

FEEDING THE HUNGRY
WELCOMING THE STRANGER
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Order of Worship for Holy Eucharist Rite II

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

February 23, 2025

Welcome to this morning's worship!

Thank you for joining us. 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.*)

Love divine, all loves excelling

Hymnal 657

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.*

Song of Praise

Christ is the world's true Light

Hymnal 542

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Children's Procession

Children in grades K–5 are invited to children's ministry time. They will process out of the church together and go to the classroom hall for Godly Play (K–2) and Kids of the Kingdom (3–5), returning for the 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 Reading from the Hebrew Bible

Genesis 45:3–11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.""

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (read responsively by whole verse)

Psalm 37:1–12, 41–42

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; * do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

For they shall soon wither like the grass, * and like the green grass fade away.

Put your trust in the Lord and do good; * dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

Take delight in the Lord, *

and he shall give you your heart's desire.

Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, * and he will bring it to pass.

He will make your righteousness as clear as the light * and your just dealing as the noonday.

Be still before the Lord *

and wait patiently for him.

Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *

the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *

do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

For evildoers shall be cut off, *

but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.

In a little while the wicked shall be no more; *

you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

But the lowly shall possess the land; *

they will delight in abundance of peace.

But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord; * he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

The Lord will help them and rescue them; *

he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because they seek refuge in him.

Gradual Hymn (standing)

There's a wideness in God's mercy (vv. 1–2)

Hymnal 469

The Holy Gospel Luke 6:27–38

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gradual Hymn

There's a wideness in God's mercy (v. 3)

Hymnal 469

The Sermon (seated)

The Rev. Ginny Bain Inman

The Prayers of the People for Epiphany (standing or kneeling)

Let us pray to God, who is made manifest in Jesus Christ.

As the prophet Isaiah rang out, "Arise, shine; for your light has come"; empower your Church, O God, to ring out the Good News of the Light of your son Jesus, which pierces even the deepest darkness.

Lord, hear our prayer.

As a star rose high into the nighttime sky to draw the nations to the Christ-child; send your blessing, O God, on this nation, and every nation, and draw the whole world to your peace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

As John the Baptist guided throngs of people to the edge of the wilderness and baptized Jesus in the River Jordan, we pray that you would guide our country and our leaders to the ways of justice and righteousness.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Like the Magi who traveled from afar to bring gifts and celebrate the Savior's birth; we pray for this community and the gifts we bring to you.

Lord, hear our prayer.

As Jesus climbed the mountaintop, and proclaimed blessings on the people of the world; we pray for the sick and the distressed, the hungry and cold and homeless, for refugees and those seeking safety.

Lord, hear our prayer.

As Jesus called his disciples to leave their nets and boats, and follow him; we pray for those we love and who have answered your call to follow Jesus to your Heavenly Kingdom. Give them your peace.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, Light of the World, hear our prayers, and make us reflections of your Light, that the places of darkness in our world would be pierced by your Love. *Amen.*

The Confession and Absolution

BCP p. 360

The Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Alleluia Mariano Garau

Hannah Schlotterer, Catherine Clifton Hardman, Ashley Ellin

At the Presentation

The Doxology Hymnal 380, v. 3

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B BCP p. 367

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.PeopleWe 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 (sung by all)

If thou but trust in God to guide thee Hymnal 635
Jesu, Jesu Hymnal 602

Sweet, sweet spirit LEVAS 120



Epiphany Blessing

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Hymnal 423

The Dismissal BCP p. 366

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Acolytes: Lindy Taylor, Holden Troutman. Readers: Shelley Kappauf, Don Mackey. Chalicists: Virginia Haskett, Shelley Kappauf. Verger: George Hanna. Ushers: Tim Fleming, Mark Kaley, Linda Van Ormer, Mike Van Ormer. Greeters & Newcomer Hosts: Nancy Bishop, Jonathan Stephens. Altar Guild Members: Beth Berger, Dottie Clark, Carolyn Hackett, Anne Jones, Betty Self, Laurinda Stokes, Linda Van Ormer, Gail Walters. Livestream Team: Jorge Chaires, Joe Stultz.

