



Order of Worship for Holy Eucharist Rite II

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023

Welcome to this morning's worship!

Thank you for joining us today. If you are new to our service, please take a moment to fill out our visitor's card so we can get to know you. Please use this bulletin, the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP), and the blue Hymnal to follow along in worship. Nursery care is available down the stairs at the back of the church. Activity bags are available at the back of the church to keep little hearts and hands engaged.

Prelude

Opening Hymn *(Please stand as you are able.)*

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Hymnal 410

The Opening Acclamation

BCP p. 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.***

Gloria

Hymnal S-278

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Children's Procession

Children in kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to a children's ministry time. They will process out of the church together and go to the bright yellow classroom hall for Godly Play (K-2nd Grade), Kids of the Kingdom (3rd-5th Grade), and Angel Choir (all children K-5 together). They will return to the sanctuary by the Eucharistic Prayer. You can find more information about these offerings in today's announcements.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine! (Sing 3 times.) Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine! Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine! (Sing 3 times.) Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

The Word of God

The Epistle

Romans 14:1–12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

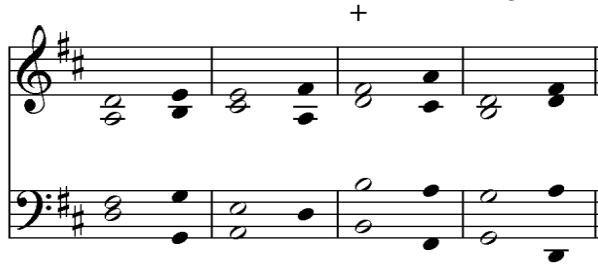
We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***



*Bless the Lord, O my / soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy / Name.
Bless the Lord, O my / soul, *
and forget not all his / benefits.
He forgives all your / sins *
and heals all your in-/firmities;
He redeems your life from the / grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-/kindness;
He satisfies you with good / things, *
and your youth is renewed like an / eagle's.
The Lord executes / righteousness *
and judgment for all who are op-/pressed.
He made his ways known to / Moses *
and his works to the children of / Israel.
The Lord is full of compassion and / mercy, *
slow to anger and of great / kindness.
He will not always ac-/cuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for / ever.
He has not dealt with us according to our / sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our / wickedness.
For as the heavens are high above the / earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who / fear him.
As far as the east is from the / west, *
so far has he removed our sins from / us.
+ As a father cares for his / children, *
so does the Lord care for those who / fear him.*

Gradual Hymn

Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling (vv. 1-2)

Hymnal 577

The Holy Gospel (*standing*)

Matthew 18:21–35

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.****Gradual Hymn***Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling (v. 3)*

Hymnal 577

The Sermon (*seated*)

The Rev. Ginny Bain Inman

The Nicene Creed (*standing*)

BCP p. 358

The Prayers of the People (Form VI) (*standing or kneeling*)

BCP p. 392

The Confession and Absolution

BCP p. 360

The Peace**Announcements**

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Dan Forrest
Text: Hymnal 488

At the Presentation

The Doxology

Hymnal 380, v. 3

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP p. 361

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 God thanks and praise.***

Sanctus

Hymnal S-125

The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

We are offering Communion in both kinds. If you do not want to receive Communion but would like to come forward for a blessing, come to either side of the altar rail and place your arms across your chest in the form of an "X" or cross.

Communion Hymns (sung by all)

Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Hymnal 652

"Forgive our sins as we forgive"

Hymnal 674

One Bread, One Body (See next page.)

LEVAS 151

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One bread, — one bod-y, —
 — one Lord of all, — — — — — one cup of
 bless - ing which we bless. — — — — — And we, — — — — — though
 man - y, — — — — — through - out the earth, — — — — — We are one

Last time ⊕

bod - y in this one — — — — — Lord. — — — — —

1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or
 2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the
 3. Grain for the fields, scat - tered and

1. free, wom - an or man, — — — — —
 2. works, one in the Lord — — — — —
 3. grown, gath - ered to one — — — — —

D.S.

1. — — — — — no more. — — — — — One
 2. — — — — — of all. — — — — — One
 3. — — — — — for all. — — — — — One — — — — —

⊕ CODA

Lord. — — — — —

Blessing

Closing Hymn

Rejoice, ye pure in heart (vv. 1–3, 7)

Hymnal 556

The Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia! Let us go forth spreading the love of Jesus.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude

Acolytes: Sam Inman, Jonathan Spinks. **Readers:** Stephen Inman, Ryan Waide. **Chalicians:** Phil Barrineau, Linda Cummer. **Verger:** Debbie Dowd. **Ushers:** Charles Kappauf, Rob Moore, Amelia Menston-Sambola, Jankoba Sambola. **Greeters & Newcomer Hosts:** Fran Swan, Lois Washburn. **Altar Guild Members:** Pat Baker, Beth Berger, Scott Durham, Laurinda Stokes. **Livestream Team:** Don Mackey, David Messelink. **Children's Ministry Team:** Pat Baker, Melissa Fleming, AmyRuth McGraw.

