



Order of Worship for Holy Eucharist Rite II

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 2024

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

Built on the Rock

Setting: Robert A. Hobby

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

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Hymnal 423

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.*

The Gloria

Hymnal S-277

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Word of God

The First Reading

James 1:17–27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

The Psalm *(read responsively by whole verse)*

Psalm 15

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *

who may abide upon your holy hill?

Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *

who speaks the truth from his heart.

There is no guile upon his tongue;

he does no evil to his friend; *

he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

In his sight the wicked is rejected, *

but he honors those who fear the Lord.

He has sworn to do no wrong *

and does not take back his word.

He does not give his money in hope of gain, *

nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things *

shall never be overthrown.

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

Take my life, and let it be (v. 1)

Hymnal 707

The Holy Gospel (*standing*)

Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23

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

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

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Gradual Hymn

Take my life, and let it be (v. 2)

Hymnal 707

The Sermon (*seated*)

The Rev. Pamela Haynes

The Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

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

BCP p. 387

The Confession and Absolution

BCP p. 360

The Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Music

Savior, Again to Your Dear Name

Setting: Robert A. Hobby

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-130

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

In your mercy, Lord, you called me

Hymnal 706

If thou but trust in God to guide thee

Hymnal 635

O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God

Hymnal 505

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Closing Hymn

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

Hymnal 556

The Dismissal

BCP p. 366

Postlude

Acolyte: Jonathan Spinks. **Readers:** Susan McMullen, Deb Richardson. **Chalicians:** Carol Phillips, Anne Webb. **Verger:** Debbie Dowd. **Ushers:** Lee Eanes, Joe Graves, Nancy Kimbrough, Roger Kimbrough, Sandy Shelton. **Greeter & Newcomer Host:** Jon Anderson. **Altar Guild Team:** Carolyn Hackett, Judy Hackett, Anne Jones, Linda Van Ormer, Gail Walters. **Livestream Team:** Virginia Haskett, Joe Stultz.

The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God by Mack and Eleanor Baker in honor of their 67th wedding anniversary, and by Linda Heller in gratitude for Janice Cox Pollard for all she has done.

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We Pray For

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Igreja Anglicana de Moçambique e Angola

In one of the more unusual stories in Anglicanism, a layman from Liverpool, Archibald Patterson, began evangelistic work in Angola in the 1920s, leading to perhaps 70,000 “Anglicans” by 1961. This development was largely unknown to the Communion, and when an Angolan church leader, Alexander Domingos, came to England to study, saying he was from the Anglican Church in Angola, he was asked, “What Anglican Church in Angola?” Gradually a formal Anglican relationship emerged. Mozambique followed a more traditional approach. To the north, the Universities Mission to Central Africa began work in 1893. To the south, workers in the South African mines returned to their home country, determined to continue as Anglicans. Eventually Mozambique, then Angola, became part of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, and in 2021 the churches in these two Portuguese-speaking nations separated to become the newest province in the Anglican Communion.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Mary’s, Speed; Trinity Church, Statesville

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; Gabriel; Charles Claunch; Libby Eberhard; Gwen Snead; Barbara Van Cleve; David Heflin; Jeff Cummer; Charles Kelshaw; David McGraw; Maureen Morea; Carolyn Ritchie; Betty Atwell; Eva Harris; Judy Gecinger; Liz Wert; Carol Phillips; Ed Phelps; Mack Baker; Lauren; Downs Brown, Jr.; Martha and Jim Kaley; Nancy O’Donnell; Tina Sink Gangi; Florine; Vickie; Heather; Victoria; Dean Barrett; Johnetta Shablack; Doug Baker; Erik Flak; Elizabeth Nevius; Frank Tatem; Pauline Tatum; Jim Tatum; Pia; Henry, Christine, and Emily Davis-Potter; Linda Heller; Katelyn Flowers; Amelia Menston-Sambola; Rafael Morales and family; Jeannie Phillips; James; Jim and Sue Ligon; Javi Chaires; Madeline Colavito; Bob Emmaus, Hilary Towle

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

Birthdays: Ernie Dishner, Steve Gallimore, Mary Lou Strohl, Jeter Walker

Anniversaries: Mack and Eleanor Baker, Beth and Dan Gobble

Prayer requests can be sent to Susan Frye, Parish Administrator, at parish@standrewsgso.org or 336-275-1651, ext. 1. Please also contact Susan with birthdays and anniversaries for the bulletin.

