



HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II & THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

THE 19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: THE PROPER FOR ST. FRANCIS

OCTOBER 4, 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

O love, how deep

Hymn #448, 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

Adapted from *Lesser Feasts and Fasts* 2022, p. 451

Please remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant Christ be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Living God, grant us grace to follow the way of blessed Francis, that we may delight in your whole creation with the fullness of love. O God, you have made us and all living things, and we thank you for giving us these pets who bring us great joy. As you take care of us, we also invite your guidance that we might take care of all those who trust us to look after them. By doing so, we share in your own love for all creation. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

The First Lesson

Job 39:1-18

NRSV

Please be seated.

A reading from the Book of Job.

"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer? Can you number the months that they fulfil, and do you know the time when they give birth, when they crouch to give birth to their offspring, and are delivered of their young? Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open; they go forth, and do not return to them. "Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, to

which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling-place? It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver. It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing. "Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will it spend the night at your crib? Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes, or will it harrow the valleys after you? Will you depend on it because its strength is great, and will you hand over your labor to it? Do you have faith in it that it will return, and bring your grain to your threshing-floor? "The ostrich's wings flap wildly, though its pinions lack plumage. For it leaves its eggs to the earth, and lets them be warmed on the ground, forgetting that a foot may crush them, and that a wild animal may trample them. It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own; though its labor should be in vain, yet it has no fear; because God has made it forget wisdom, and given it no share in understanding. When it spreads its plumes aloft, it laughs at the horse and its rider."

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

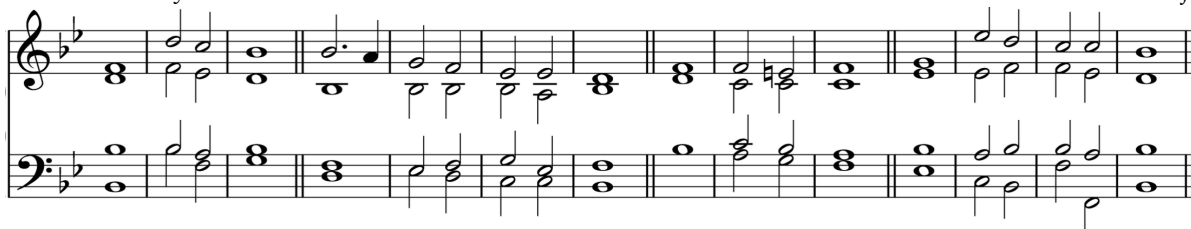
The Response

Psalm 121

Text: Psalter for the Christian People

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.

Tune: Joseph Corfe



- 1 I lift up my eyes | to the | hills; ||
from where | is my | help to | come? ||
- 2 My help comes | from the | Lord, ||
the | maker of | heaven and | earth. ||
- 3 The Lord will not let your | foot be | moved ||
and the Lord who watches over you | will not | fall a- | sleep. ||
- 4 Behold, the Lord who keeps watch over | Is-ra- | el ||
shall neither | slum-ber | nör | sleep; ||
- 5 The Lord watches | over | you; ||
the Lord is your | shade at | your right | hand, ||
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike | you by | day, ||
nor | the moon | bÿ | night. ||
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you | from all | evil; ||
it is the Lord | who shall | keep you | safe. ||
- 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your | com-ing | in, ||
from this time | forth for- | ever- | more. ||
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

Acts 4:32-35, 5:1-11

NRSV

Please be seated.

A reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles.

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at

the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. But a man named Ananias, with the consent of his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property; with his wife's knowledge, he kept back some of the proceeds, and brought only a part and laid it at the apostles' feet. "Ananias," Peter asked, "why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to us but to God!" Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard of it. The young men came and wrapped up his body, then carried him out and buried him. After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you and your husband sold the land for such and such a price." And she said, "Yes, that was the price." Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." Immediately she fell down at his feet and died. When the young men came in they found her dead, so they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. And great fear seized the whole church and all who heard of these things.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Words: Edward Mote (1797-1874)

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.

Music: William B. Bradbury (1816-1868)

1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and
 2 When dark-ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un -
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood, sup - port me in the
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in

right - eous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
 him be found: dressed in his right - eous - ness a - lone, fault -

whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand: all
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

The Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30

NRSV

Please remain standing as you are able.

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Canon Dr. Lynn Collins

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

Please remain standing or kneel as you are able.

