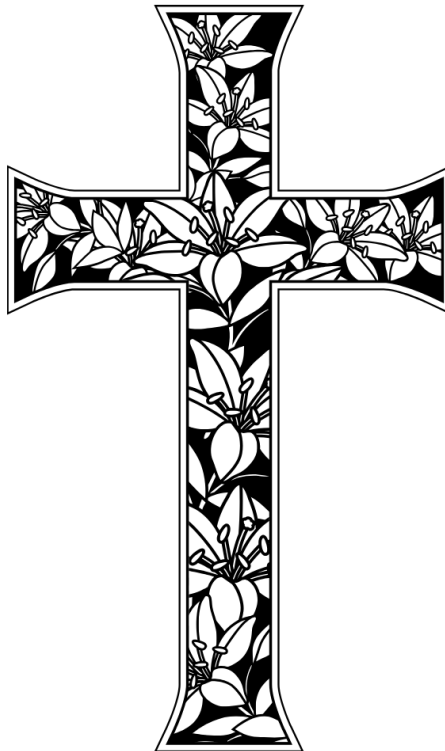


Holy Eucharist Rite II

Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Feeding the Hungry + Welcoming the Stranger

Being Transformed by God

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.)*

O sons and daughters, let us sing! (vv. 1–3, 5)

Hymnal 203

The Opening Acclamation

BCP p. 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Gloria

Hymnal S-277

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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

All pre-K through 5th grade children are invited to children's ministry time. Today we will process out of the church together and head to the playground for a special Earth Day project and prayer. We will return 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 *(Please be seated.)*

Acts 5:27–32

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The

God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Reader *The Word of the Lord.*

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

The Psalm (*sung by choir*)

Psalm 150

*Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; *
praise him in the firmament of his power.*

*The Anglican Chant Psalter #360,
by John Goss*

*Praise him for his mighty acts; *
praise him for his excellent greatness.*

*Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; *
praise him with lyre and harp.*

*Praise him with timbrel and dance; *
praise him with strings and pipe.*

*Praise him with resounding cymbals; *
praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.*

*Let everything that has breath *
praise the Lord. Hallelujah!*

Gradual Hymn (*standing*)

We walk by faith, and not by sight (vv. 1–2)

Hymnal 209

The Holy Gospel

John 20:19–31

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

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Gradual Hymn

We walk by faith, and not by sight (vv. 3–4)

Hymnal 209

The Sermon (*seated*)

The Rev. Gus Chrysson

The Nicene Creed (*standing*)

BCP p. 358

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

BCP p. 388

The Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Rise Up, My Love, My Fair One

Healey Willan
text from Song of Solomon

*Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away;
For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;
The flowers appear upon the earth;
The time of the singing of birds is come;
Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.*

At the Presentation

The Doxology

Hymnal 380, v. 3

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. 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

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*)

Now the green blade riseth

Hymnal 204

O God, unseen yet ever near

Hymnal 332

Let us break bread together on our knees

Hymnal 325

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP p. 365

Easter Blessing

Closing Hymn

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! (vv. 1-3, 5)

Hymnal 205

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go in peace together to love and serve the Lord.

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

Postlude

We welcome the Rev. Gus Chrysson as celebrant and preacher today.

Acolytes: Levi Haynes, Jonathan Spinks, Holden Troutman. **Readers:** Pat Baker, Sandy Shelton. **Chalicians:** Mark Courtright, John Walton. **Verger:** Debbie Dowd. **Ushers:** Tim Fleming, Mark Kaley, Linda Van Ormer, Mike Van Ormer. **Greeter & Newcomer Host:** Jonathan Stephens. **Altar Guild Members:** Pat Baker, Nancy Bishop, Susan Brannan, Dottie Clark, Mary V. Compton, Carolyn Hackett, Anne Jones, Shelley Kappauf, Nancy Kimbrough, Barbara Lawless, Sandy O'Briant, Betty Self, Laurinda Stokes, Linda Van Ormer, Gail Walters. **Livestream Team:** Jorge Chaires, Virginia Haskett.

The flowers at the altar today are given to the Glory of God by Ed and Barbara Lawless in celebration of their daughter Evelyn's 29th birthday, and by Rob and Chris Lillpopp in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary today.

