



Order of Worship for Holy Eucharist Rite II

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 22, 2024



Feeding the Hungry + Welcoming the Stranger
Being Transformed by God

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.)*

All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine

Hymnal 477

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.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Children's Procession

Children in grades K-5 are invited to a children's ministry time. They will process out of the church together for Godly Play (K-2) and Kids of the Kingdom (3-5) on the classroom hall, returning for the announcements.

Jesus loves you (sung by all)

*Jesus loves you, this we know, for the Bible tells us so.
Little ones to him belong, they are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves you. Yes, Jesus loves you.
Yes, Jesus loves you; the Bible tells us so.*

The Word of God

The First Reading

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be

boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

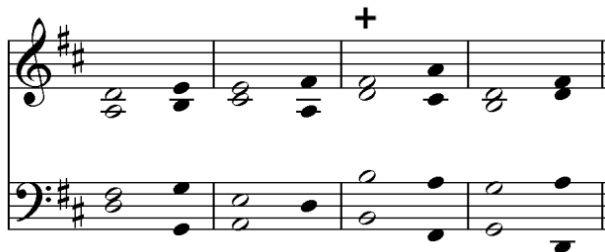
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm (*sung by all*)

Psalm 54

Anglican Chant by Jerome Meacham



- 1 *Save me, O God, by your / Name; **
in your might, defend my / cause.
- 2 *Hear my prayer, O / God; **
give ear to the words of my / mouth.
- 3 *For the arrogant have risen up against me,*
*and the ruthless have sought my / life, **
those who have no regard for / God.
- 4 *Behold, God is my / helper; **
it is the Lord who sustains my / life.
- 5 *Render evil to those who / spy on me; **
in your faithfulness, de- / stroy them.
- 6 *I will offer you a freewill / sacrifice **
and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is / good.
- + 7 *For you have rescued me from every / trouble, **
and my eye has seen the ruin of my / foes.

Chanting the Psalm

*Move to next note after / and **
and at each new numbered verse.

When the last verse begins with + ,
sing it from + in the chant.

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

God, who stretched the spangled heavens (vv. 1–2)

Hymnal 580

The Holy Gospel (*standing*)

Mark 9:30–37

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

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

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Gradual Hymn

God, who stretched the spangled heavens (vv. 3–4)

Hymnal 580

The Sermon (*seated*)

The Rev. Leon Spencer

The Nicene Creed

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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 Anthem

God Be in My Head

John Rutter

*God be in my head and in my understanding.
God be in mine eyes and in my looking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.
God be in mine heart and in my thinking.
God be at my end and in my departing.*

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

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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

O Master let me walk with thee

Hymnal 660

Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Hymnal 653

1. I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a - bove,
 2. I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it best

1. Of Je - sus and His glo - ry, Of Je - sus and His love.
 2. Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To hear it, like the rest.

1. I love to tell the sto - ry, Be - cause I know it's true;
 2. And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

1. It sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else would do.
 2. 'Twill be the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'Twill be my theme in glo - ry.

To tell the old, old sto - ry Of Je - sus and His love.

Postcommunion Prayer

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Closing Hymn

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord

Hymnal 637

The Dismissal

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Deacon Let us go forth together sharing the love of Christ.

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

Postlude

We welcome the Rev. Dr. Leon Spencer as celebrant and preacher today.

Acolytes: Matthew Anderson, Molly Anderson, Lindy Taylor, Holden Troutman. **Readers:** Claude Ragan, Geoff Swan. **Chalicians:** Phil Barrineau, Marion Seaman. **Verger:** Debbie Dowd. **Ushers:** Tim Fleming, Mark Kaley, Charles Kelshaw, Linda Van Ormer, Mike Van Ormer. **Greeters & Newcomer Hosts:** Nancy Bishop, Jonathan Stephens. **Altar Guild Team:** Carolyn Hackett, Judy Hackett, Anne Jones, Linda Van Ormer, Gail Walters. **Livestream Team:** Don Mackey, David Messelink.

The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God by Sandra Kendall O'Briant in loving memory of Annie and Henry Kendall and Helen Kendall.

