Order of Worship for Holy Eucharist Rite II

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 21, 2025 8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.





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.)

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Hymnal 410

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.*

Gloria Hymnal S–277

Hymns beginning with S are found in the Service music in the front pages of the Hymnal.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

The Children's Procession

Children in grades K–5 are invited to 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). They 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 Hebrew Bible Reading (Please be seated.)

Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

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

The Psalm (sung by all)

Psalm 113



- 1 Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the Lord; *
- 2 Let the Name of the Lord be blessed. from this time forth for ever more.
- 3 From the rising of the sun to its going down * let the Name of the Lord be praised.
- 4 The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory a bove the heavens.
- 5 Who is like the Lord our God, who sits en throned on high, but stoops to be hold the heavens and the earth?
- 6 He takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes.
- 7 He sets them with the princes,*
 with the princes of his people.
- 8 He makes the woman of a childless house to be a joyful mother of children.

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

God himself is with us (vv. 1–2)

Hymnal 475

The Holy Gospel (standing)

Luke 16:1–13

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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

Gradual Hymn

God himself is with us (vv. 3–4)

Hymnal 475

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 Confession and Absolution

BCP p. 360

The Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

If ye love me Thomas Tallis
John 14:15-17

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, that he shall give you another comforter, that he may bide with you forever, e'en the spirit of truth.

At the Presentation

The Doxology Hymnal 380, v. 3

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer 1 (standing or kneeling) EOW*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift 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 It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus Hymnal S–124

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, and when he had given thanks, he 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Andrew and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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;

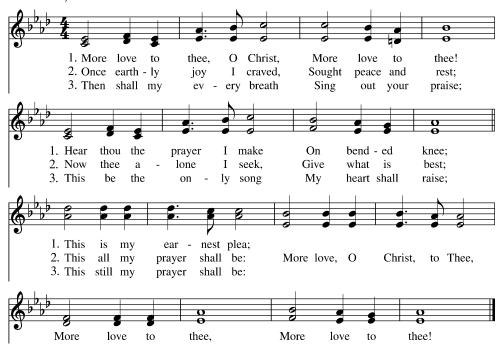
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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)

More love to thee, O Christ

LEVAS 87



The King of love my shepherd is Surely it is God who saves me My Shepherd will supply my need Hymnal 645 Hymnal 679 Hymnal 664

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

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

Hymnal 535

The Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia. Let us go forth, walking in love like Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

* Our liturgy today 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.

Acolytes: Jonathan Spinks, Holden Troutman, Will Troutman. Readers: (8:30 a.m.) Carol Rich; (10 a.m.) Fred Johnson, Tommy Webb. Chalicists: (8:30 a.m.) Linda Cummer; (10 a.m.) Alan Atwell, Anne Webb. Verger: Debbie Dowd. Ushers: Richard Kpangbai, Richtina Kpangbai, Rob Moore, Amelia Menston-Sambola, Jankoba Sambola, John Sweeney, Celeste Williams. Greeters & Newcomer Hosts: Fran Swan, Lois Washburn. Altar Guild Members: Pat Baker, Nancy Bishop, Susan Brannan, Mary V. Compton, Nancy Kimbrough, Barbara Lawless, Sandy O'Briant. Livestream Team: Phil Barrineau, Joe Stultz.

The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God by Nixie Coleman in loving memory of her husband, Phil Coleman; and by Sandra Kendall O'Briant in loving memory of Annie and Henry Kendall and Helen Kendall.

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We Pray For

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

The southern and northern halves of the historic nation of the Sudan had a long history of tensions, and eventually a civil war ended with the creation of a new nation, South Sudan, in 2011. This did not end conflicts, however, in both south and north. The American Friends of the Episcopal Church of the Sudans recently reported increasing violence and lawlessness in South Sudan. There has been "massive displacement" in the Upper Nile and the country's military has clashed with Ugandan forces to the south. The UN reports that 125,000 South Sudanese have fled into Uganda, Ethiopia, Sudan, and the Congo. The Episcopal Church of South Sudan seeks to remain a positive force, including with trauma healing, small business initiatives for women, and an Episcopal University.

