

FEEDING THE HUNGRY
WELCOMING THE STRANGER
BEING TRANSFORMED BY GOD

Order of Worship for Holy Eucharist Rite II

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 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.*)

Christ is made the sure foundation

Hymnal 518

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

How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!

Hymnal 533

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 (Please be seated.)

Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

The Psalm (read responsively by whole verse)

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! *

happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

The Lord looks down from heaven, *

and beholds all the people in the world.

From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze * on all who dwell on the earth.

He fashions all the hearts of them * and understands all their works.

There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; * a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; * for all its strength it cannot save.

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Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, * on those who wait upon his love,

To pluck their lives from death, * and to feed them in time of famine.

Our soul waits for the Lord; *

he is our help and our shield.

Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *

for in his holy Name we put our trust.

Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, * as we have put our trust in you.

Gradual Hymn (Please stand as you are able.)

Blessed Jesus at thy word (vv. 1–2)

Hymnal 440

The Holy Gospel (standing)

Luke 12:32-40

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

Gradual Hymn

Blessed Jesus at thy word (v. 3)

Hymnal 440

The Sermon (seated)

The Rev. Julie Peeples

The Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

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

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy*.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy*.

For the city of Greensboro, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy*.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy*.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy*.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy*.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy*.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy*.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy*.

In the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary, of Andrew, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence.

Concluding Collect

The Confession and Absolution

BCP p. 360

The Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Our liturgy this morning features prayers from Enriching Our Worship (EOW), an authorized resource of the Episcopal Church meant to be used in tandem with the Book of Common Prayer. The season after Pentecost is a wonderful time to explore the different ways in which the Spirit speaks to the Church; we hope that you find these beautiful prayers meaningful.

Offertory Anthem

The Call

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Sean Toso, tenor

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:

Such a Way, as gives us breath; Such a Light, as shows a feast; Such a Truth, as ends all strife; Such a Feast, as mends in length; Such a Life, as killeth death. Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a Joy, as none can move; Such a Love, as none can part; Such a Heart, as joys in love.

At the Presentation

The Doxology Hymnal 380, v. 3

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer 2 (standing or kneeling) EOW

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.

Celebrant We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus Hymnal S–130

Celebrant Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Andrew and all your saints, from every tribe, language, people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer BCP p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

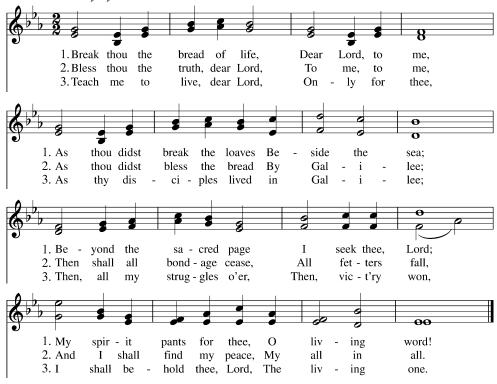
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

We are offering Communion in both kinds. If you do not want to receive Communion but would like to come forward for a blessing, please 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)

Break thou the bread of life

LEVAS 146



God himself is with us
Come, thou fount of every blessing

Hymnal 475 Hymnal 686

Postcommunion Prayer

EOW

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn

God who stretched the spangled heavens

Hymnal 580

The Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia. Let us go forth together rejoicing in the life of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Today we welcome the Rev. Julie Peeples as guest preacher.

A little chilly? Prayer shawls are available at the back of the church and chapel, should you find yourself wishing for an extra layer. Use them as needed during the service, then please return them to the back pew on your way out for others to use next week.

Acolytes: Levi Haynes, Sam Inman, Jonathan Spinks. Readers: Dawn Martin, Stephen Martin. Chalicists: Shelley Kappauf, John Walton. 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 Ann Horne, Pat Marsh, Johnetta Shablack, Cindy Shane, Barb Watkins. Livestream Team: Don Mackey, David Messelink.

