



HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 14): YEAR C

AUGUST 10, 2025: 10:00 A.M.

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Seekers, believers, and doubters of all ages, welcome home to St. Andrew's! Everything you need for the Liturgy of the Word is found in your bulletin. Music may be found in this bulletin or in the blue 1982 Hymnal (in the pew rack). Restrooms are downstairs in the undercroft; our greeters can direct you to a more accessible restroom in the parish house as well.

Children of all ages are welcome to join us in our Soft Space, located by the St. Andrew's flag up front, during worship. Please move around our space as you and your children are most comfortable. Visitors, we would love to get to know you, and we invite you to fill out one of our welcome cards and place it in the offering plate or hand it to one of our greeters. *We are so glad you are here!*

Prelude

Opening Hymn

How firm a foundation

Hymn #636

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.

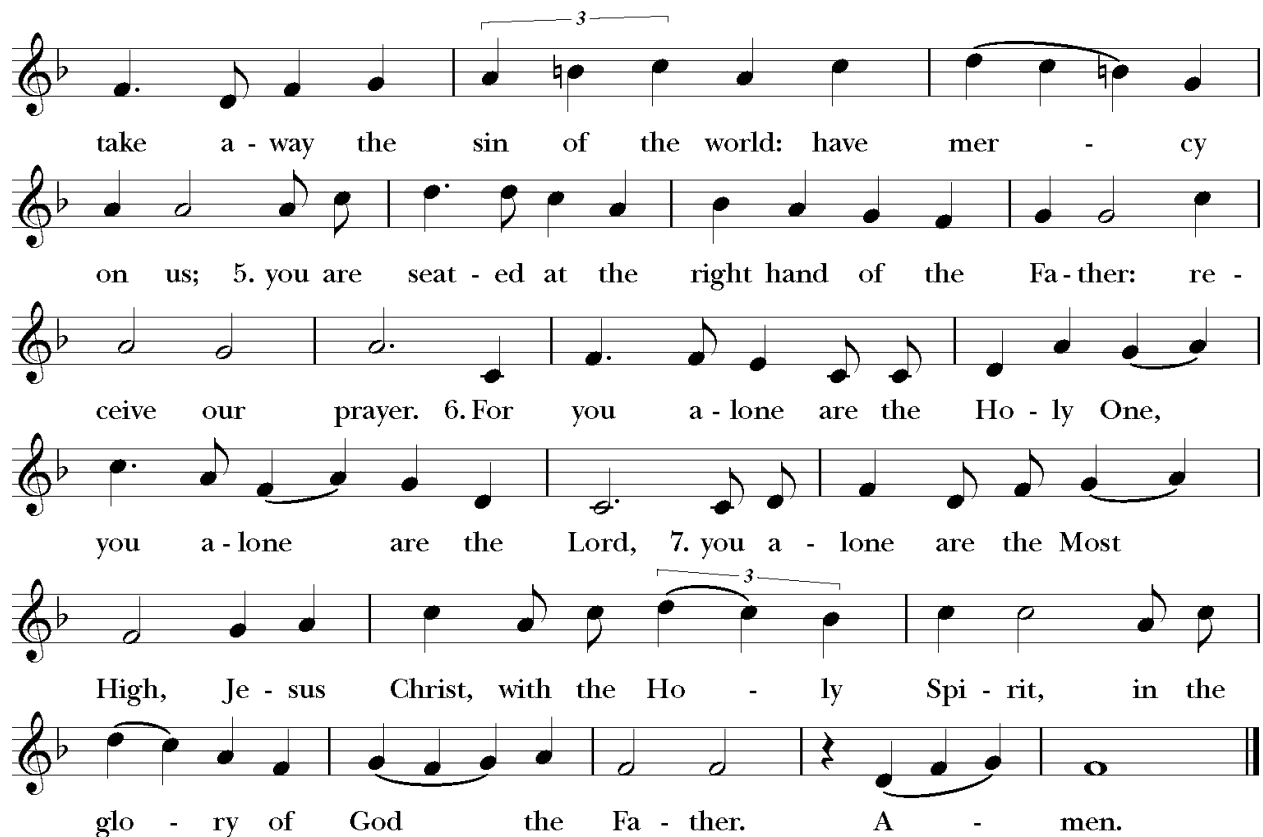
Song of Praise

Glory to God

Hymn #S-280

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

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 231

Please remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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

Genesis 15:1-6

NRSV

Please be seated.

