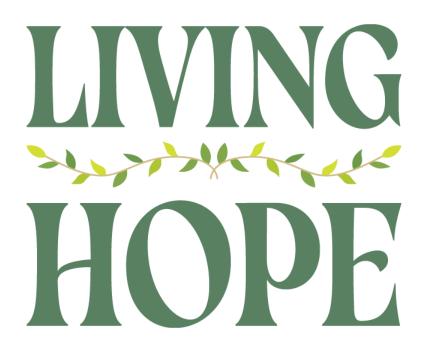
Holy Eucharist Rite II

First Sunday in Lent March 9, 2025



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Feeding the Hungry + Welcoming the Stranger Being Transformed by God

An Invitation to a Holy Lent

The Season of Lent is set aside as a time of renewal, repentance, and remembrance. During Lent, we are invited to deepen our awareness of God's presence in our lives, and to draw closer to God. Traditionally, Christians have done this by choosing to make sacrifices or add disciplines of Bible reading and study, fasting, or prayer. Lent is also a time for reflection, a time to discover and remove the self-made barriers that keep us from experiencing God more fully. Throughout Lent, the worship services are still joyful, but more subdued. The church hangings are purple, the word "Alleluia" is not used in the liturgy or the hymns, and our altars are not adorned with flowers. These practices help the worshipping community mark this as a season for remembering God's gifts of mercy and grace.

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.)

Eternal lord of Love Hymnal 149

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*.

Kyrie Hymnal S–96

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Children's Procession to Children's Chapel

Children in grades K–5 are invited to a Lenten Children's Chapel this morning. They will process out of the church together, following the cross, and go to our Children's Chapel downstairs for a special story, thanksgiving, and communion just for the little ones.

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 Hebrew Bible Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1–11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

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

The Psalm (sung by choir)

Psalm 91:1–2, 9–16

The Anglican Chant Psalter #209, Edward John Hopkins

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, * abides under the shadow of the Almighty. He shall say to the Lord,

"You are my refuge and my stronghold, * my God in whom I put my trust."

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, *

and the Most High your habitation,

There shall no evil happen to you, *

neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over you, *

to keep you in all your ways.

They shall bear you in their hands, *

lest you dash your foot against a stone.

You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *

you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

Because he is bound to me in love,

therefore will I deliver him; *

I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *

I am with him in trouble;

I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

With long life will I satisfy him, * and show him my salvation.

Gradual Hymn (standing)

Lord, who throughout these forty days (vv. 1–3)

Hymnal 142

The Holy Gospel Luke 4:1–13

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

Gradual Hymn

Lord, who throughout these forty days (vv. 4–5)

Hymnal 142

The Sermon (*seated*)

The Rev. Ginny Bain Inman

The Nicene Creed (standing)

BCP p. 358

The Prayers of the People (Form IV) (standing or kneeling)

BCP p. 388

O Lord, Hear My Prayer (sung by all, two times through)

Jacques Berthier

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; come and listen to me.

The Confession and Absolution

BCP p. 360

The Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

We Shall Walk through the Valley

Traditional Spiritual, arr. Undine Smith Moore

We shall walk through the valley in peace.

If Jesus, himself shall be our leader, We shall walk through the valley in peace.

There will be no trials there.

If Jesus, himself shall be our leader, We shall walk through the valley in peace.

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.

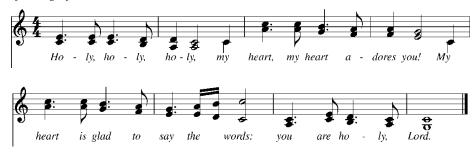
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy (sung by all, two times)

WLP 785



The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 364

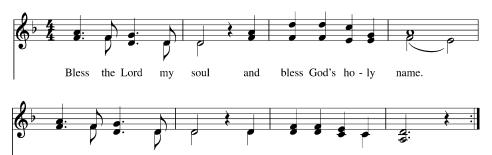
The Breaking of the Bread

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)

Bless the Lord my soul

WLP 825



Who

leads me

in - to

life.

The glory of these forty days How wondrous and great thy works

Bless

the Lord

my

soul.

Hymnal 143 Hymnal 533

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP p. 365

Benediction

With Prayer and Supplication

Amy Beach

With prayer and supplication, let your requests be known unto God.