The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God by Patrick Miller in honor of his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

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We Pray For

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Eglise Anglicaine du Rwanda

Anglicanism in Rwanda evolved from mission work extended into the country from Uganda in the 1920s, and it was deeply influenced by the spread of the East African Revival in coming decades. It became part of an Anglican province, together with Burundi and the eastern Congo, in the 1960s; in the 1990s Rwanda became its own province. It, as did the entire country, suffered greatly from the genocide of 1994. The province reacted strongly against the consecration of Gene Robinson as Bishop of New Hampshire in 2003/4, and it provided a home in the Eglise Anglicaine du Rwanda for American congregations which wanted to withdraw from the Episcopal Church. It continues to maintain close relations with the Anglican Church of North America.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Thomas', Sanford; Trinity, Scotland Neck

Those on our parish prayer list: Norma Bullock; Traci and Erik; Jeff Cummer; David McGraw; Betty Atwell; Mack Baker; Lauren; 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; Maria Alicia Huarcaya Hermoza and Kathy Hinshaw; Terry Meyer; Betsy Murray; Derek; Fred Johnson; E. MacKenzie; Carolyn Ritchie; Paula Boothby; Kelly Jordan; Glenna Ohaver; Susan Seaton; Karl Towle; Heidi

Dohmeier; Donnie Robertson; Barbara Van Cleve; Nancy Antrim; Robert Morris; Bert and Bev; Charles Kelshaw; Rhonda Weaver; Carolyn Hackett; Mary Lou Strohl; Frank and Sandy Tatem; Faye Thompson; Ethan Shoffner; Paul; Pam Haynes; Michael Clapp; Karen; Sabrina; Sophie; John Bald; Keats; Nancy; Anna Marie

Special concerns: The people of Gaza and Israel, Ukraine and Russia

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

Birthdays: Barb Cronin, Jai Jordan, Brie Klein-Fowler, Katie Krishnan, AmyRuth McGraw, YiYing McGraw, Sandy O'Briant, Geoff Swan

Anniversaries: Geoff and Fran Swan

Please send prayer requests to Susan Frye at <u>parish@standrewsgso.org</u> or 336-275-1651, ext. 1.

St. Andrew's Summer of Sabbath and Solidarity

This summer, you are invited to prioritize the rhythm of loving God and neighbor that sustains us. Keeping the sabbath is part of the fabric of creation and one of God's Ten Commandments. Sabbath provides us intentional time and space to breathe deeply, to return to God, and to be renewed. Whether sabbath for you means spending time with friends and family, basking in God's creation, or simply slowing down to savor the joys of summer, carve out time to reconnect with God in the months ahead. As author Tricia Hershey puts it, rest is also resistance—to a world that is always demanding that we do and buy and become more. Sabbath reminds us that we are created in God's image and that we are enough.

When our spiritual cup is full, we are better able to serve others, to speak out and show up. There will be a variety of ways to show solidarity for our neighbors this summer through efforts to support Abundant Life and the food pantry, call leaders about legislative priorities, wash the feet of refugees and immigrants, or tutor children who need extra educational support. We have gifts of healing and hope and a commitment to justice that are needed in this hurting world.

We hold together the inner journey of faith and the outer journey of discipleship. Look for possibilities for sabbath and solidarity in future eNews editions. We will break bread together after church in August and share our summer experiences.

A Little Jesus Goes a Long Way!

On Pentecost, we gave everyone a little Jesus to carry as a reminder of God's love that goes with us wherever we go. We are all called to share Jesus, and a little Jesus goes a long way. This summer, you are invited to take pictures of you and Jesus and send them to Susan Frye at <u>parish@standrewsgso.org</u>. We will be sharing the pictures and stories online and in the Parish Hall.

Announcements

Resilient Joy: Summer Sermon Series on Philippians Begins August 17

This August, we will explore Paul's letter to the Philippians. Written while Paul was imprisoned, it is a profound and practical reflection on faith and joy in the face of suffering. Paul stresses that to live in Christ means to be transformed, while highlighting the significance and challenges of community. We will engage the history, exegetical background and theology of the letter and consider how it can connect to and inform our lives today.

All are Invited to the Funeral for Dana Gaspar-Friday, August 22, at 11 a.m.

Please join us to remember beloved St. Andrew's parishioner Dana Gaspar. The funeral will be August 22 at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

Get Ready for "Sundae Sunday!"—Our All-Parish Ice Cream Social with a Little Jesus August 24, Right after Worship (Parish Hall)

Our whole church family is invited to enjoy ice cream sundaes in the Parish Hall after worship on August 24. Come share summer photos and stories of you and a Little Jesus, and build your own sundaes with all the festive toppings and treats.

Save the Date for our Back to School Blessing—Sunday, August 24, during 10 a.m. Worship All school kids are invited to come to church on August 24 for our annual Back to School Blessing. This will also be the culmination of our School Supply Drive (see next announcement).