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

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; 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; John Bald; Keats; Nancy; Anna Marie; Alicia; Gloria; Jo; Julia Davis; Julie Dameron

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

The departed: Bill Swearingin, father of Brenda Swearingin

Those expecting: Sean and Olivia Toso, due in March 2026

Birthdays: Scott Durham, Stella Farney, David Hair, Mark Kaley, Bill King, Rob Lillpopp, Tahe Zalal

Anniversaries: Chris & Beth Berger, Mark & Cheri Courtright, Barb & Mike Cronin, Heather & Sean Cummings, Jack & Annette Garvey

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

<u>Today</u>

The Way of Love—Fall Formation Continues—Sundays, right after Worship (Cloister)

Join us this fall for a new faith formation series at St. Andrew's, exploring The Way of Love—a



journey initially outlined by the wider Episcopal Church and Bishop Michael Curry. Grounded in our theme "Walk in Love," this series invites us to deepen our daily walk with Christ through intentional spiritual practices. Each week, we will focus on one of these seven practices: Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, Rest. We'll meet after worship in the Cloister. All are welcome—come walk the Way of Love with us!

In today's meeting, Rev. Chrysson will lead a conversation about the second and third practices, LEARN & PRAY.

LEARN Reflect on Scripture each day, especially on Jesus' life and teachings.

"Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them." – **John 14:23**

By reading and reflecting on Scripture, especially the life and teachings of Jesus, we draw near to God and God's word dwells in us. When we open our minds and hearts to Scripture, we learn to see God's story and God's activity in everyday life.

PRAY Dwell intentionally with God daily

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." – **Luke 11:1**

Jesus teaches us to come before God with humble hearts, boldly offering our thanksgivings and concerns to God or simply listening for God's voice in our lives and in the world. Whether in thought, word, or deed, individually or corporately, when we pray we invite and dwell in God's loving presence.

Come to Sprouts Brunch Bunch! — Today, Right after Worship (Cugino Forno)

Our first Sprouts Brunch Bunch of the school year will be after church on Sunday, September 21, at <u>Cugino Forno</u> (1160 Revolution Mill Dr.). Sprouts Brunches are held monthly at a kid-friendly location and are a fun way to get to know and catch up with fellow St. Andrew's families with preschool and elementary aged children. Today, we'll be enjoying Cugino Forno's delicious pizza, giant picnic tables, and awesome atmosphere. We hope to see you there! Questions? Contact <u>martha@standrewsgso.org</u>.

Announcements through October 4

Bring Your Lunch and Join Us for Book Club—September 23, 12 p.m. (Library)

St. Andrew's Brown Bag Book Club meets this Tuesday at 12 p.m. in the Cloister. All are invited! Please bring your sandwich or snack and beverage. We hope to see you there! Interested in learning more? Contact Sally Marion at sallymarion@mariontile.com.

Join Us for Creation Sunday! — September 28, 2025

Next Sunday we will celebrate Creation Sunday in our worship, with special liturgy and music. Be sure to also mark your calendar for our Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 4.

You're Invited to Breakfast at Green Valley Grill—October 3, 8:30 a.m.—RSVP by October 1 Our next informal Green Valley Grill gathering is October 3. Please join St. Andrew's friends for food and fellowship at 8:30 a.m. RSVP to Charles Kelshaw (drgandolf2003@yahoo.com, 336-279-4556—note new number) by noon on October 1.

Tell Fido (and Your Friends!) — Our Animal Blessing is <u>SATURDAY</u>, October 4, at 10 a.m.

On October 4, the Feast Day of St. Francis, you are invited to bring your well-behaved pets for our annual Blessing of the Animals. Come gather on the front lawn at 10 a.m. to share God's love with the creatures who love us through life's ups and downs. Attire for pets: leash or carrier. **The event is on Saturday** so all can participate in our mission fair and the CROP Walk on Sunday, October 5. (See below!)