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Response

Psalm 33:12-22

Psalter for the Christian People

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.



- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the / Lord! *
happy the people you have chosen to be your / own!
- 13 O Lord, you look down from / heaven, *
and behold all the people in the / world.
- 14 From where you sit enthroned you turn your / gaze *
on all who dwell on the / earth.
- 15 You fashion all the hearts of / them *
and understand all their / works.
- 16 There is no ruler that can be saved by a mighty / army; *
a warrior is not delivered by great / strength.
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for de- / liverance; *
for all its strength it cannot / save.
- 18 Behold, your eye, O Lord, is upon those who fear / you, *
on those who wait upon your / love,
- 19 To pluck their lives from / death, *
and to feed them in time of / famine.
- 20 Our soul waits for you, O / Lord; *
you are our help and our / shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in / you, *
for in your holy Name we put our / trust.
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon / us, *
as we have put our trust in / you.
- Glory to the Father, and to the / Son, *
and to the Holy / Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is / now, *
and will be for ever. A- / men.

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

NRSV

Please be seated.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old~ and Sarah herself was barren~ because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the

stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

This is the hour of banquet and song

Hymn #317

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.

The Gospel

Luke 12:32-40

NRSV

Please remain standing as you are able.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Robert Hetherington

Please be seated.

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

Said by all. Please stand as you are able.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Praying the Scriptures

Please remain standing or kneel as you are able.

Intercessor Do not be afraid, children of Abraham; God, your God, is your shield. So, let us approach our God, saying, let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us;

***People* We put our trust in you.**

Intercessor As your Church, we confess that we are strangers seeking a homeland. Do not be ashamed to call yourself our God and make us worthy of that heavenly city you have prepared for us. Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us;

***People* We put our trust in you.**

Intercessor Mighty God, you behold all of the people in the world. May all tribes and nations come to understand that our strength is not found in violence or weapons but in the power of your love. Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us;

***People* We put our trust in you.**

Intercessor Creator God you are the one who made the stars of heaven and the sand by the seashore. We bless and honor you for the gifts of creation. We give thanks for all who are celebrating birthdays this week. Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us;

***People* We put our trust in you.**

Intercessor Defend the orphans, O God; rescue the oppressed; show compassion to those who feel lonely or isolated. And let the heavens declare the rightness of your cause. Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us;

***People* We put our trust in you.**

Intercessor Comfort and heal the sick and the sorrowful. May they know that you are their help and shield. Deliver them from all fear and help them to trust in your righteousness. Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us;

***People* We put our trust in you.**

Intercessor Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. We praise you, God, that those who have died are welcomed home, where they will dwell with all men and women of faith in the city you have prepared for them. Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us;

***People* We put our trust in you.**

Intercessor God of wisdom who knows our path, we humbly ask you to guide our discernment committee: Christine, Patrick, Shar, Steve, and Vivien by the Holy Spirit towards the priest whom you have raised up to lead us. Quiet their hearts, keep them from sin, and strengthen Your gifts within them so they may better listen and respond to Your perfect counsel. We pray also for our future priest, that You may prepare them to aid us in continuing the mission of the church, began in the apostles, continued in Grace Arents, us, and all St. Andreans, and perfected in the return of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Until that day, be close to St. Andrew's and strengthen our spirits, so we may continue in doing Your good work.

***People* Amen.**

You are invited to add your own prayers at this time. The celebrant adds the concluding collect.

The Confession

BCP, p. 360

Please remain 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

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

Welcome and Announcements

Please be seated.

Offertory Anthem

Please remain seated.

Presentation Hymn

As those of old their first fruits brought

Hymn #705

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, p. 361

Please remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Hymn #S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please remain standing or kneel as you are able.

Holy and gracious God: in your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

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

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

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Invitation to the Table

All are welcome at Christ's table. Communion is offered in both kinds, bread and wine. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Those who do not wish to receive the Eucharist may come forward and simply cross their hands over their chest to receive a blessing. Please let a greeter know if you would prefer to have communion brought to you in your seat.