The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God by Bonnie Holland in loving memory of her husband, H E. Holland; and by Charlyne and George Hanna in loving memory of their son, Justin, George's parents, George and Rosa Hanna, and Charlyne's parents, Albert and Alma Farah.

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We Pray For

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

The Portuguese permitted the Church of England to establish chaplaincies in Brazil (for Anglo-Brazilians only) in 1810. Only after the separation of church and state in Brazil in 1889 was the Virginia Theological Seminary able to send missionaries to Brazilians in Porto Alegre, and the Anglican church began to emerge. Anglicans in Brazil remained a missionary diocese of the Episcopal Church in the United States until 1965, when it became its own province within the Anglican Communion. In recent years its stance as an "inclusive" church has led to schism, and the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil, our sister province, is not to be confused with the Anglican Church in Brazil.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: All Saints', Concord; Church of the Good Shepherd, Cooleemee; St. Alban's, Davidson

Special concerns: Western North Carolina and all those impacted by natural disasters, including wildfires and hurricanes

Those on our parish prayer list: Mary Stalter; Norma Bullock; Maria Wilmoth; Jimmye Olivey; Patrick Miller; Ed Morea; Julie Dameron; Traci and Erik; Charles Claunch; Barbara Van Cleve; Jeff Cummer; Charles Kelshaw; David McGraw; Betty Atwell; Rich and Maria; Liz Wert; Carol Phillips; Ed Phelps; Mack Baker; Lauren; Downs Brown, Jr.; Martha and Jim Kaley; Nancy O'Donnell; Tina Sink Gangi; Heather; Victoria; Johnetta Shablack; Erik Flak; Frank Tatem; Pauline Tatum; Jim Tatum; Pia; Henry, Christine, and Emily Davis-Potter; Linda Heller; Katelyn Flowers; Jeannie Phillips; James; Madeline Colavito; Hilary Towle; Charlotte Lloyd; Sarah Sellers; David; Jack; Mary Rose; Sue Keith; Irina and son; Anne Franklin and family; David Stokes; Myra Stephens; Marilyn McManis; Rhonda Weaver; Amanda Avery; Lynda Sanecki; Maria Alicia Huarcaya Hermoza and Kathy Hinshaw; Daniel; Buster Lewis; Terry Meyer; Betsy Murray; Jeter Walker; Gayle Scott; Earnest Graham; Derek; Fred Johnson; E. MacKenzie; Marcella Bryant; Alan Martin; Carolyn Ritchie

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: Ned Hill, brother of Bill Hill; Moira Ermentrout

Birthdays: Nancy Bishop, Lynn Klett, Paul McGraw, David Messelink, Rosie Revell

Anniversary: David and Laurinda Stokes

Please send prayer requests to Susan Frye at <u>parish@standrewsgso.org</u> or 336-275-1651, ext. 1. Names remain on our parish prayer list for six weeks. If you would like a name to remain on the list, please let Susan know. Please also email Susan with birthdays or anniversaries for the bulletin.

Today

Join Us for Sesson 3 of *The Third Evangelist* Formation Offering, Right after 10 a.m. Worship (Cloister) The Gospel of Luke provides a veritable treasure trove of narratives found in no other New Testament Gospel. From Mary's soaring Magnificat to the Parable of the Good Samaritan, Luke tantalizes his audience with some of the church's most beloved songs and stories. His presentation of Jesus' Resurrection—at Emmaus and in Jerusalem—is simply stunning in its narration and implications. Today, we will wrap up our series by learning about "The Biggest Questions of All." Eschatology, Eternal Life, and Jesus as the "New Elijah" all are on the agenda. Meet us in the Cloister for the final class in this exploration guaranteed to intrigue the mind as well as the heart. Led by freelance scholar Samuel Moss (M.Div., Duke University).