Today & This Week

Come Learn about Our New Landscaping for the Memorial Garden—After Worship in the Cloister

We will meet after worship today to discuss new landscaping improvements for our Memorial Garden. This has been in process for a long time, and we look forward to being able to share the plans with you. Sandy Shelton, our Memorial Garden Committee chair, will lead the meeting.

Hearing the Gospel Fall 2024—Starting this Wednesday, September 4, at 10:30 a.m.

Our Fall series of Hearing the Gospel Bible Study begins Wednesday at 10:30 a.m., in the Parish Hall. It lasts about an hour, closing with the service of Noonday Prayer. We read the Gospel for the coming Sunday and discuss what it meant in Jesus' time and how it relates to us today. No preparation is required, and all members of the Parish and visitors are welcome. This Fall, most of our readings will be from the Gospel of Mark. If you have questions, please contact Jill Lowe, our coordinator, at gmlowe17325@yahoo.com.

Our Youth Aren't Hitting the Road for Next Summer's Mission—We're Hitting the Skies Instead!

Join Our Costa Rica Interest Meeting this Wednesday, September 4, at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom

We've loved our many years of missions in the North Carolina mountains, but this year we're switching it up a bit by heading South instead of West. For summer 2025, we'll be serving our neighbors in the Episcopal Church of Costa Rica. International mission and service trips are an incredible experience and opportunity, and we can't wait to share the details with our current and recently-graduated youth and their families. Join us on Zoom this Wednesday using **Zoom link <https://bit.ly/CR2025InterestMtg> and password CostaRica** (no space). We can't wait to talk through the *who, what, when, where*, and—most importantly—the *why* of this summer mission trip.

Our Fall Kickoff is September 8

Let's Gather Together for Our Fall Kickoff and Parish Picnic—September 8

Our Fall Kickoff Event is next Sunday. This is a joyous time to gather as a parish after summer vacation, meet new friends, and prepare for a fall season of fellowship, formation, and worship. We will host an **all-parish potluck picnic** after worship with **activities for kids, church tours**, and a table for adding or updating your **church directory listing and photo!** Hamburgers, hotdogs, and beverages will be provided, as well as a delicious cake made by parishioner Wendy Dodson, of Dessert du Jour.

Please bring a dish to share, according to the first letter of your last name:

A–D: Dips & Chips | E–J: Desserts | K–Z: Sides & Salads

Children's Ministry Returns with Popsicles on the Playground—September 8 during Worship

All pre-K through 5th grade children are invited to Children's Ministry during 10 a.m. worship, starting next Sunday! Join us for a joyful procession out of church to tour the Godly Play and Kids of the Kingdom rooms, take a peek at what we'll be learning about this year, and then kick back on the playground with popsicles and pals. We will return to church during the announcements. Be sure to stay after church for our parish picnic with even more fun with friends.

Middle & High Schoolers, Have You Signed Up? EYC is Breaking Out September 8!

We're kicking off what's shaping up to be an amazing EYC year with an outing to Breakout Games (700 Carnegie Pl.) on September 8, 5:00–6:30 p.m. All rising 6th–12th graders are invited to meet for an exciting evening of team building and connecting with new and old friends. *Signup is required! Visit <https://bit.ly/EYCBreakoutSeptember2024>.* Email Martha with questions at martha@standrewsgso.org.

Share a Dish with Abundant Life Community Dinner—Dropoff September 8 & 10

Each month, St. Andrew's partners with other Episcopal churches to cook for Abundant Life's community dinners at the Church of the Holy Spirit. Our next turn is **September 10**, and we are now seeking cooks. To help, please fill a 9 x 13 disposable pan with a favorite dish, put it in the church kitchen freezer on the *morning of September 8*, or drop off at *Barbara Cooke's house on September 10 by 3:15 p.m.* Thank you for helping us fulfill our mission of "feeding the hungry, welcoming the stranger, and being transformed by God." Please sign up at <https://bit.ly/AbundantLifeStA>. Contact Barbara Cooke with questions at 336-521-0040 or bjcooke58@gmail.com.

Upcoming Offerings

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Meetings Resume—September 9 & 11

Monday Meeting, 2:00 p.m.—The St. Agatha & St. Mary Chapter ECW will meet at its new time beginning September 9 at 2:00 p.m. Join us in the Parish Hall for our program, led by Rev. Ginny.

