



HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 20, YEAR A

SEPTEMBER 20, 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 at the front of the church by the flag, 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

Not here for high and holy things

Hymn #9, verses 1,4-6

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. 234

Please remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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

Jonah 3:10-4:11

NRSV

Please be seated.

A reading from the book of the Prophet Jonah.

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord,

please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” And the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.” But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

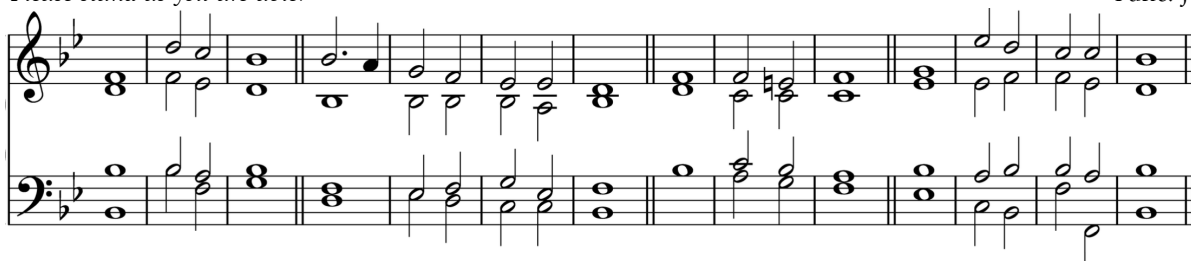
The Response

Psalm 145:1-8

Text: Psalter for the Christian People

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.

Tune: Joseph Corfe



- 1 I will exalt you, O | God my | Sovereign, ||
and bless your Name for | ev - er | and ev - | er. ||
- 2 Every day will | I bless | you ||
and praise your Name for | ev - er | and ev - | er. ||
- 3 Great is the Lord and greatly | to be | praised; ||
there is no | end to | your great - | ness. ||
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to | a - no - | ther ||
and | shall de - | clare your | power. ||
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your | ma - je - | sty ||
and | all our | marve - lous | works. ||
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your | won - drous | acts, ||
and I will | tell of | your great - | ness. ||
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of | your great | goodness; ||
they shall sing | of your | right - eous | deeds.
- 8 The Lord is gracious and full | of com - | passion, ||
slow to anger | and of | great kind - | ness. ||
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 Epistle

Philippians 1:21-30

NRSV

Please be seated.

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Hymnal #685

NRSV

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Gospel of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Rev. Canon Dr. Lynn Collins

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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, turn for help to the Lord your strength and constantly seek God's presence. Let us pray to our generous God, saying, lead us with gladness, O God;
- People* Cover us with shouts of joy!**
- Intercessor* Generous God, you have chosen us to do the work of your kingdom; you have called us to labor in your vineyard. With grateful hearts, we offer to you the best of what we have. We pray for all who celebrate birthdays this week, especially Dale Holcomb, Steve Salter. Lead us with gladness, O God;
- People* Cover us with shouts of joy!**
- Intercessor* Generous God, you hear the cry of the hungry. Give bread to all those who face starvation. Use us, as you will, to relieve suffering in our world. Lead us with gladness, O God;
- People* Cover us with shouts of joy!**
- Intercessor* Generous God, you make rivers run in dry places. You have blessed this earth with bountiful resources. Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Lead us with gladness, O God;
- People* Cover us with shouts of joy!**
- Intercessor* Generous God, there is enough kingdom work for everyone. Give us eyes to see the opportunities in our own neighborhood. Guide us that we may live in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Lead us with gladness, O God;
- People* Cover us with shouts of joy!**
- Intercessor* Generous God, you hear the cries of the desperate. Marvelous are your works, O God. May the sick and suffering rejoice in you. May the sorrowful call upon your name. Lead us with gladness, O God;
- People* Cover us with shouts of joy!**
- Intercessor* Generous God, living is Christ and dying is gain. May those who now rest from their labors find their comfort in you. Let light perpetual shine upon them. Lead us with gladness, O God;
- People* Cover us with shouts of joy!**
- 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

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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 Anthem

Please remain seated.