And the peace of God with passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lenten Blessing

May the One who suffers with the sin of the world pour grace upon you that your life may reveal the power of God's love, and the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you this day and forever. *Amen*.

Closing Hymn

All my hope on God is founded

Hymnal 665

The Dismissal BCP p. 366

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Acolytes: Sam Inman, Lindy Taylor, Holden Troutman. Readers: Shelley Kappauf, Sandy Shelton. Chalicists: Shelley Kappauf, Spencer Musick. Verger: Debbie Dowd. Ushers: Mitzi Bond, Charles Kappauf, Laurinda Stokes, Craig Taylor. Greeters & Newcomer Hosts: Anne Jones, Stephen Martin. Altar Guild Members: Lisa Garrett, Virginia Haskett, Margaret Horne, Pat Marsh, Johnetta Shablack, Cindy Shane, Barb Watkins. Livestream Team: Tim Fleming, Joe Stultz. Violinist: Susan Gallimore.

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We Pray For

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Canada

The first Anglican Eucharist in what is now Canada took place aboard ship on an Arctic expedition in 1578, the first resident priest arrived in Newfoundland in 1612, and the Hudson Bay Company's first chaplain began work in 1683. But the Anglican Church in Canada only expanded "as a church" in the 18th and 19th centuries – helped along by an influx of loyalists to the Crown who fled to Canada during our War of Independence. By the time of the Confederation in 1867, any claims by the Church of England to be an "established church" ended in Canada. In 1955, the church's name changed from the Church of England in the Dominion of Canada to the Anglican Church of Canada. It has faced challenges in recent decades, not just over their "residential schools" for the First Nations, but also over general decline in numbers and resources.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Philip's, St. Stephen's, and St. Titus', all of Durham

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

Those on our parish prayer list: Norma Bullock; Jimmye Olivey; Traci and Erik; Charles Claunch; Jeff Cummer; David McGraw; Betty Atwell; Liz Wert; Mack Baker; Lauren; Downs Brown, Jr.; Martha and Jim Kaley; Nancy O'Donnell; Tina Sink Gangi; Heather; Victoria; Johnetta Shablack; 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; Jack; Mary Rose; Sue Keith; Anne Franklin and family; David Stokes; Myra Stephens; Marilyn McManis; Rhonda Weaver; Amanda Avery; Maria Alicia Huarcaya Hermoza and Kathy Hinshaw;

Daniel; Terry Meyer; Betsy Murray; Jeter Walker; Earnest Graham; Derek; Fred Johnson; E. MacKenzie; Marcella Bryant; Alan Martin; Carolyn Ritchie, Pam Haynes

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

Birthdays: Laura Bricker, Barbara Cooke, George Hanna, Terrance Horne, Lisa Lewis, Michael McGrew **Anniversaries:** Eric and Rachael Revell

Today

Living Hope: Sustaining Our Faith in Difficult Times—Formation Starts Today after Worship (Cloister) Join your fellow parishioners during Lent for an exploration of how we understand our faith and how it sustains us through the ups and downs of our lives. Through discussion based on a video from Kate Bowler, we will examine the messages and teachings we've relied on, both in persevering through the difficult times that happen to us all, and in using our gifts to extend God's kingdom and God's love to one another. We hope to uncover new understandings, new connections, and new insights into how we are called to "be the light." Join us March 9, 16, and 23, in the Cloister, right after 10 a.m. worship. Facilitated by Mark Courtright and Marcia Moore.

Last Call for Lenten Small Groups—Sign Up to Today for Offerings Beginning this Week

The purpose of an intentional small group is to build trusting relationships with God and one another. Lenten small groups are a way to deepen our faith. When we meet for conversation, practice, study, and prayer, we learn how to love and are strengthened in hope. These groups will meet for 5–6 weeks for one hour in the Library. Each group will use a provided Lenten booklet to foster reflection and discussion. Groups are limited to 10 participants, and some groups are full. The following groups still had openings as of March 6: *Mondays at 6 p.m., facilitated by Cheri Courtright; Thursdays at 7:30 a.m., Men's Group facilitated by Stephen Inman and Craig Taylor. Check for current openings using the link in this week's eNews. Today is the deadline to sign up.*

EYC, Let's Lean in on Lent—Tonight, 5-6:30!