Wednesday Meeting, 10:30 a.m.—The St. Ann's Chapter ECW will meet September 11 at 10:30 a.m. in the Library. Eleanor Baker will lead the program. We will continue to support the Interactive Resource Center (IRC), but please hold off your contributions until later. We hope you can join us for our first meeting of the 2024–2025 year.

Daughters of the King (DOK) Classes Start September 11

We are excited to announce that our Daughters of the King Chapter classes will begin September 11. **If you plan to join this class, please add your name to the signup sheet on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall to make sure our roster is complete.** If you would like to learn more about the Daughters of the King, please contact the Rev. Pamela Haynes at deacon@standrewsgso.org.

Sign Up for a Breakfast & Interest Meeting for the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew—September 14, 9 a.m.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew (BOSA), the oldest lay ministry in the Episcopal Church, originated in Chicago in 1883 to help those living on the street. Its mission is focused on prayer, study, and service to create an environment for others to know and engage with Jesus Christ. St. Andrew's will host an interest meeting for all men of the parish **on September 14 at 9 a.m. (Note time correction.)** We will begin with breakfast catered by the Brotherhood, followed by discussion led by Tom Martin (BOSA National 1st Vice President for Growth, Renewal, & Development), to provide information on BOSA as a potential parish ministry. *Sign up on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Contact David Stokes with questions.*

Youth Confirmation Begins September 15—Right after Worship, in Herman Hall

Join us for our first Youth Confirmation meeting on September 15. To learn more about confirmation, please email Martha Chaires at martha@standrewsgso.org.

Hey, Parents of Children & Youth, Let's Kick Off Fall with a Meal Together!—September 15

Let's start the fall off right by spending time with other St. Andrew's parents and enjoying a meal together. Parishioners Craig & Anna Taylor will host a parents-only kickoff at their home (117 S. Tremont St.) on September 15, 5:00-6:30 p.m. Craig will serve up delicious smoked pork shoulder, and you can sign up to bring a side, drink, or dessert at <https://bit.ly/StAParentsFall2024>—or just bring yourself! Either way, come ready to connect with new friends, hang with old friends, learn about what we're offering for children, parents, and families this year—and about how you can get involved.

Would You Like to Be Confirmed in the Episcopal Church?

Please Let Us Know by September 15—Our Bishop's Visitation is November 10

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 Jennifer Brooke-Davidson will be with us on November 10, 2024. If you are interested in confirmation, reception, or reaffirmation, please contact the Rev. Ginny Bain Inman at rector@standrewsgso.org.*

Start Reading Now for Our Book Study on *A Voice in the Wilderness*—First Meeting, September 15

In 2022, The Next Big Idea Club listed *A Voice in the Wilderness: A Pioneering Biologist Explains How Evolution Can Help Us Solve Our Biggest Problems* (Basic Books) by Joseph L. Graves, Jr., as one of its 26 best science books of the year (<https://bit.ly/Top26ScienceBooks2022>). In May 2023, *Christianity Today* published a scathing review of the book written by the anti-science Discovery Institute. And a month later, the scholarly journal *Black Theology* hailed it for its “prophetic voice.” *A Voice in the Wilderness* is an exploration of the scientific career of Dr. Joseph L. Graves, Jr., who is a St. Andrew's parishioner. This fall, we will offer a three-week formation study to discuss the main themes of the book: racism within science and how Joe Graves became the first African American evolutionary biologist; how to have a productive dialog between faith and science; and what evolutionary science can tell us about how to solve some of our biggest social problems. We hope you will start reading now, and join us *Sundays, September 15, 22, and 29, right after worship*. Our study will focus on Chapters 1, 9, 10, and 14. The book is available for order through local book sellers and online.

Join Bishop Curry for Vote Faithfully: Episcopalians Engaging the U.S. Election—September 18, 1 p.m.
Register for this Online Event at <https://episcopalparishes.org/upcoming-workshops/>.

Join Presiding Bishop Michael Curry with guests from across the church exploring the meaning behind voting from a theological perspective that centers this civic action as one expression of caring for one another and God's creation. Our panelists will offer framing for healthy, faith-based civic engagement from the theoretical to the tangible, including addressing why it is important for Episcopal churches to leverage our resources to help our broader communities vote. In an election full of increasing pressures—disinformation, the risk of political violence, disenfranchisement, environmental concerns, and more—come learn how to navigate challenges while remaining focused in our preparations to cast our votes in this fall's election. Our panelists will provide an engaging discussion and direct attendees to resources that can help you encourage your parishioners and community to vote faithfully.

