced in your

creation, seeing the Kingdom of God even in a field of sheep. Open our eyes and our hearts. We give thanks for all who are celebrating birthdays this week, including Cathy Creamer, Cecilia

Lewis, Dale Holcomb. Create in me a clean heart, O God,

People And renew a right spirit within me.

Intercessor We pray for those who are lost, that they might be found. We pray for those who are sure they are

not lost; we ask that you find them too. And we thank you that in your mercy you seek until you

find. Create in me a clean heart, O God,

People And renew a right spirit within me.

Intercessor We pray for the sick, the anxious, and the sorrowful. Make them hear of joy and gladness, that

broken bodies and broken spirits may rejoice. Create in me a clean heart, O God,

People And renew a right spirit within me.

Intercessor We trust to your mercy, O God, all who have died. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible,

the only God, our God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Create in me a clean heart, O God,

People And renew a right spirit within me.

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.

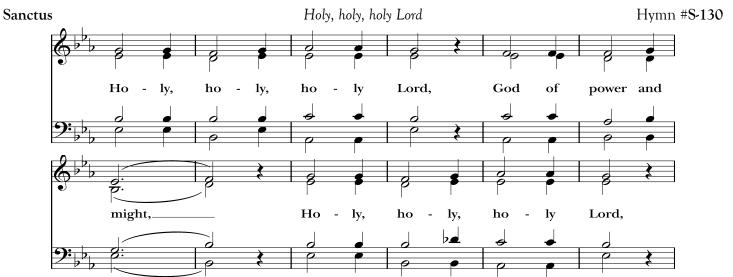
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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.

Communion Hymn

O for a closer walk with God

Hvmn #684

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 the Omnipotent! Hymn #569

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: Jim Evans Crucifer: Dwight Johnson Tellers: Tracey Miles & Ricky Gorrell Lay Reader: Pat Bridgewater Lead Greeter: Mike Culver Vestry Person of the Day: Pat Bridgewater Intercessor: Britton Trimble Soft Space Volunteer: Tom & Skylar Ingram Sunday Steward of the Day: Brian Millward Email your vestry: vestry@standrewsoregonhill.org

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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, Elaine McKee, Crystal Munnings, Beverly Reid, Lizzie Schrass, Chris Vega.
- 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 the schools and educational institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For all public, private, and
 religious schools. For students, teachers, and support personnel, including cafeteria workers, building and
 grounds staff, and school bus drivers. For all preschools and daycare centers and for children in home
 schools.
- Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Cathy Creamer (9/14), Cecilia Lewis (9/16), Dale Holcomb (9/20).

ST. ANDREW'S CALENDAR

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 & Welcome Home Intergenerational Gathering: directly following the service, chapel

Wednesday, September 17

• Laundry Ministry: 1:30 p.m., corner of Cary and Meadow Streets

Friday, September 19

• Align RVA Presents Reiki and Sound Journey: 6:30 p.m., chapel.

Sunday, September 21: The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 20

- Holy Eucharist Rite II: 10:00 a.m., church and on Facebook Live
- Coffee Hour & Launch of Welcome Home Campaign: directly following the service, chapel
- Vestry Meeting: 11:45 a.m., St. Andrew's House

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thanks and welcome to the Rev. Robert Hetherington, our guest celebrant this morning!
- Welcome Home Gathering Today: Come one, come all to St. Andrew's first intergenerational gathering of this new program year! Lifting up the first two words of our wonderful mission statement this year's annual stewardship campaign theme is Welcome Home! During today's coffee hour we'll gather to share our thoughts, hopes and prayers for what makes St. Andrew's feel like home, including what makes us proud to call St. Andrew's our home. We'll have crafts for our younger members and special fall treats for everyone. You'll be hearing more about our annual campaign in the next two weeks as we prepare for the formal launch of Welcome Home on Sunday, September 21. Questions? Comments? Offers of fall treats? Please email (office@standrewsoregonhill.org) or call (804-648-7980) the office. St. Andrew's, Come and See!
- 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 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

- Church Work Day: Join us at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 4, for a work day! Many hands will make light work as we tidy our grounds, trim plants, and more! Please email office@standrewsoregonhill.org or see Chris Catanzaro if you have questions. See you there!
- **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. All of the volunteer spots are full, but we hope you'll join in the Pridefest celebration and stop by the tent while you are there!
- 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.