Today, our middle and high schoolers will be kicking off Lent with a prayer station scavenger hunt scattered all around the church. We'll wrap up with a yummy Mario's pizza and salad dinner, courtesy of Laura Shinn, in Herman Hall. See you tonight at 5!

This Week

Our Daughters of the King Invite You to a Lenten Quiet Day & Lunch, March 15–Sign Up by March 10 All are invited to join us this Saturday, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., for meaningful meditation and reflection for the Lenten season. We encourage you to invite your friends and family to this special time of fellowship and discussion, too. We will begin at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall with light refreshments and will use space in the Cloister, Library, and Chapel for the day's sessions, finishing with lunch provided by our Daughters of the King Deborah Chapter. Come taste and see what God has in store for us! Please RSVP using the signup sheet on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. If you have questions or would like to sign up by email, please contact Pat Marsh patriciatmarsh@gmail.com.

Join Our Episcopal Church Women (ECW) for Meetings this Week

All women of the church belong to the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) and are invited to our upcoming meetings.

• St. Agatha & St. Mary Chapter Program—March 10, 2 p.m. (Parish Hall)

"Jesus, the Biblical Prophets, and American Foreign Aid," with the Rev. Dr. Leon Spencer

How are people of faith called to respond to human need, wherever in the world such need exists? How do governments and societies beyond the faith communities fit in? Leon Spencer will reflect on the ways the biblical tradition connects (or doesn't) to foreign aid, from the Marshall Plan and President Kennedy's creation of USAID onward to today. We hope you will make plans to attend and learn with us on March 10. Please contact Janice Cox Pollard at icallcox@gmail.com with questions.

• St. Anne Chapter Meeting—March 12, 10:30 a.m. (Library)

Please plan to join us for our morning ECW gathering this Wednesday at 10:30 a.m., in the Library.

Serving Others by Cooking for Abundant Life's Community Dinner—March 11

Lent is a great time to do a little extra cooking for others who have come to rely on the weekly community dinners at Abundant Life. St. Andrew's provides hearty entrees and veggie sides every second Tuesday of the month. Our next chance to cook is this Tuesday, March 11. To help, please sign up using the link in our *Weekly eNews*, and prepare an entree for 8 or veggie side for 6. Please use disposable pans and cover the dishes in aluminum foil, marked with what you have made. Feel free to cook early and leave dishes in the church freezer, or you may drop off Tuesday afternoon at the address on the online sign-up sheet. (*Note: At church, please use the Pantry fridge, not the Kitchen fridge. The Pantry fridge is located in the labeled "Butler's Closet" on the yellow classroom hallway, diagonally across from the Library).* In helping with this meal, know that you have served God through your service to others. *Barbara Cooke* (336-521-0040, bjcookenc@me.com) will be happy to answer your questions about any part of this process.

Sign Up to Help St. Andrew's Serve a Winter Shelter Dinner at First Baptist—March 12

Are you looking for a way to love your neighbor? On Wednesday, March 12, it's St. Andrew's turn to host dinner for 15–20 people at the Winter Emergency Shelter at First Baptist Church (1000 W. Friendly Ave.). We will be providing a delicious dinner of fettucine alfredo from Elizabeth's Pizza, and we hope you will sign up to help by providing sides and drinks, delivering food from St. Andrew's to First Baptist, or serving supper at First Baptist Church. **Our signup is live**, and you will find it in this week's *eNews*.

You're Invited to Breakfast at Green Valley Grill-March 14 at 8:30 a.m.

Join your St. Andrew's friends at our next informal breakfast gathering at Green Valley Grill, March 14 at 8:30 a.m. We look forward to sharing food and fellowship with you. RSVP by noon the day before to Jonathan Stephens at 615-480-3804 or **stephens.jonathan.r@gmail.com**.

Our Lenten Housewares Drive Has Begun!—Bring Items for Neighbors in Need, through March 30 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 now and March 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 **purchase new items online** (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!