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We Pray For

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

This province consists of the islands of Mauritius, the Seychelles, and Madagascar. Anglicans came to Mauritius (mainly as clergy serving British officials) after the British seized the island from the French in 1810. The Church Missionary Society and the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (SPG) followed with work in the Seychelles in the 1850s—intriguingly, a place with no indigenous inhabitants, so mission work focused on formerly enslaved Africans brought by Europeans. (An Ashanti king, King Prempeh, was exiled from Ghana to the Seychelles in 1904, along with his family and several of his chiefs, and he was baptized there.) The Diocese of Seychelles was only created in 1973, with four parishes. The SPG sent its first missionary to Madagascar in 1864. By the time the French officially colonized the island in 1896, Christian missions were already well-established. Madagascar was a multi-cultural place with multiple religions (true of Mauritius as well), but Christianity is today a majority population there. In the province overall, Anglicans are smallish in number—perhaps 120,000 out of seven million Christians. The three islands became an Anglican province in 1973.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson; St. John's, Henderson

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

Those on our parish prayer list: Norma Bullock; Traci and Erik; Jeff Cummer; David McGraw; Betty Atwell; 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, Arwyn, and Christine 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; Myra Stephens; Amanda Avery; Maria Alicia Huarcaya Hermoza and Kathy Hinshaw; Daniel; Terry Meyer; Betsy Murray; Earnest Graham; Derek; Fred Johnson; E. MacKenzie; Carolyn Ritchie; Pam Haynes; Paula Boothby; Kelly Jordan; Glenna Ohaver; Susan Seaton; Sam Doyle; Karl Towle; Heidi Dohmeier; Carol Phillips; Donnie Robertson; Barbara Van Cleve

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

Birthdays: Betty Brown, Javi Chaires, Joe Graves, Hannah Schlotterer, Joe Stultz

Anniversary: Rob & Chris Lillpopp

Please send prayer requests to Susan Frye at parish@standrewsgso.org 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

Celebrate Creation with a Community Conversation — The Corner Market, Right after Worship

Join your fellow parishioners in celebrating Earth Day as we welcome Kathy Newsom, director of The Corner Farmers Market (which pops up each Saturday in our Kensington Rd. parking lot). Kathy will share about the important connections among the mission of the Corner Market, our environmental challenges, the health and well-being of our community, and our biblical call to be stewards of our earth. We'll also get to hear about the many vendors at the market and the diverse products they offer for sale, as well as the delight of meeting friends and neighbors for Saturday morning fellowship. We'll gather in the Parish Hall right after worship!

Costa Rica Shareholders — We Have Your Certificates!

If you bought shares in our Costa Rica trip online or during one of the several times we ran out of certificates (we were so much more successful than we thought we would be!), thank you for your support *and* your patience! Your share certificate is now ready and will be in the Parish Hall after church today. Don't forget to grab your shiny new certificate from one of our youth ambassadors.

Families, Let's Learn About Communion — Starting Today, Right after Worship (Godly Play Room)

Today we start our three-session Communion Celebration for all interested pre-K through 5th graders. Head to the Godly Play Room right after church for a special story about World Communion. Next Sunday, May 4, stay in the Sanctuary after worship for time with Mother Ginny and to tour the Sacristy, where the Altar Guild makes it possible for us to share in the Sacrament of Communion each week. We'll take a break for Mother's Day, May 11. On May 18, we will all sit together at the front of the church and take Communion as a group. Please email martha@standrewsgso.org to let us know you can participate.

Sprouts Brunch Bunch—Today, Right after Communion Celebration (Cugino Forno Restaurant)
Families of young children, please stick around after church today for the first of our Communion Celebration classes. Then let's head over to Cugino Forno (1160 Revolution Mill Dr.) for our April Sprouts Brunch Bunch.

EYC, Let's Take Some Time to Talk About Gun Violence, Tonight 5–6:30—Dinner will be served!
A few weeks ago, our parish family shared in a Community Conversation about gun violence, which is a worry that many of our EYC members live with every day. Tonight, members of our St. Andrew's gun violence prevention group will visit us for a special presentation. We'll have a chance to fill out a Citizen's Knowledge Test and discuss the answers. Parents, grandparents, and support people are welcome to attend. After our discussion, we'll share dinner together. Meet in Herman Hall at 5 p.m.

Announcements

It's Time to Sign Up! Tour of the Civil Rights Center & Museum—May 3, 11 a.m. (Note time change.) Deadline is April 28. Look for the signup link in our Weekly eNews and sign up today or tomorrow.
On Saturday, May 3, we have the wonderful opportunity to take a private, guided tour of the International Civil Rights Center & Museum (ICRCM) in downtown Greensboro. The ICRCM commemorates the brave and visionary advocacy of full citizenship and social justice. The cost of the tour is \$15 per student and \$20 per adult. All are welcome to attend. Scholarships are available—just email martha@standrewsgso.org if you need one. The tour will begin at 11:00 a.m. (*not at 10:30 a.m., as previously listed*) and will last around 75 minutes. We will caravan back to the church for lunch and discussion to follow.