Help Lindley Students & GCS Nurses Get Ready for School!—Bring Supplies by August 24

Did you know that the average student in Guilford Couty misses up to a day's worth of instructional time due to not having appropriate hygiene supplies? That's why, along with school supplies for our neighbors at Lindley Elementary, we're also collecting hygiene and clothing items for Guilford County Schools nurses to distribute to kids in need. Items can be dropped off in the narthex on Sunday mornings or in the Parish Hall on the labeled collections table. They will be delivered to Lindley and to GCS nurses on the first day of school, August 25. Please shop from the list below, which comes straight from the schools and nurses and includes the items needed most. Thank you for helping!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES SHOPPING LIST

- 12- & 24-packs Crayola colored pencils Fat Expo dry erase markers
- 8- and 24-packs of Crayola crayons
- 8-packs of Crayola markers
- Ticonderoga #2 pencils, pre-sharpened Wide-ruled notebook paper

Hygiene Products & Clothing

- Deodorant
- Period pads (No tampons, please, based on student requests.)
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Body soap
- Socks & underwear (all sizes boys' & girls' 5T-XL for grades K–12)
- Toothbrushes, toothpaste, & floss
- Tissue boxes & small packs

- Skinny black Expo dry erase markers Over-the-ear headphones
- Whiteboard erasers
- Fiskars student scissors
- Small glue sticks
- Any size zip lock bags

Supplies for School Nurses serving GCS Students

- Latex gloves (small & medium)
- Hand sanitizer
- Disinfecting wipes & sprays
- Gauze
- Bandaids
- Thermometers & probe covers
- Medical tape

Food for students in clinic experiencing low blood sugar:

- Non-perishable snacks (with extended expiration dates)
- Apple juice boxes or small bottles (with extended expiration dates)
- Smarties & Lifesaver candies

Back to the Hoppers on August 29—Sign Up Today!

Following June's rainout, we rescheduled our night at the Hoppers to Friday, August 29, which will include fireworks after the game. Everyone who booked tickets themselves in June through the portal will receive new tickets from the Hoppers via email. Be sure to check your spam folder as things often get sent there. If you booked through Spencer, he has your new tickets and can deliver them to you via email or text before game day. Just flag him down at coffee hour, or contact him at 706-233-1223 or spencermusick@outlook.com.

- If you did not book in June but want to join us, sign up at https://tinyurl.com/hoppers0829. Note that the price for new tickets is \$15 due to its being a Fireworks Friday.
- If you are having issues receiving your transferred tickets or booking new ones, please contact our Grasshoppers liaison, Jack Fadde, at jfadde@gsohoppers.com

Join us and let's have a great night of fun and fellowship at the ballpark!

Contribute to the Beauty of Our Sanctuary by Donating Altar Flowers

Each Sunday fresh flowers are placed on the altar for worship. If you would like to dedicate an arrangement, we welcome your generosity! Flowers can be given in memory, honor, celebration, or thanksgiving—as a tribute to people or occasions of special significance to you. Please contact Johnetta Shablack to choose your preferred Sunday or to learn more, at 336-646-4973 (voicemail or text) or at <u>ishablack12@gmail.com</u>.

Help Recent High School Graduates Find Their Next Church Home

As recent high school graduates begin new chapters in their lives, you can help them connect with a campus ministry, chaplain, or church wherever they will be by doing Just One Thing. Finding a church home in a new place can be daunting. Our campus ministers depend on parents and youth leaders to let them know who is coming from your church to campuses and parishes in this diocese—and across the country. Please fill out the Just One Thing form to connect your student with one of the diocese's campus ministers who will help them find a campus ministry, chaplain, or church near their new home. Look for a link to the <u>**Iust One Thing**</u> form in this week's eNews.

Bearing Witness: Learn More About Gaza and Jerusalem – Tuesdays in September (Zoom) Are you wondering how to help your church or community understand the complexities of the Holy Land? Do you want to be more comfortable addressing some of the issues? If so, Bearing Witness may be a great way to learn more. Bearing Witness is the free video-based study program from the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ) that shares the stories of people living in Palestine and Israel and the remarkable ministries of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem that bring hope and healing in this volatile part of the world. See our eNews for a link to register for the 5-week diocesan-wide class, offered via Zoom on Tuesdays, September 2-30, 6-7:30 p.m.

Pardon Our Dust—Renovations Continue in the Parish Hall Restrooms

The improvements to the Parish Hall restrooms are coming along. Throughout the construction, we plan to retain access to one of the restrooms, which will function as a unisex restroom, with a locking door for privacy. We are grateful to parishioners Tim & Sally Marion and Marion Tile for their expertise and guidance in this needed update.

Your Gifts Sustain Us

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 at right, or mail a check to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Bookkeeper, 2105 W. Market St., Greensboro, NC 27403.