The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God by Barbara Van Cleve in loving memory of her parents, Christina Carlyle Dublin and Thomas David Dublin.

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We Pray For

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Province of Papua New Guinea

Britain took control over Papua New Guinea (which is the eastern half of the island of New Guinea) in 1888, and within a year Anglicans in Australia concluded that its proximity to New Guinea imposed upon it an obligation to evangelize the territory. By 1901 there were eleven mission stations along the coast. During the Japanese occupation of the island during World War II, some 330 church workers from various denominations were killed. Among them, eight Anglican missionaries and two Papuans were martyred in 1942, and these Martyrs of New Guinea are remembered on our Episcopal Church calendar on September 2nd. After the war, in 1951, the volcano Lamington erupted, destroying the Anglicans' main mission center and their Martyrs' School, further limiting the Church's postwar recovery. The country is overwhelmingly Christian, but Anglicans form only a small percentage. While the Anglican Church of Australia remains supportive, the Papuans are making efforts toward self-reliance.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Calvary Church, Wadesboro; St. John's, Wake Forest

Those on our parish prayer list: Mary Stalter, Norma Bullock, Moira Ermentrout, Maria Wilmoth, Jimmie Olivey, Patrick and Margaret Miller, Ed Morea, Julie Dameron, Traci and Erik, Barbara Cernansky, Ella Janssen, Dick Montgomery, Gabriel, Charles Claunch, Libby Eberhard, Gwen Snead, Ali Avery, Barbara Van Cleve, George Ellison, David Heflin, Jeff Cummer, Charles Kelshaw, David McGraw, Mark Martin, Maureen Morea, Carolyn Ritchie, Sadique Jaffer, Betty Atwell, Eva Harris, Stu

Jenks, Harold Johnson, Bob Emmaus, Judy Gecinger, Liz Wert, Wes Hood, Carol Phillips, Leslie Deaton, Sabrina Waide, Linda Fischer, Jean and Ed Phelps, Tom Walton, Mack Baker, Amber Morales, Lauren, Meghan Davis Carmichael

Those serving in our military: Tom Stauffer, Paul Zeigler, Stephen Johnson, Benjamin Phillips, Kenneth Gearhart, Alex Reyes, Catharyn Nosek, Michael McNeil, Jordan Payne

Those expecting: Anna Bengel and Joshua Greene, daughter and son-in-law of Tony Bengel; Catharine Kappauf and Clarke Hitch, daughter and son-in-law of Shelley and Charles Kappauf; Samantha and Martin Kappauf, daughter-in-law and son of Shelley and Charles Kappauf; Megan and Ryan Waide

Birthdays: Ken Byrd, David Crowe, Stella Farney, Adam Frahm, Brenda Ganim, David Hair, Linda Heller, Scott Hill, Catherine Johnson, Roger Kimbrough, Jill Lowe, Don Mackey, Susan Mann, Tahe Zalal

Announcements

Hearing God’s Story: The Narrative of Scripture—Beginning Today

Sunday mornings in the Cloister at 11:15 a.m. (Sept. 17, 24, Oct. 8, 15)

The earliest Christians inhabited a “storied” world. Not only did they inherit Israel’s sacred narrative, but they also constructed their own identity around certain stories—stories about God, Israel, the Gentiles, and of course, Jesus. In this course we shall attend carefully to storytelling, first in the Old Testament and early Judaism, and then across the pages of the New Testament, in order to sort out how these ancient stories worked, and how the story of Jesus was treasured and shaped to meet the needs of the emerging church. This course will explore ways to read, interpret and, ultimately, to inhabit the Biblical story; it should be a useful resource for those who are seeking to cultivate a growing appreciation for the story-bound identity of the people of God.

Dr. Jason Myers (Ph.D., Asbury Theological Seminary in 2015) is Professor of Biblical Studies at Greensboro College. In addition to this full-time role, he is lecturer in New Testament at Westminster Theological Centre in the U.K. He is the co-author of four books including Voices and Views on Paul (IVP, 2015), numerous academic articles, and his most recent publication, Paul, The Apostle of Obedience (T&T Clark, 2023). He is also the co-editor of the Proclamation: Preaching the New Testament commentary series with Cascade Publishing. Jason and wife Lisa attend St. Andrew’s and have been married for 16 years. They have two children, Augustine and Phoebe.

