Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The 24th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 27: Year A

November 8, 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 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 *Before thy throne* Hymn #**574**
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. **245**
Please remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of evil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as Christ is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The First Lesson *Amos 5:18-24* NRSV
Please be seated.

A reading from the book of the Prophet Amos.

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord: Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn

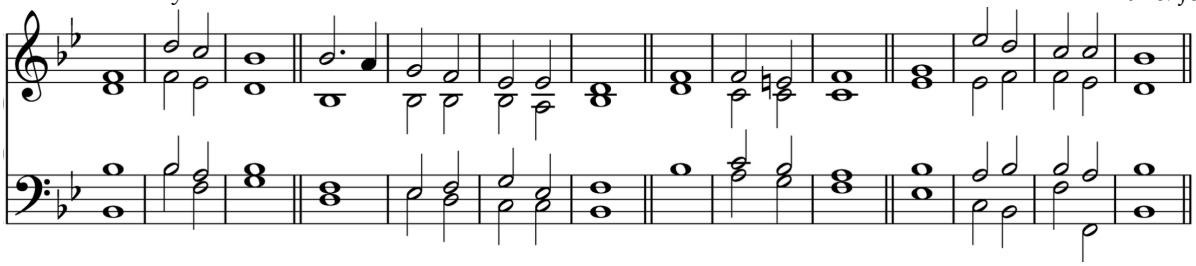
assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response *Psalm 70* Text: Psalter for the Christian People

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able. Tune: Joseph Corfe



1 Be pleased, O God, to de - | li - ver | me; ||
O **Lord**, | make haste | to help | me. ||

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altoge- | ther dis - | mayed; ||
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw | back and | be dis - | graced. ||

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over | me turn | back, ||
bë - | cause they | are a - | shamed. ||

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in | you; ||
let those who love your salvation say for ever, | "Gre**ä**t | is the | Lord!" ||

5 But as for me, I am | poor and | needy; ||
come to **më** | spee - di - | ly, O | God. ||

6 You are my helper and my de - | li - ver - | er; ||
O | Lord, do | not tar - | ry. ||

Glory be to the Father, and | to the | Son, ||
änd | 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 *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18* NRSV

Please be seated.

A reading from first letter to the Thessalonians.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *Lift up your heads* Hymn **#436, verses 1,3,4**

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.

The Gospel *Matthew 25:1-13* 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.**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sequence Hymn *(continued)* *Lift up your heads* Hymn **#436, verse 5**

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

The Sermon The Rev. 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 stand or kneel as you are able.

Leader Siblings in Christ, Christ will come again! In hope let us make our prayer: You are our help and our deliverance;

People **Come quickly Lord.**

Leader Open wide your doors to us, O Lord. Accept us into your Kingdom. Give your Church endurance that we might keep our eyes open and fixed on you. You are our help and our deliverance;

People **Come quickly Lord.**

Leader Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an everflowing stream. Drown the evil of our time in a flood of mercy. Refresh the needy with the abundance of your love. You are our help and our deliverance;

People **Come quickly Lord.**

Leader God of the harvest, inspire our hearts to care deeply for your creation. Help us to live and work in harmony with all you have made. You are our help and our deliverance;

People **Come quickly Lord.**

Leader God, raise up leaders in our community. Bless them with wisdom. Give us hope and a future. We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Jim Evans. You are our help and our deliverance;

People **Come quickly Lord.**

Leader Be pleased, O God, to deliver those in need. Make haste to help the troubled. You are a great God and with you is health and salvation. We trust our loved ones to you. You are our help and our deliverance;

People **Come quickly Lord.**

Leader Through the death and resurrection of your Son, you give us new and unending life. We trust our dead to you, Merciful God. You are our help and our deliverance;

People **Come quickly Lord.**

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.

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 & Announcements

Please be seated.

Offertory Anthem

Presentation Hymn *Sing to the Lord of harvest*

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 in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away. 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.

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 Communion

All are welcome at Christ's table. *You are invited to come forward to receive the bread and the wine. 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.*

Communion Hymn *"Sleepers, wake!"* Hymn #**61**

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 *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah* Hymn #**690**

Sung by all. Please stand 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
Crucifer: Paula Harper *Altar Guild:* Olivia Andres *Tellers:* Chuck Baur & Katrina Comissiong-Williams
Lay Reader: Elaine Baur *Lead Greeter:* Mike Culver *Intercessor:* Ally Getlein
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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, Deya Porter & family, Lizzie Schrass, 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 for persons in financial need in Metropolitan Richmond: For the unemployed and underemployed. For the provision of safe, affordable housing and low-cost nutritious food. For the personal safety, dignity, and well-being of those who are unable to work.
- Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Jim Evans (11/14).

Announcements

- **Vestry nominations are open!** We will elect five new vestry members at the Annual Meeting in January 2027: three people to serve full three-year terms and two others to one-year positions that will complete two unexpired terms. A printed nomination form is included in your bulletin; extras are available in the narthex. Alternatively, you can click the QR code to the right to use the online form. Nominations close on Sunday, November 29. Questions and completed print forms should go to the Nominating Committee: Chuck Baur, Jim Evans or Katrina Comissiong-Williams.

- **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!

- **Your prayers are appreciated as our organ project nears its completion**. If you have any questions, please see Demas Boudreaux.

Sunday Christian Formation - Fall 2026

** November 15: ***Guest Storyteller Denise Bennett*** – *God is With Us, Wherever We Go*
** November 29: ***Annual Advent Wreath Workshop*** in the chapel
** December 6, 13: ***The Sacraments***

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=yolSksZ1MpjwtuSU02cymo3U2ASOQD.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!

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This Week at St. Andrew's

The 24th Sunday after Pentecost, November 8

- **Choir Rehearsal**: 9:00 a.m., undercroft
- **Holy Eucharist & Holy Baptism Rite II**: 10:00 a.m., church and on Facebook Live
- **Coffee Hour**: after the service, in the chapel

Tuesday, November 10

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

The 25th Sunday after Pentecost, November 15

- **Choir Rehearsal**: 9:00 a.m., undercroft
- **Holy Eucharist Rite II**: 10:00 a.m., church and on Facebook Live
- **Coffee Hour**: after the service, in the chapel
- **Formation**: after coffee hour, in the chapel
- **Vestry Meeting**: 5:00 p.m., on Zoom

Poinsettias for Christmas 2026

Help us decorate St. Andrew's with poinsettias on Christmas! If you would like to order a poinsettia in memory of or in thanksgiving for a loved one, please fill out this form, attach a check or pay online in the amount of **$20** *with "poinsettia" written in the memo section, and drop it in the offering plate or the office.*

Please submit a separate form for each poinsettia!

Alternatively, you can scan or click the QR code to the right to order your poinsettia online.

Please submit your orders by Sunday, November 29.

Donor:_____

In Memory of / In Thanksgiving for:_____
(Please Circle one)

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Check here if you wish to give your poinsettia to someone unable to attend the service: _____

Poinsettias may be picked up after the 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day service.

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