



HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE 21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 24, YEAR A

OCTOBER 18, 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

Praise to the living God

Hymn #372

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. 235

Please remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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

Isaiah 45:1-7

NRSV

Please be seated.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him~ and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of

Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
 People Thanks be to God.

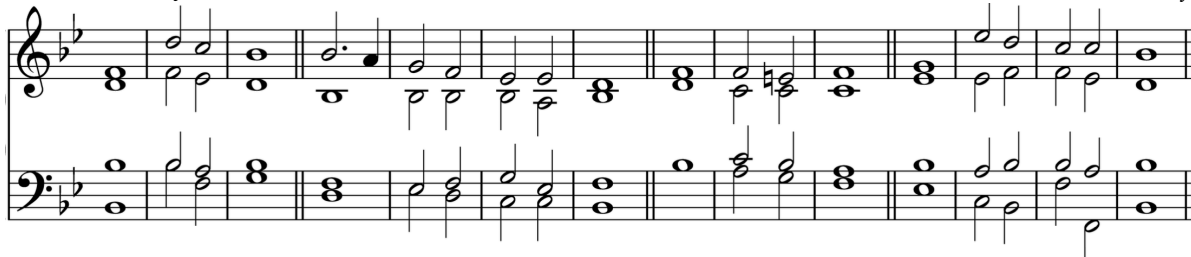
The Response

Psalm 96:1-9

Text: Psalter for the Christian People

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.

Tune: Joseph Corfe



1. Sing to the LORD | a new | song; ||
 sing to the LORD, all the whole earth. ||
 2. Sing to the LÖRD | and bless | the LORD's | Name; ||
 proclaim the good news of salvation from | day to | day.
 3. Declare the glory of the | LORD a- | mong the | nations ||
 and the wonders of the | LORD a- | mong all | peoples. ||
 4. For great is the LORD and greatly | to be | praised; ||
 more to | be feared | than all | gods. ||
 5. As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but | idols; ||
 but it is the | LORD that | made the | heavens. ||
 6. Oh, the majesty and magnificence of the presence | of the | LORD! ||
 Oh, the power and the splendor of the | sanctu-ary | of our | God! ||
 7. Ascribe to the LORD, you families | of the | peoples; ||
 ascribe to the | LORD hon- | or and | power. ||
 8. Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the | di-vine | name; ||
 come to the holy courts | with your | off-er- | ings. ||
 9. Worship the LORD in the beauty of | holi- | ness; ||
 let the whole | earth trem- | ble in | awe. ||
- 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

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

NRSV

Please be seated.

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy

Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead~ Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

My faith looks up

Hymnal #691

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.

The Gospel

Matthew 22: 15-22

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.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Celebrant 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

Praying the Scriptures

Please remain standing or kneel as you are able.

Leader Gather us together, O God, that we might share the prayers, intentions, and thanksgivings of our community. May we be generous with our gifts of praise;

People From generation to generation.

Leader I ask your prayers for the Church, for all who worship God this day. We pray especially for this season in which we celebrate our stories at St. Andrew's and plant the seeds for stories that have

yet to be told. We pray especially for all those who live and work on Oregon Hill.

May we be generous with our gifts of storytelling;

People

From generation to generation.

Leader

I ask your prayers for all people facing injustice; for refugees fleeing climate change and war; for conflicts of resources and land; for lawmakers, peacekeepers, and informed citizens. We pray for the distribution of wealth; equity for the poor and the marginalized; and for the laying down of all weapons, especially in Israel and Palestine.

May we be generous with our gifts of justice and peace;

People

From generation to generation.

Leader

I ask your prayers for the sick, the lonely, the lost, and those who grieve. We remember those on our parish prayer list and those we name now in silence or aloud.

May we be generous with our gifts of healing;

People

From generation to generation.

Leader

I ask your prayers for those who have died, those who are dying, and those who mourn. For all the saints who have gone on before us, and especially for those we name now in silence or aloud.

May we be generous with our gifts of love and remembrance;

People

From generation to generation.

Leader

Let us give thanks for the many blessings of this life, especially for the time, talents, and treasures we are called to bring to your table, O God. May we cherish the gifts you have given us. We pray especially for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Elaine Baur, Milo Williams. May we be generous with our gifts of gratitude;

People

From generation to generation.

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

God Beyond Earth's Finest Treasures

Arr: Martin E. Leckebusch

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

O for a closer walk with God

Hymnal #684

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

God of our fathers

Hymn #718

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: Britton Trimble *Crucifer:* Belinda Brugh *Altar Guild:* Judy Johnson

Tellers: Andawen Sauder & Ricky Gorrell *Reader:* Ally Getlein *Lead Greeter:* Mike Culver

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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 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 public, non-profit, and religious social service work and ministries in Metropolitan Richmond: For all who suffer from addiction, dependency or co-dependency of any sort; for twelve-step programs, recovery programs, therapists, and addiction counselors. For advocates who provide a voice for the rights of persons whose voices are not heard.
- Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Milo Williams (10/19), Elaine Baur (10/24).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Church Workday on this Coming Saturday, 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!
 - **Halloween at St. Andrew's – Halloween Candy Needed:** As you shop for Halloween candy, will you grab an extra bag of individually-wrapped Halloween candy for our Oregon Hill neighbors? Please drop your donations in the basket in the nave as we prepare for Halloween at St. Andrew's. We expect hundreds of visitors, so bulk donations are appreciated. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us on the steps of St. Andrew's on Halloween evening to watch the All the Saints Theater's 21st Annual Halloween Parade through Oregon Hill and give out candy to trick-or-treaters. The parade begins at 7:00 p.m., details will be coming soon!
 - **Commemorations & Celebrations on All Saints' Sunday, November 1:** During the service on All Saints' Sunday we will continue our tradition of commemorating those who have gone on before us. You are invited to email Britton at office@standreworegonhill.org the names of your loved ones who have died so that we may join with them in prayer (*please do so by October 27*).
 - **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!
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- **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

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

TODAY, 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=volSksZ1MpiwtuSU02cymo3U2ASOQD.1>

Meeting ID: 867 2619 4284 ~ Passcode: 798023220

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 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
- **Vestry:** this afternoon on Zoom

Tuesday, October 20

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

Wednesday, October 21

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

Saturday, October 24

- **Church Workday:** 1:00 p.m.

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 25, October 25

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

*The altar flowers are given by Karen and Steve Salter to the glory of God
and in honor of Conor Salter and Krista McDonald's wedding yesterday, October 17, 2026.*

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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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