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We Pray For

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of North India (United)

In the early 19th century, many in Britain linked rule in India with the "Christianization" of India, and in fact, in 1813, Parliament required that the ruling East India Company not only open the subcontinent to Christian missions but endow an established Church in India. With this encouragement, the Church Missionary Society and the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel advanced their India work, but the "Indian Mutiny" of 1857 prompted India's rulers to introduce a policy of strict religious neutrality in a territory which, after all, was overwhelmingly Hindu and Muslim. Christian mission work did continue, however, and in the early 20th century talk of a United Church of South India became prominent in ecumenical circles. North India was secondary, but finally, in 1970, Anglicans, Methodists, Congregationalists, Presbyterians, the Brethren and Disciples, and Baptists came together in the United Church of North India. This Church is now in full communion with the Anglican Communion.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Christ Church, Walnut Cove; Emmanuel, Warrenton

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; Madeline Colavito; Bob Emmaus; Hilary Towle; Cory and Jasper; Elisabeth; Renee Maness

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

The departed: John Smith, uncle of Stephen Inman

Birthdays: Scott Durham, Julia Farney, Stella Farney, David Hair, Mark Kaley, Kristen Krantz, Rob Lillpopp, Kash Ramirez, Meghan Siegmund

Anniversaries: Dean and Belinda Barrett, Chris and Beth Berger, Mark and Cheri Courtright, Mike and Barb Cronin, Sean and Heather Cummings, Jack and Annette Garvey

Today

Our Book Study on *A Voice in the Wilderness* Continues—Right after Worship in the Cloister

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. Join us after worship in the Cloister as we continue our three-week study on the book’s main themes.

Living Compass Class for Parents Continues—Right after Worship in the Library

Grounded in Scripture, the tradition of the Church, and the sharing our own stories, this course is designed to support participants as they seek to live the abundant life God intends for them. We often say that you have to put on your own life vest before you can help another, but it is easy to lose sight of our own well-being when we are actively parenting. The Living Compass is a model that invites us to attend to our mind, heart, strength, and soul. In a small group setting, we’ll create a space of rest, contemplation, deep conversation, and compassion, while learning to better care for ourselves as we care for our kids. The class runs through October 27, concurrently with our *Confirmation for Youth* course, and childcare will be available. Facilitated by Anna Taylor and Rev. Ginny Inman.

Youth Confirmation Class Continues—Right after Worship in Herman Hall

Our Youth Confirmation class will have its second meeting today. If you have questions about youth confirmation, please email Martha Chaires at martha@standrewsgso.org. Classes are on Sundays through October 27, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

EYC is Together for Love Today @ Greensboro PRIDE—2:00-3:30 p.m. Downtown

Let’s meet up to celebrate our LGBTQIA+ neighbors by showing support at the annual PRIDE Festival in downtown Greensboro. We’ll have friendship bracelets and notes of encouragement to share, and walking (or dancing!) through the festival is always a blast. Our group will gather at 2:00 p.m. in front of Carolina Theatre (310 S. Greene St.) and will walk over to the festival from there. Parents, siblings, and well-behaved and leashed furry friends are welcome to attend. Or parents can pick up in front of the theatre at 3:30 p.m.

Why is this important? *Historically, many churches have been unfriendly and even cruel toward the LGBTQIA+ community, which has caused deep hurt and fear for many of our brothers and sisters in Christ. At St. Andrew’s we’re proud to be a part of the change by not only welcoming all of our neighbors, but actively supporting them, seeking them out, and reminding them that they are worthy, beloved members of God’s family. Attending PRIDE is one of our best—and most fun!—annual traditions and is a wonderful way to be God’s hands and feet in Greensboro and beyond. See you at 2! Please email Martha Chaires at martha@standrewsgso.org with any EYC questions.*

New Announcements & Ongoing Offerings

Join Us for Breakfast at Green Valley Grill—September 27

All are invited to an informal breakfast gathering at Green Valley Grill on September 27 at 8:30 a.m. We look forward to sharing food and fellowship with friends of St. Andrew's. Please RSVP—by noon the day before, if possible—to Jonathan Stephens at 615-480-3804 or stephens.jonathan.r@gmail.com.