Deadline Extended to Sign Up for a Cursillo Weekend, May 15–18—Register by May 5
You are invited to attend NC Episcopal Cursillo #111, May 15–18, at Camp Walter Johnson in Lexington. Cursillo is a Diocesan program offering and an opportunity for Episcopalians to meet and learn together as they seek to grow their faith. At Cursillo, you will experience the gift of God's love through shared prayer, worship, study, and fellowship. For more information contact Fred Watts at fredwat3@aol.com. **To apply by the May 5 deadline, visit <http://www.nccursillo.org/>.**
Note: If you attended Cursillo before and would like to send Planca for the upcoming weekend, please see Deacon Pam or leave it in her mailbox in the church office.

Interested in Buildings & Grounds? Join Us on Second Tuesdays after Worship—May 11 (Library)
At St. Andrew's, we are blessed with a beautiful church and grounds. Their ongoing maintenance requires substantial TLC, and we are seeking people with skills, experience, or desire to serve on our Buildings & Grounds Team. Led by our Junior Warden, Jonathan Stephens, the team helps with needed care and improvements, organizes spring and fall workdays, and assists in responding to church maintenance issues. If you would like to join in this hands-on ministry, please email Jonathan at stephens.jonathan.r@gmail.com. And join us after worship in the library for a brief meeting on May 11.

Serving Others by Cooking for Abundant Life's Community Dinner—Tuesday, May 13

St. Andrew's provides meals on the second Tuesday of each month for Abundant Life's weekly community dinners. Our next day to serve is May 13. To help, sign up using [the link in this week's eNews](#), and prepare an entree for 8 or a veggie side for 6. Please use disposable pans labeled with your name and the dish. You can cook in advance and put your dish in the church's freezer no later than Sunday morning, May 11 (using the freezer in the pantry near the door labeled "Butler's Closet"). Or drop it off the afternoon of May 13 at the address on the signup sheet. In providing this meal, you are serving God by serving others. Barbara Cooke is happy to answer questions and can be reached at 336-521-0040 or by email at bjcookenc@me.com.

Parents, Education for Ministry: Core Practices Might Be for You!

This fall we hope to offer a special *Education for Ministry (EfM): Core Practices* class. EfM is a formative program designed to help individuals respond to their call to Christian service, and includes studies on the Old Testament, New Testament, church history, and theology. While the traditional EfM is a four-year program requiring three hours per week of study and preparation, *Core Practices* is a condensed, one-year program requiring about an hour per week of study, plus a weekly meeting (in-person or online). We are in the process of forming this exciting opportunity in a way that we hope will benefit St. Andrew's parents, and we would love your input! If you are interested in learning more or attending a Q & A session, please email martha@standrewsgso.org.

Mark Your Calendars for Our Annual Parent Gathering at the Taylors'!—June 1

A spring Parent Gathering at Anna and Craig Taylor's house has become a true favorite tradition over the past few years, and we can't wait to gather again on their awesome covered porch to meet with old and new members of the St. Andrew's grown-up crew. A signup for food and drink will be coming soon, but go ahead and save the date—June 1 at 5 p.m. We can't wait to see you there!

Diocesan HUGS Camp Needs Buddy Campers and Staff

Helping Understand God through Sharing (HUGS) is a unique camp for unique people, bringing together young people of diverse abilities. Campers with disabilities are paired with high school age buddy campers to experience a week of traditional church summer camp. Campers and helper campers overcome barriers of real and imagined differences and build bridges of understanding as the buddy campers help their campers with activities, eat with them, and attend to their hygiene and self-care needs to make sure everyone has an amazing week. *HUGS needs rising 9th–12th grade youth to serve as buddy campers, and college age and above folks to apply for staff positions.* Our *eNews* has the link to [learn more and apply](#). If you'd like to ask a St. Andrew's HUGS buddy about their experience, email martha@standrewsgso.org.

Remembering St. Andrew's Saints in Light—Funeral Dates in May and June

Our love and condolences go out to the families of St. Andrew's parishioners who have recently died. Please save the following dates, when all are invited to join us in remembering our saints in light.

Jimmye Olivey—Monday, May 12, 2025, at 11 a.m. (Chapel), with reception to follow

Moir Ermentrout—Friday, May 30, 2025, at 2 p.m. (Sanctuary), with reception to follow

Gayle Scott—Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 10 a.m. (Chapel)

Thank You for Your Generous Support

We are grateful for your gifts that sustain St. Andrew's mission and ministry. If you have questions about your giving, please email Ray Marsh (bookkeeper@standrewsgso.org), or call him at 336-275-1651, ext. 3. Ray is in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays. To make a new or pledged gift, visit abundant.co/standrewsepiscopalch/give, scan the QR code, or mail a check to *St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Bookkeeper, 2105 W. Market St., Greensboro, NC 27403*.



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