Communion Hymn

Come, Holy Spirit

Hymn #510

Sending of Eucharistic Visitors

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP, p. 365

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

ST. ANDREW'S CALENDAR

Sunday, August 10: The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 14

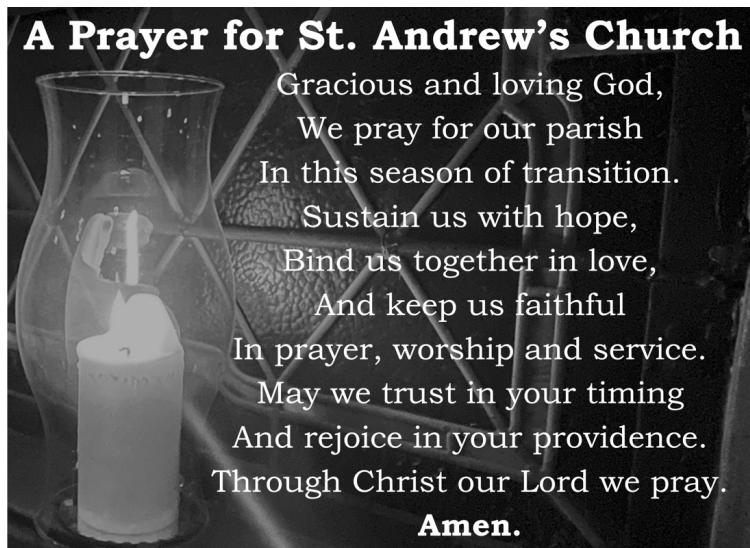
- **Holy Eucharist Rite II:** 10:00 a.m., church and on Facebook Live
- **Coffee Hour:** directly following the service, chapel

Wednesday, August 14

- **Audit & Finance Committee Meeting:** 6:00 p.m., Zoom

Sunday, August 17: The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 15

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Thanks and welcome to the Rev. Robert Hetherington, our guest celebrant this morning!**
- **Gathering Grace Women's Group:** You're invited to join Gathering Grace, a new community for all those identifying as women within our congregation! This group is a welcoming space to find strength, support, and encouragement in one another as we share wisdom and navigate life's joys and challenges together. For details, please reach out to Christine Baur-Millward. You are encouraged to come as you are and connect with a community dedicated to encouragement, connection, and spiritual growth!
- **Updated 2025 Directory Available:** If you would like a copy, have changes to your information, or have questions or concerns, please see or email Britton Trimble for the new link at office@standrewsoregonhill.org. Please do not share your copy of the directory and please do not distribute information contained in this directory outside of our parish family.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- **St. Andrew's School Parlor:** The school needs your help to transform the parlor into a multi-use space (teacher resource center, volunteer and student work area, and meeting room) and it's as easy as shopping on Amazon! All you have to do is go their Amazon Wish List at <https://tinyurl.com/sasparlor> and choose what you'd like to give. Thanks for your support of St. Andrew's School!

- **PrideFest:** We'll be joining the Episcopal Churches of Central Richmond on September 27, noon until 6:00 p.m., at the annual VA Pridefest at Midtown Green! Together, we'll offer an inclusive welcome on behalf of the Episcopal church in RVA. You are invited to help staff the regional tent. To volunteer or to learn more, please email the office at office@standrewsoregonhill.org.
- **Laundry Ministry:** Our amazing Laundry Ministry celebrates its 10-year anniversary this year! Thanks to all who drop quarters in the donation box ~ every quarter helps. If you'd like to help out in person, we could really use your help! Please see Sue Barrett or email office@standrewsoregonhill.org to find out how you can get involved in this much-needed ministry to our neighbors.
- **Fellowship Ministry:** Fellowship is more than just coffee and cookies after church. It is ministry. It is fundamental to our mission and includes loving and serving God's purposes through and for each other. Please consider getting involved with your fellow parishioners to help bring joy and deeper connection to our church family. Bring your gifts for hospitality, organization, creativity – or just a warm smile and a helping hand. You don't have to make a long-term commitment. Help with one-time events or small tasks. It's fun and greatly appreciated! Please reach out to our fellowship team at fellowship@standrewsoregonhill.org.
- **2025 Coffee Hour Sign-Up:** We invite you to sign up to bring snacks for a coffee hour in 2025! Snacks can be as simple as you'd like, home-made or store-bought, and you don't have to worry about providing or setting up drinks. The sign-up sheet is available on the organ or the snack table in the chapel.



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. **Amen.**



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.

236 S. Laurel St. Richmond, VA 23220 • standrewsoregonhill.org • 804-648-7980