The Hope That is in Us—Beginning September 24

Sunday evenings in the Library, 5:00–7:00 p.m. (Sept. 24, Oct. 8, 22, Nov. 5, 19, Dec. 3)

Join us for a retreat spread over six Sunday evenings this fall. We will explore scripture, theology, and our experience and use different prayer forms, including praying with the psalms and *lectio divina*, a slow reading of a short piece of Scripture and meditation. The group size will be limited to 8 participants and will be led by the Rev. Tricia de Beer. Questions? Want to register? Please contact Tricia at 336-457-4524 or debeer.tricia@gmail.com.

**Youth and Adults Seeking Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation:
Our Bishop Visitation is Sunday, December 3**

Confirmation is the sacramental rite through which persons **confirm** their baptismal vows and deepen their commitment to the Episcopal Church. Those wishing to join the Episcopal Church may do so through confirmation or, if confirmed already, through reception or a reaffirmation of their confirmation commitment. Persons already confirmed in other churches adhering to the apostolic succession (such as Roman Catholic and Lutheran) are not confirmed again but **received** into our communion. Those who are baptized and confirmed who wish to recommit themselves to a life of faith may **reaffirm** their baptismal vows.

Bishop Sam Rodman will be with us on December 3, 2023. If you are interested in confirmation, reception, or reaffirmation, please contact the Rev. Ginny Bain Inman at rector@standrewsgso.org.

Affordable Housing is a Priority: Join the Conversation this Tuesday, September 19

Faith communities are invited to a conversation, sponsored by the Interfaith Affordable Housing Initiative (IAHI), with staff from Greensboro's Department of Housing and Neighborhood Development. We would like to have 10 people in attendance for this important event, which is a unified effort of Greensboro faith communities working together to advocate for affordable housing. The meeting is September 19, 5:30–7:30 p.m., at St. James Presbyterian Church, 800 Ross Ave. Contact Deacon Pam (deacon@standrewsgso.org) with questions.

Please also mark your calendar for two upcoming opportunities to care for those experiencing homelessness in our community: **October 4 (6 p.m.), Temple Emanuel's Sukkot Celebration**, including a Food Lion gift card drive for homeless families of GCS students; and **October 26, Greensboro Housing Coalition's Summit at the Greensboro Coliseum Terrace**.

Celebration of Creation Sunday and Blessing of the Animals—October 1, 2023

On October 1, we celebrate Creation Sunday in our worship. That afternoon, all people and pets are invited to the annual Blessing of the Animals at 3 p.m. Join us on the church lawn to share God's love with the pets that have loved us through life's ups and downs. Attire for pets: leash or carrier.

Missing Peace in Your Budget? Financial Peace University (FPU) Starts October 11

If you've ever felt like you just can't get in control of your money, you're not alone. You'd be surprised how many people you know are struggling just like you. According to one study, 40% of Americans say their financial situation has caused them to lose sleep in the past month. If that's you, FPU can help. Learn how you can pay off debt, save more money, and build wealth. Our class will meet in the Cloister Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. starting October 11. Parishioner Nick Klett will host and can be reached at nick@nickklett.com with questions. You can sign up now at <https://www.fpu.com/43F12B!>

St. Andrew's Children's Ministry Welcomes You

Our offerings for infants through high schoolers are outlined below. If you are interested in helping with children's formation, whether by teaching, storytelling, doorkeeping, or just loving on our parish children, please reach out to Martha Chaires (martha@standrewsgso.org), Director of Children, Youth, & Family Ministries. To sign up as a Kids of the Kingdom helper, visit <https://bit.ly/2023FallKOKSignup>.

Nursery (Infant–Pre-K): If your child is not yet school-age, we invite them to join us in our Nursery or Preschool Playroom downstairs from the sanctuary! Our nursery and playroom kids are engaged with stories, music, and play with our nursery staff, and will also enjoy playground time when weather permits. Parents are welcome to pick children up from the Nursery to celebrate Communion with their families, but staffing is provided until the service is complete.

Children's Formation (K–5th Grade): If your child falls into this age range, they're welcome to join us for Children's Formation in the form of Godly Play, for kindergarten through second graders, and Kids of the Kingdom, for third through fifth graders. This group of children processes out of the sanctuary together after the Collect and meets in classrooms on the bright yellow hallway just around the corner from the sanctuary. They return to the sanctuary by the Eucharistic Prayer.

- **Godly Play (K-2nd)** is a Montessori-based approach to spiritual formation through storytelling, wonder, and activity.
- **Kids of the Kingdom (3rd–5th)** gives our upper elementary school children the opportunity to dive deeper into their faith through Bible readings, crafts, and activities.
- **Both groups** come together during formation for **Angel Choir** practice with Ann Doyle, our Minister of Music.

Episcopal Youth Community / EYC (Middle & High School): Our tweens and teens are welcome to stay in the sanctuary for worship or to volunteer with our children's ministry, train as acolytes, or even join the choir! We also have a fun EYC, or youth group, on Sunday evenings.