Sign up by September 27 for Fall Foyer Dinner Groups

The Summer session of our Foyer Dinner Groups was grand fun, and we are now taking signups for our next round! Please sign up online at <https://bit.ly/FoyersSept2024> or on the signup sheet in the Parish Hall by September 27. **Foyer Dinners** are a wonderful way to get to know fellow parishioners over monthly meals. Each group of 6–8 members meet monthly to share a meal and have time to get to know each other outside of our parish life. *To learn more, look for Ralph and Laura Bricker after weekly worship, or contact them at lbricker@gmail.com or 843-263-3288.* This is the last week to sign up. *(If at a later date you want to join, though, just contact Laura Bricker, and she'll find a way to make it work.)*

Affordable Housing Advocates Needed

Affordable housing is growing in Greensboro! We have an active meeting schedule for housing in Guilford County and Greensboro. St. Andrew's has been involved in advocating for livable, viable, and affordable housing for families with children, houseless people, and senior citizens. We are looking for those of you who are passionate about helping with this cause and who can meet bi-monthly on Tuesday afternoons as we follow up on what is shared in the various housing meetings. If you are interested in this work, please see Deacon Pam or Virginia Haskett for more details.

Help Feed Our Growing Youth Community! Cooks and Sponsors Needed

Our EYC is growling—oh wait, that's just their stomachs! But St. Andrew's youth community is also growing—and we need the help of our parish family to feed them! One of the best parts of our regular Sunday evening meetings is having the chance for youth and advisors to sit down and share a meal. It gives us all a chance to slow down, connect, and have great conversations and build new friendships at the end of busy meetings full of service, learning, team building, and more. We have **five Sunday dinners** between now and December that haven't been planned yet, and we would love your help. **If you are interested in sponsoring or preparing a meal for the EYC, please reach out to martha@standrewsgso.org for more information.**

Deck the Halls Has a Couple of Requests

Jewelry & Accessories: Donations of gently used jewelry and accessories are now being accepted for Deck the Halls. Please leave donations in the Ladies Choir Vesting Room.

A Sweet Opportunity: Candy is needed for our Gingerbread House kits. These are a big hit, and we want to make even more kits this year. Please donate M & Ms, Smarties, spice drops, Twizzlers, and red and white round peppermints or other small hard candies in the marked box in the Parish Hall.

Coming in October

Episcopal 101: An Introduction (or Refresher!) to the Episcopal Church Sundays, October 13*-27, at 11:15 a.m. (Cloister)

Are you new or new-ish to the Episcopal Church? Or maybe you've been here a while but still have questions or are looking for a way to deepen your faith? Join us for *Episcopal 101*, a class on the basics of the Episcopal Church. All are welcome—no matter how long or short a time you've called the Episcopal Church home—or if you aren't sure yet if it feels like home. We will explore the faith, beliefs, history, structure, and practices of the Episcopal Church, with plenty of space to ask questions! Led by Spencer Musick, Rev. Ginny Inman, and others.

** Those seeking to be confirmed, received, or reaffirmed by the Bishop on November 10 will need to attend a meeting on October 6, also at 11:15 a.m. in the Cloister.*

EYC is Heading to Costa Rica for Our Summer Mission Trip—Signup & Deposit Due October 15

Next summer St. Andrew's EYC will be heading south to serve our neighbors in Limon, Costa Rica, **June 17–24, 2025**. Signup and initial deposits of \$500 are due **October 15**. Financial assistance is available. All interested youth and chaperones are asked to ensure that their passports are current or get them renewed ASAP if need be. *You can find more information about this trip at <https://bit.ly/2025CRMissionFacts>. Email martha@standrewsgso.org with any questions.*

Women of St. Andrew's, Save the Date for Connect in Community—October 17 at 7 p.m.

You are invited to the first Connect in Community, a time for deepening our relationships with one another and our faith. More details to come, but mark your calendars to join us on Thursday, October 17, 7:00–8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Your Gifts Sustain Our Mission & Ministry

Thank you for your generous gifts to St. Andrew's. If you have questions about your giving, please email Ray Marsh at bookkeeper@standrewsgso.org or leave him a message at 336-265-1651, ext. 3. Ray is in the office on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. To make a new gift, scan the code at right, visit abundant.co/standrewsepiscopalch/give, or mail a check to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Bookkeeper, 2105 W. Market St., Greensboro, NC 27403



Have an Announcement to Share? Please Send it by Friday!

Announcements for our *Weekly eNews* and the Sunday bulletin can be emailed to Susan Frye, Parish Administrator, at parish@standrewsgso.org. Please submit news items by Friday the week before requested publication.

Prayer for Social Justice

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart [and especially the hearts of the people of this land], that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayers and Thanksgivings, BCP p. 823

Prayer in Times of Conflict

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayers and Thanksgivings, BCP p. 824

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