Diocesan Mental Health First Aid Training is October 4—Register by September 26!

The church often acts as the first line of defense by providing support and resources for those who are struggling. Studies show that among religious people seeking treatment, approximately 25% turn to the church first for help. The Mental Health First Aid course, led by Demetria Nickens, is a way to equip our laity and clergy to identify signs and symptoms of mental health issues and to respond effectively. The \$25 fee includes lunch and materials. Scholarships are available. Learn more and register at the link in our eNews. Registration is capped at 30 participants.

October 5 is Mission & Outreach Sunday

Be Part of Our Mission Fair—October 5 after Worship (Parish Hall)

The Mission & Outreach Committee is pleased to sponsor a festive Mission Fair on Sunday, October 5, immediately after worship. This will be a wonderful opportunity to join in community and conversation with our partner agencies working hard to address the ever-increasing needs to feed the hungry and shelter the houseless. Join us in the Parish Hall, where we will host representatives from Greensboro Urban Ministry (G.U.M.), The Barnabas Network, the Interactive Resource Center (IRC), One Step Further Food Pantry, Habitat for Humanity, Abundant Life Ministries, and the Interfaith Housing Initiative (IHI). Come enjoy refreshments and the chance to chat directly with the people in the know about how you might use your time, treasure, and talents to make a difference for our neighbors by following Jesus' command to feed the hungry and welcome the stranger.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." -Matthew 25:35

Step into Outreach: End World Hunger at the CROP Hunger Walk—October 5, at 2:00 p.m. Following our Mission Fair, we invite all parishioners and friends to put your resolve into action and join us as you are able at Greensboro's CROP Hunger Walk. We will meet at the St. Andrew's banner at the Barber Park Amphitheatre at 2:00 p.m., before the walk begins at 2:30 p.m. Please wear a red shirt if you have one. Sign up today at the link in our eNews. Questions? Contact parishioner Marianne Morales (Mmorales50@outlook.com), who is coordinating our participation. St. Andrew's will once again make a church-wide donation supporting the walk. If you are moved to make an individual gift too, see our eNews announcement for instructions.

CROP Hunger Walks support the overall ministry of Church World Service (CWS), especially grassroots, hunger-fighting development efforts around the world. Greensboro's CROP Hunger Walk is the 5th largest in the nation! In addition to helping CWS's work worldwide, our local walk returns 25% of funds raised to Greensboro Urban Ministry's Potter's House Community Kitchen.

Ongoing Announcements

Support our Parish Hall and Education Wing Upgrades

Work on the updates to the Parish Hall restrooms is well underway! When complete, the restrooms will be accessible and welcoming for parishioners and our guests. We also hope to replace the worn carpet in the Formation Hall and Education Wing with new flooring similar to that in the sanctuary. To make these upgrades, we need your help. These projects demonstrate St. Andrew's care and the welcoming spirit that we all love, so please consider making a gift today to support this important work!

EYC Needs You!

St. Andrew's EYC is a fast-growing community of teens and tweens from sixth grade to high school seniors. These amazing young people dedicate an hour and a half of their Sunday evenings to build fellowship, serve the community, and learn all about how to be good members of the body of Christ—and we'd love for you to join us as an advisor! Advisors serve as extra hands, sounding boards, encouragers, and steady presences in the lives of our church's youth. The time commitment is minimal—usually only an hour and a half per week—but the heart commitment is huge. If you are interested in learning more, contact <u>martha@standrewsgso.org</u>.

Fall Foyers are Coming! Sign Up for Our Next Groups (Yes, You <u>Can</u> Meet at Restaurants!) We are now taking signups for our next round of foyer dinner groups. Foyer Dinners are a wonderful way to get to know fellow parishioners. Groups of 6–8 members meet monthly in members' homes or restaurants to share a meal and get to know each other outside of our parish life. Sign up online <u>at the link in this week's eNews</u> or on the signup sheet in the Parish Hall. To learn more, talk to Ralph and Laura Bricker after worship, or contact them at <u>lbbricker@gmail.com</u> or 843-263-3288.

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