Intercessor Let us give thanks to God our Creator for all the gifts so freely bestowed upon us and for the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea;

All **We thank you, Lord.**

Intercessor For the richness of the mountains, plains, and rivers;

All **We thank you, Lord.**

Intercessor For all creatures that breathe, and move, and have life;

All **We thank you, Lord.**

Intercessor For the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers and trees;

All **We thank you, Lord.**

Intercessor For the trust you have shown in giving into our care these, our animal companions;

All **We thank you, Lord.**

Intercessor That each pet here and at home may be treasured with care;

All **We pray to you, Lord.**

Intercessor That we may love and honor all living creatures;

All **We pray to you, Lord.**

Intercessor That we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation;

All **We pray to you, Lord.**

Intercessor Let us lift up the names of all animals who have blessed and continue to bless our lives with comfort, love, and 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.

All 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

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Sebastian Temple

Please remain seated.

Presentation Hymn

Now thank we all our God

Hymn #397, verses 1, 3

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 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:

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!

Invitation to Communion & Blessing of the Animals

All are welcome at Christ's table. You are invited to come forward to receive the bread and the wine as well as a blessing with your pet. 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 or a healing prayer. Please let a greeter know if you would prefer to have communion brought to you in your seat.

Healing Prayer is being offered at the back of the church during Communion.

Communion Hymn

My song is love unknown

Hymn #458

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

Not far beyond the sea

Hymn #422

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. Canon Dr. Lynn Collins *Organist & Choirmaster:* Demas Boudreaux
Intercessor: Ally Getlein *Crucifer:* Belinda Brugh *Sunday Steward:* Chris Prior *Altar Guild:* Olivia Andres
Reader: Elaine Baur *Lead Greeter:* Mike Culver *Healing:* Chris Catanzaro
Email your vestry: vestry@standrewsoregonhill.org

**The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God
and in honor of the 72nd anniversary of the marriage of Bill and Barbara Butler by Bill Butler.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Jayne Jenkins Bowden, Pat Bridgewater, Cathy Creamer, Ellen Field, Mil Floyd, Patrick Getlein, Sandra Heitzler, Tracey Miles, Crystal Munnings, Cathy O'Neil, Deya Porter & family, Lizzie Schrass, Carol Slonaker, the Thompson-White family.
- Pray for those who live and work and go to school on Oregon Hill and for the ministry of Anna Julia Cooper School.
- Pray for 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 public, non-profit, and religious social service work and ministries in Metropolitan Richmond: For all in need of social services, all social service departments and caseworkers. For partnerships between the church and other institutions serving the needy.
- Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Dalton Stevens (10/6), Vivien Williams (10/7), Jill Pollard Cole (10/10).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Vestry Service:** Are you interested in helping to lead our community in Christ into a new and exciting chapter? Serving on our governing vestry would be a meaningful way to do so. Eligibility criteria including the following: 1) At least 18 years of age; 2) A baptized person confirmed or received by the bishop into the Episcopal Church; 3) Has received Holy Eucharist at St. Andrew's at least 3 times during the preceding year; 4) Is known to the Treasurer to have pledged or made an identifiable financial contribution to St. Andrew's in the preceding year; and 5) Has been faithful in corporate worship in this parish during the preceding year. New vestry members will be elected at the Annual Meeting in January 2027. Want to learn more? Senior Warden Katrina Comissiong-Williams, Junior Warden Dwight Johnson, or any vestry member will be happy to chat with you!
- **Church Workday on October 24:** Mark your calendars and plan to join us at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 24, as many hands make light work of cleaning up around our beloved St. Andrews!
- **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.

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SUNDAY CHRISTIAN FORMATION AT ST. ANDREW'S - FALL 2026

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

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. Scan the QR code or click the following link to join the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86726194284?pwd=yolSksZ1MnpjwU02cymo3U2ASOQD.1>

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!



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THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 4 – The Blessing of the Animals

- **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
- **Formation – *Anxiety in a Chaotic Time*:** 11:30 a.m., St. Andrew's House

Tuesday, October 6

- **Bible Study – *The Prophets*:** 7:00 p.m., Zoom

Wednesday, October 7

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

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 23, October 11

- **Choir Rehearsal:** 9:00 a.m., undercroft
- **Holy Eucharist Rite II:** 10:00 a.m., church and on Facebook Live
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