Families of Preschool-Elementary Kids, It's Time for Our Next Sprouts Brunch! — March 16

Please join us for our March Sprouts Brunch next Sunday, March 16. That just happens to be St. Patrick's Day Eve, so obviously we're headed downtown to M'Coul's Public House! M'Coul's (110 W. McGee St.) is Greensboro's staple Irish Pub with American roots—and trust us when we say that the potato cake (stuffed with cheese and onions) is the exact amount of Sunday comfort and joy that you need to send you into the next work week. Wear a little green and come ready for a carb fest! Contact Martha-Wade Chaires with questions, at martha@standrewsgso.org.

More Announcements

Meal Train Offered for the Smith & Ermentrout Family

Many of you have asked how you might support the family of Moira Ermentrout. A Meal Train site has been arranged by friends, and you can sign up to provide a meal or make a donation for meals at https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/w076yw.

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!

Support the Altar Guild with Easter Flower Dedications - Submit by Thursday, April 10

One of the duties of St. Andrew's Altar Guild is to decorate our worship space for special services. On Easter Sunday, we would like the church altar to be full of beautiful flowers, especially lilies. We invite you to support the Altar Guild with an honorary or memorial Easter Flower Offering. The bulletin for Easter Sunday will list all donors and tributes. Gifts should be received by no later than *Thursday, April* 10, and may be made at church using the special flower envelopes in the pews, by mail, or online. See this week's *eNews* for mail instructions and online option.

Thank You for Your Generous Support

We are grateful for your gifts that sustain our mission and ministry. If you have questions about your giving, please email Ray Marsh (<u>bookkeeper@standrewsgso.org</u>), or call him at 336-265-1651, ext. 3. Ray is in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays. To make a new or pledged gift, visit <u>abundant.co/standrewsepiscopalch/give</u>, scan the QR code, or mail a check to *St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Bookkeeper*, 2105 *W. Market St., Greensboro, NC 27403*.





You are Invited to a Holy and Life-Giving Lent, Holy Week, and Easter.

Sunday Worship, 10 a.m. Contemplative Service, Third Sundays, 8:30 a.m. (Chapel) Lenten Formation, March 9, 16, 23, 11:15 a.m. (Cloister)

LENT

Mar. 10	Lenten Small Groups begin
Mar. 12	Midweek Eucharists begin, 12 p.m. (Chapel)
Mar. 15	Lenten Quiet Day
Apr. 6	All-Parish Community Conversation

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Apr. 13	Palm Sunday Service, 10 a.m.
Apr. 17	Maundy Thursday Service, 7 p.m.
Apr. 18	Good Friday Service, 12 p.m. Stations of the Cross, 12–3 p.m. (Sanctuary)
Apr. 20	Easter Sunday Service, 10 a.m. Festive Reception & Easter Egg Hunt after service



Lenten Resources for Reflection and Prayer

Living Well Through Lent 2025: Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit in Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind, from Living Compass

Available as a booklet in our Parish Hall and church entrances and at https://www.livingcompass.org/lent

The Living Compass Model for Well-Being offers us guidance in four dimensions of our being: heart, soul, strength, and mind. Just like a mobile or kinesthetic art, these dimensions are interconnected—movement in one area affects all the others. The invitation is to live an undivided life, where heart, soul, strength, and mind are integrated into both our *being* and our *doing*.

The Hardest Part, from Kate Bowler

Available at https://katebowler.com/seasonal_devotional/the-hardest-part/

This is the season that asks us to stop pretending we're holding it all together. It's a time to pause, sit with what's fragile and unfinished, and let God meet us in the hardest parts of our lives. These Lenten guides are designed to be a companion through the season as you pause, reflect, and find the courage to stay with the hard part, trusting that the good part is still coming.

Lenten Meditations, from Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD)

Available at https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/

Join writer Jerusalem Jackson Greer this Lent as she encourages us to partake in "A Commonplace Lent." "Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:24-25)

Living Hope—Lenten Reflections from the Church of England

Available (1) as a booklet in our Parish Hall and church entrances, (2) as Reflection Emails (see eNews for signup link), and (3) via the Church of England's daily devotional app, Everyday Faith (see eNews for download link).

This Lent we are encouraged to put down deep roots of hope by connecting with God who is with us at all times. In the disappointment of daily setbacks and the pain of deeper hurts, we discover that God is present with us. And God promises a future where all things are healed and made new. *Living Hope* offers us the opportunity to deepen our hope in God and be part of what God is doing to bring hope in the world.

