



HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 23, YEAR A

OCTOBER 11, 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

Rejoice, ye pure in heart!

Hymn #556, verses 1-5

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.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; 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

Isaiah 25:1-9

NRSV

Please sit.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat

in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Response

Shepherd me, O God

Marty Haugen

The refrain is sung by all, the choir or cantor sings the verses. Please stand as you are able.

Refrain – Sung by all

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -
yond my fears, from death in - to life. life.

To verses 1, 2, 3, 5 *To verse 4*

Verses – Choir or Cantor

1. God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. *Refrain*
2. Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
You lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
My spirit shall sing the music of your name. *Refrain*
3. Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil for you are at my side,
Your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. *Refrain*
4. You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
Crowning me with love beyond my power to hold. *Refrain*
5. Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. *Refrain*

The Epistle

Philippians 4:1-9

NRSV

Please sit.

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep

on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

This is the hour of banquet and song

Hymnal #317, verses 1-2

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.

The Gospel

Matthew 22: 1-14

NRSV

Please remain standing as you are able.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn

This is the hour of banquet and song

Hymnal #317, verse 3

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

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

Praying the Scriptures

Please remain standing or kneel as you are able.

- Intercessor* Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let us humbly approach our God, saying, remember us with favor, O Lord;
- People* **Visit us with your saving help.**
- Intercessor* God our Savior, strengthen your Church to stand firm in your love. May we struggle not *with* one another, but instead struggle *beside* one another in the work of the gospel. Remember us with favor, O Lord;
- People* **Visit us with your saving help.**
- Intercessor* God our Savior, you make happy those who act with justice. May the leaders and people of the nations dedicate themselves to pure and honorable dealings. Let your justice reign on this earth. Remember us with favor, O Lord;
- People* **Visit us with your saving help.**
- Intercessor* God our Savior, you are good to us. You have blessed us with a rich creation and a beautiful planet for your home. May we cherish the gifts you have given us. We pray for all who live, work, and go to school on Oregon Hill; for all who are celebrating birthdays this week. Remember us with favor, O Lord;
- People* **Visit us with your saving help.**
- Intercessor* God our Savior, deliver our community from worry. Make us a people of prayer, a congregation who intercedes for our neighbors. Remember us with favor, O Lord;
- People* **Visit us with your saving help.**
- Intercessor* God our Savior, you are always near. Assure the lonely heal the sick; do might acts in the lives of the downcast. With thankful hearts, trusting in your mercy, we make our requests known to you. Remember us with favor, O Lord;
- People* **Visit us with your saving help.**
- Intercessor* God our Savior, your mercy endures forever. May those who have died glory in your inheritance and feast at your heavenly banquet for all eternity. Remember us with favor, O Lord;
- People* **Visit us with your saving help.**
- Intercessor* God of wisdom who knows our path, we humbly ask you to guide our discernment committee: Christine, Patrick, Shar, Steve, and Vivien by the Holy Spirit towards the priest whom you have raised up to lead us. Quiet their hearts, keep them from sin, and strengthen Your gifts within them so they may better listen and respond to Your perfect counsel. We pray also for our future priest, that You may prepare them to aid us in continuing the mission of the church, began in the apostles, continued in Grace Arents, us, and all St. Andreans, and perfected in the return of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Until that day, be close to St. Andrew's and strengthen our spirits, so we may continue in doing Your good work.
- Intercessor* At this time we invite you to share your prayers of intercession and thanksgiving, either silently or aloud.

The celebrant adds the concluding collect.

The Confession

BCP, p. 360

Please remain standing or kneeling as you are able.

- Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
- All* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

BCP, p. 360

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

***People* And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

Please be seated.

Offertory Anthem

Brother James's Air

Gordon Jacobs

Please remain seated.

Presentation Hymn

Now thank we all our God

Hymnal #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 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 #S130

Please remain standing or kneel as you are able.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

***All* We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things

in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Andrew, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.** And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

Said by all. Please remain standing or kneeling as you are able.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Communion Hymn

My Shepherd will supply my need

Hymnal #664

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

Closing Hymn

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Hymn #690

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: Jim Evans *Crucifer & Sunday Steward:* Dwight Johnson *Altar Guild:* Dale Holcomb

Tellers: Steve Salter & Ricky Gorrell *Reader:* Tim Williams *Lead Greeter:* Mike Culver

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The flowers on the altar are given by Connie Harriss to the glory of God and in honor of her granddaughter Peyton Williams and Aidan Stoddart, who were married yesterday at St Luke's Episcopal Church, Powhatan.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Alexandria Bluing, 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 the Shelter Lunches.
- 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 mental health services, all mental health workers, counselors, and treatment facilities.
- Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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 - Fall 2026

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

Tuesday Evening Bible Study - Fall 2026 - The Prophets



Tuesdays through 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=yolSksZ1MpwjtuSU02cymo3U2ASOQD.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!

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

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
- **Coffee Hour:** directly following the service, chapel
- **Formation:** 11:30 a.m., St. Andrew's House

Tuesday, October 13

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

The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 24, October 18

- **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:** 11:30 a.m., St. Andrew's House



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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