Get Your Pancake Tickets in the Parish Hall after Worship Today!

Our Men's Fellowship is once again hosting the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on March 4, 5:30–7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per family and \$7 for individuals and can be purchased today from Martha-Wade Chaires and our EYC in the Parish Hall after worship. If you missed our placemat ad campaign, you can still make an offering to help boost the Men's Fellowship fundraising for outreach! Donations should be made out to the church with "Pancake Supper" on the memo line. Please contact Jack Garvey (jacksr.garvey@gmail.com) with any questions about the Pancake Supper.

Sign Up for Coffee Hour—We Need Your Help

Please sign up to bring goodies for Coffee & Conversation. The sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall is very lonely right now and would like some attention. Providing refreshments is a great way to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion.

Come to EYC Today for an Interfaith Tour with NCCJ—See Martha-Wade Chaires for Details!

Today our middle and high schoolers will be heading off campus and outside of our usual time frame to join up with the NCCJ Interfaith Tour! What is the Interfaith Tour? For more than 20 years, NCCJ has brought together individuals of all faiths for an afternoon of fellowship and community building as they tour houses of worship across the Triad. The Interfaith Tour offers a unique opportunity to hear from a diverse group of leaders in our faith community and develop a stronger appreciation of different belief systems. Together with other members of our community, we'll visit Beth David Synagogue, Faith Community Church, and the Islamic Center of the Triad. We'll have an incredible and unique opportunity to create a space for honest interfaith dialogue around issues that affect people of all ages and all belief systems. If you have questions about today's tour, please contact Martha-Wade Chaires, at martha@standrewsgso.org.

Announcements

Fun for One More Week of February - Coffee & Conversation with Our Clergy this Tuesday

It has been a hard start to the year, but there is joy in our faith and the friendships we form. Our clergy, Rev. Ginny and Rev. Pam, have been at A Special Blend (3900 W. Market St.) each Tuesday in February, from 12–1 p.m. Drop in this Tuesday for our final February gathering for delicious coffee and cup-filling conversation. We look forward to seeing you there.

Let's Break Bread Together at Foyer Dinners—Sign Up by March 2

Foyer Dinners are a wonderful way to get to know fellow parishioners over monthly meals. Each group of 6–8 members meets monthly to share a meal and have time to get to know each other outside of our parish life. Some groups meet at restaurants while others meet in homes. It is a new year, and we are offering another round of Foyer Dinner Group signups. Please sign up online (see link in eNews) by March 2. To learn more, look for Ralph and Laura Bricker after weekly worship, or contact them at lbbricker@gmail.com or 843-263-3288.

Ash Wednesday Services Schedule – March 5

We will offer Ash Wednesday services with imposition of ashes at 7:30 a.m. and 12 p.m. in the Chapel. You are also invited to join the 51st Annual Convocation-wide observance of Ash Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, 901 E. Friendly Ave.

Housewares Drive for Neighbors in Need-Collection Begins March 1

Can you help make a house into a home for our neighbors who may be transitioning out of homelessness, fleeing violence, or overcoming poverty? St. Andrew's is sponsoring a housewares drive for The Barnabas Furniture Bank. Between March 1 and 30, please drop new or gently used pots & pans, kitchen utensils, dishes, cutlery, glassware, towels, bathroom accessories, small appliances, lamps, art, and décor at the designated table in the Parish Hall, or text Dawn Martin at 336-687-2072 for other pickup arrangements. If you prefer, you can <u>purchase new items online</u> (see link in *eNews*) for direct delivery to Barnabas. If you have furniture to donate, please call Barnabas directly, at 336-370-4002. Thank you for supporting our neighbors in need!