Presentation Hymn

Let us with a gladsome mind

Hymnal #389, verses 1,3,6,7

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

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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

O Master let me walk with thee

Hymnal #660

Postcommunion Prayer

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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

Closing Hymn

Joyful, joyful

Hymn #376

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

THIS MORNING'S LEADERS

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Canon Dr. Lynn Collins **Organist & Choirmaster:** Demas Boudreaux

Intercessor: Sue Barrett **Crucifer & Sunday Steward:** Paula Harper **Altar Guild:** Aimee Johnson **Reader:** Elaine Baur

Lead Greeter: Mike Culver **Tellers:** Steve Salter & Andawen Sauder

Email your vestry: vestry@standrewsoregonhill.org

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Pat Bridgewater, Sarah Farber, Ellen Field, Mil Floyd, Patrick Getlein, 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 those who live and work and go to school on Oregon Hill and for the ministry of the Blessings Fence.
- 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 schools and educational institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For all universities, colleges, seminaries, trade, technical, graduate, and professional schools; for the students, faculty, and staff of these institutions.
- Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Dale Holcomb (9/20), Steve Salter (9/21).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **I Will, With God's Help:** This Ministry for Racial Justice and Healing training is for all who want to activate their racial justice heart. We'll gather from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on September 26 in St. Andrew's chapel. What's included: lunch, spirit-centered conversations about justice, practical tools for ministry, and liturgically centered racial justice training with a closing Eucharist. Scan the QR code or [click to register here](#). 
- **Blessing of the Animals:** Your pets, stuffed animals, and photos of your pets are all welcome at St. Andrew's annual Blessing of the Animals! This year's blessing will be held during the regular 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, October 4. We are excited to meet your pets and stuffed animals (or even see photos of your pets)!
- **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! 
- **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. 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 or Dale Holcomb if you are interested in lending a hand.
- **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.

Sunday Christian Formation - Fall 2026

** *Today, September 20: A Teachable Minute* during Coffee Hour in the chapel – short, sweet, & informative!

** *Wisdom Over Fear* – St. Andrew's House, 11:30 a.m. -12:15 p.m.

October 4 - *Anxiety in a Chaotic Time*: Facilitator - Felicity Blundon

October 11 - *Faith & Politics*: Facilitator - Paula Harper

October 18 - *Making Room for Joy*: Facilitator - Laura Boucher

October 25 - *Engagement/Disengagement*: Facilitator: Mike Culver

** November 8: *A Teachable Minute* during Coffee Hour in the chapel

** November 15: *Guest Storyteller Denise Bennett*

** November 29: *Annual Advent Wreath Workshop* in the chapel

** December 6, 13, & 20: *The Sacraments* – A Three Week Offering

Tuesday Evening Bible Study - Fall 2026 - The Prophets

Tuesdays, October 6 – November 10, On Zoom, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Join us for this Bible study led by Rev. Lynn! We'll use the study guide *Embracing the Prophets* by the Rev.

Walter Bruggeman, though you need not purchase the study guide. Kindly register in the chapel; forms are on top of the small organ.

What future formation offerings would you like to see? What are you curious about? What would help support you on your faith journey? What might help deepen your prayer life or strengthen your commitment to serve others? Tell us - write your ideas on the white board in the chapel!

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 20, September 20

- **Choir Rehearsal:** 9:00 a.m., undercroft
- **Holy Eucharist Rite II:** 10:00 a.m., church and on Facebook Live
- **Coffee Hour including *A Teachable Minute*:** directly following the service, chapel
- **Vestry Meeting:** 11:45 a.m., St. Andrew's House

Wednesday, September 23

- **Funeral for Helen Elizabeth Kelley:** 10:00 a.m, church, followed by burial in Westhampton Cemetery
- **Laundry Ministry:** 1:30 p.m., corner of Cary and Meadow Streets

Saturday, September 26

- **I Will, With God's Help:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., chapel

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 21, September 27

- **Choir Rehearsal:** 9:00 a.m., undercroft
- **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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