Kids of All Ages: All are welcome to take advantage of the busy bags in the back of the church. These are full of quiet activities to keep hearts and hands engaged during the service.

Opportunities for Ministry, Connection, and Service

Buildings & Grounds Committee Forming—Many Hands Make Light Work

At St. Andrew's, we are blessed with a beautiful church and grounds. Their ongoing maintenance requires substantial TLC, and we are seeking people with skills, experience, or desire to serve on our resurrected Buildings & Grounds Team. Led by Junior Wardens Nick Klett and Dirk Siegmund, the team will identify and coordinate needed care and improvements, organize spring and fall work days, and assist in responding to church maintenance issues. Thank you to those who have already answered the call! If you would like to join them in this hands-on ministry, please email Parish Administrator Susan Frye (parish@standrewsgso.org).

Sing to the Lord a New Song! Choir Rehearsals are Here

St. Andrew's chancel choir meets weekly in the sanctuary on Wednesday nights, 7:00–8:15 p.m. If you are interested in singing in our wonderful choir, this is a great time to join as our fall rehearsals are getting underway. Please contact Ann Doyle, St. Andrew's Minister of Music, at ann.doyle1313@gmail.com, for more information.

Hearing the Gospel Invites You to Weekly Bible Study, Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Our ongoing Hearing the Gospel weekly study is beginning its fall sessions. We meet in the Parish Hall to read the Gospel for the coming Sunday in a *lectio divina* format and discuss what the reading meant in Jesus' time and what it means to us today. Sessions last about an hour, closing with Noonday Prayer. No advance preparation is required, and all members of the parish and friends are welcome. Contact Bill Hill (hillgolf@bellsouth.net) to inquire.

Daughters of the King Requests Toiletry & Personal Care Items for Our Houseless Community

St. Andrew's Daughters of the King chapter is filling Christmas stockings with toiletries and personal care item for our houseless community. They have over 109 handmade stockings to fill and need your help. Please look for collection bins in the Parish Hall and fill them with travel-size toiletries and personal care items. You'll find a list of requested items in this week's eNews. **Our collection continues through October 29.**

Why We Do What We Do—Deck the Halls, December 2

These are the people-helping organizations in Greensboro that share the proceeds of Deck the Halls:

<i>Holy Spirit / Abundant Life</i>	<i>One Step Further Food Pantry</i>	<i>Barnabas Network</i>
<i>Greensboro Housing Coalition</i>	<i>Interactive Resource Center</i>	<i>Habitat for Humanity</i>
<i>Parents as Teachers of Guilford County</i>	<i>Shepherd Center</i>	<i>Greensboro Urban Ministries /</i>
<i>Malachi House II / Produce 2 People</i>	<i>Mustard Seed Coalition</i>	<i>Weaver House</i>
<i>Servant Center</i>	<i>Church World Services (Afghani)</i>	<i>Faith Action International</i>

This is why we do what we do. Watch this space in the weeks ahead for how you can help.

New to St. Andrew's? Join Our Directory! Old to St. Andrew's? Check Your Listing!

St. Andrew's uses a digital parishioner directory, and we want *everyone* in it who wants to be in it! Our church records include all, but the directory is elective, so you will not be listed unless you ask to be. Please email directory@standrewsgso.org if you'd like to be included. To check your existing listing, sign in at members.InstantChurchDirectory.com or the app ("Instant Church Directory" for Apple, Android, & Fire) using the email address in your directory listing. If digital does not work for you, we will happily print a copy on request. Please let us know at directory@standrewsgso.org.

Nametags are Available to All

If you would like a nametag to wear at Sunday worship and other St. Andrew's events, please let us know. Tags are available for anyone who would like one. Send your request to Susan Frye, Parish Administrator, at parish@standrewsgso.org, including first and last name as you'd like it to appear.

Supporting St. Andrew's

Your Generosity Matters

Thank you for your continued gifts that support St. Andrew's and our outreach in the community. To make a gift or continue your pledge, scan the QR code at right or visit abundant.co/standrewsepiscopalch/give. Checks may be mailed to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Bookkeeper, 2105 W. Market St., Greensboro, NC 27403.



Special Event

Triad Early Music Society: Watch & Learn from Guest Recorder Clinician, September 24

The Triad Early Music Society (TEMS) invites all parishioners to an open rehearsal and workshop with guest clinician Jody Miller on Sunday, September 24, 1:30–4:00 p.m., in Herman Hall. Mr. Miller (<https://fippleflute.com/aboutme/>) has a thriving private studio and leads recorder workshops throughout the U.S., including a recent appearance at the San Francisco Early Music Society Recorder Workshop. The music will be great and there is lots to learn for interested guests. You are welcome to come and go quietly as it works for your schedule. This is the first of four sessions with Mr. Miller scheduled for this year.

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