EfM is Seeking New Participants—Classes Begin Soon

"What is my own ministry in God's creation?" Join us to explore this question and to learn together. Education for Ministry or "EfM" might also be called *Exploration for Ministry*. In this small-group seminar program where everyone participates and contributes, you'll explore the Bible, the history of Christianity and Christian theology, what YOU believe, and what it means to be a person of faith in today's world. Through study, prayer, and a process called Theological Reflection, you'll enjoy guided conversations on diverse topics that you rarely if ever have with others. The critical question we seek to answer is *"What is my own ministry in God's creation?" A new EfM class will begin this fall, marking the 17th year that St. Andrew's has sponsored a group.* While EfM is a four-year program, participants commit to only one year at a time, which runs September through May. In addition to learning and discovery, EfM offers a source of fellowship among its participants. We hope you will consider joining the class this fall. *To enroll or learn more, please contact Brenda Swearingin (336-423-6876, swearinginbl@guilford.edu) or Marcia Moore (336-202-6516, marcitt@bellsouth.net).*

Fall Foyers are Coming! Sign Up Today to Join Our Next Groups

The Summer session of our Foyer Dinner Groups was grand fun, and we are now starting signups for our next round of groupings! Please join us by signing up online at <https://bit.ly/FoyersSept2024> or on the signup sheet in the Parish Hall. *What are Foyer Dinners, you ask?* They are a wonderful way to get to know fellow parishioners over monthly meals. Each group includes 6–8 members who enjoy informal monthly gatherings. Most groups meet where the host provides the main course and guests bring sides, appetizers, and desserts. Others choose to meet for burgers or pizza. The goal is to share a meal and have time to get to know each other outside of our parish life. *If you would like to learn more, look for Ralph and Laura Bricker (who are organizing the groups) after worship on Sundays. Or contact them at lbbricker@gmail.com or 843-263-3288.*

Help Welcome Our Afghan Allies

Learn more and help at <https://www.votervoicenet/EPISCOPAL/Campaigns/99981/Respond>.

Since the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan in August 2021, more than 97,000 Afghans, including those who worked alongside the U.S. military, diplomats, and aid workers in Afghanistan, have arrived in the United States seeking safety. Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM) and other refugee resettlement agencies have worked to resettle Afghans who were able to leave Afghanistan. Many of these Afghans face an uncertain future without legal permanent status. As Christians, we have the opportunity to help the vulnerable and to extend welcome to those who seek refuge. We have a particular obligation to help Afghans who worked alongside the U.S. government, as well as those who were most at risk when the Taliban returned to power. We are renewing our call for Congress to support the passage of the “Afghan Adjustment Act” (S.Amdt.2682 to S.4638) as an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 or as a standalone bill to create a dedicated path to permanent status for Afghans in the United States. *Please join us and write your members today!*

EYC Is Looking for a Few Good Leaders—Could You Be One?

Our EYC, the place to be on Sunday evenings for St. Andrew’s 6th–12th graders, is growing by leaps and bounds. So, this year we’re transitioning from meeting twice a month to meeting weekly. This means we need the support of our parish family to keep this ministry growing. If you have a heart for tweens and teens and a spirit for a whole lot of fun, fellowship, and spiritual development, this might be the place for you. The time commitment is only a few hours per month, and we promise that the payoff is worth every second. Spending time with this incredible group of youth and young adults is always rewarding and so much fun! *Please contact Martha Chaires at martha@standrewsgso.org for info.*

Just in Time for Labor Day, St. Andrew’s is Hiring for a Part-Time Facilities Manager

Do you love to answer “Yes, I can!” to every “Can you fix it?” Have you always dreamed of more house to take care of? Do you binge watch re-runs of “This Old Church?” Are you unflustered by minor flushing adjustments? If you answer yes to one or more of these questions, St. Andrew’s would love to hear from you—by email, please! Send your resume and two references to parish@standrewsgso.org. The Part-Time Facilities Manager at St. Andrew’s will maintain and oversee the property, ensuring the church campus is clean, safe, and functional. This includes collaborating with clergy, staff, vestry, congregational leaders, and outside contractors. This is a part-time managerial and task-oriented role reporting to the Parish Administrator, with varying hours week to week, based on need. *Please see the job description on our website, in our eNews, and at <https://bit.ly/StAHiringPTFM> for details, and feel free to share with potential candidates.*

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A Prayer for Labor Day

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

-- from Prayers for Various Occasions, Book of Common Prayer, p. 261