Gun Violence Prevention Community Conversation – March 2, Right after Worship (Parish Hall)

Last summer a group of parishioners and others studied the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship's "Courageous Conversations on Gun Violence" series. The group has learned a great deal and is now ready to share with the parish. Please join us in the Parish Hall right after worship on March 2 for an all-parish Community Conversation formation offering. We will begin by taking a "citizen's test" (Don't worry—no grading!) and then discuss the answers at tables. The test is a great tool to learn important facts (and misconceptions) about gun violence in our country. We will end with a discussion about future steps St. Andrew's might take on this issue. We look forward to seeing you there.

All are Invited to the Funeral for Bob Emmaus—March 20 at 11 a.m. (Chapel)

Our love and condolences go out to Bob Emmaus's family. The funeral for Bob will be on Thursday, March 20, at 11 a.m. in the Chapel. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

Women of St. Andrew's, Sign Up for Our Rescheduled Connect in Community—March 20, 7 p.m.

You're invited to another Connect in Community, a time for deepening our relationships with one another and our faith. Sarah Chowning will lead our time together, and we'll talk in small groups and create prayers, with plenty of time for sound and silence. Please sign up at https://bit.ly/2025-02-STA-CONNECT (where you can also sign up to bring a dessert to share, if you like). We are so excited to be together!

Winter Emergency Shelter—How to Volunteer in February and March

St. Andrew's is supporting the Winter Emergency Shelters at local churches that have partnered with Greensboro Urban Ministry (G.U.M.) to provide a warm place to sleep and an evening meal to men experiencing homelessness. There are three ways to help, including joining with others to prepare and deliver a meal for 15 people, serving as a check-in host, or being an overnight volunteer. You can sign up at Winter Emergency Shelter - First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, N.C., where there are links for each of the three volunteer options. We will be providing dinner at First Baptist on Wednesday, March 12.

Make Your Voice Heard! Visit our Advocacy Table in the Parish Hall for New Resources for Advocacy There are several ways to make your voice heard by your representatives.

- 1. The Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations creates Action Alerts that make it very easy to write to your representatives. They provide text (which you can alter) and a form to complete that will send it to your Senators and Congresspeople. You can sign up to receive these at https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/office-government-relations/action-alerts/.
- 2. Write or call your representative about your views and concerns. To find out who they are and their contact information, visit https://www.senate.gov/senators/senators-contact.htm (U.S. Senate), https://www.house.gov (U.S. House), and https://www.ncleg.gov/FindYourLegislators (N.C. Legislature). Please stop by the Advocacy Table in the Parish Hall for new Resources for Advocacy, with helpful how-to's to make your voice heard!

Compassion Camp Registration Is OPEN! Sign Up Today for Our VBS Week, July 28-August 1

This year's Compassion Camp VBS will be held July 28—August 1. We're already getting excited about this week of gardening, crafting, learning, yoga, and animal visitors, so be sure to mark your calendars and make your plans to attend. Compassion Camp is fully inclusive and is for ages 4–9. This year, we're inviting anyone age 10+ who would like to attend to come as a helper camper. Compassion Camp runs Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–12 p.m., and the cost is \$50 for the week. Scholarships are available. **Sign up your Camper(s) today at https://bit.ly/StAVBS2025Camper.**

Supporting St. Andrew's

Thank You for Your Gifts!

We are grateful for your continued support that sustains our mission and ministry. If you have questions about your giving, setting up or changing a recurring draft, or making gifts of stock or other funds, please email Ray Marsh, at **bookkeeper@standrewsgso.org** or leave him a message at 336-275-1651, ext. 3.

To make a gift, scan the code at right, visit <u>abundant.co/standrewsepiscopalch/give</u>, or mail your check to: *St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Bookkeeper*, 2105 W. Market St., *Greensboro*, NC 27403.

You may still submit your pledge for our *Together* Campaign for 2025 at https://bit.ly/TOGETHER2025 or email parish@standrewsgso.org to request a pledge packet. Every pledge matters.

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. —Romans 15:5–6

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