

Order of Worship for Holy Eucharist Rite II

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost & Celebration of Creation Sunday

September 28, 2025



*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.*)

All creatures of our God and King (vv. 1–4, 7)

Hymnal 400

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

Sing praise to God who reigns above

Hymnal 408

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious and loving Father, who has filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. ***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 First Reading (*Please be seated.*)

Jeremiah 17:5–8

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (*sung by all*)

Psalm 1:1-3

Chant 1 by Frederick A. Gore Ouseley



- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the | counsel of the | wicked,*
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor | sat in the | seats of the | scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the | law of the | Lord,*
and they meditate on his | law | day and | night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that | do not | wither;*
—| everything they | do shall | prosper.

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

All things bright and beautiful (vv. 1–2)

Hymnal 405

The Holy Gospel (*standing*)

Luke 6:36, 43–45

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. “No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; for each tree is known by its own fruit. Figs are not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure

of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil; for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Gradual Hymn

All things bright and beautiful (vv. 3–4)

Hymnal 405

The Sermon (*seated*)

The Rev. Ginny Bain Inman

The Nicene Creed (*standing*)

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The Prayers of the People: Honoring God in Creation (*standing or kneeling*)

Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always:

Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth around us, and pour your blessing upon the people and organizations working everywhere for the good of the planet. God, Giver of life, ***Hear our prayer.***

Lover of all you have made, we thank you for the wondrous diversity of your creatures, and we pray for their well-being. God, Giver of life, ***Hear our prayer.***

Light and source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed. God, Giver of life, ***Hear our prayer.***

Breath of life, receive our thanks for the beauty of our local habitat and all its inhabitants, and lend us the wisdom and will to conserve them. God, Giver of life, ***Hear our prayer.***

Wise Creator whose works are full of mystery, give us wonder and appreciation for your creatures with whom we find ourselves in conflict. God, Giver of life, ***Hear our prayer.***

Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your generosity, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings. God, Giver of life, ***Hear our prayer.***

Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of this congregation who desire or need your presence and help. God, Giver of life, ***Hear our prayer.***

Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died. God, Giver of life, ***Hear our prayer.***

Celebrant Eternal God, the light of all who know you, come and fill our hearts with your love. Help us speak when many keep silent, help us stand for what is right when many sit in indifference. Increase our faith and charity, until your kingdom comes and heaven and earth rejoice in everlasting glory; through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

The Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Laudamus Te

attr. Giovanni Paisello

Translation: *We praise you, O Lord. We bless you, we adore you, we glorify your name.*

We offer you thanks. Your power is glorious.

Hannah Schlotterer and Catherine Clifton Hardman, sopranos; Susan Gallimore, violin

At the Presentation

The Doxology

Hymnal 380, v. 3

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

BCP p. 369

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 God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People ***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People ***By your will they were created and have their being.***

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People ***Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.***

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People ***By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.***

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn.

Sanctus

Hymnal S-124

Celebrant And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People ***We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.***

Celebrant Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of our Mothers: Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People ***Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.***

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. ***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)

Morning has broken

Hymnal 8

Fairest Lord Jesus

Hymnal 383

Verse 1:

*O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.*

Refrain:

*Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

Verse 2:

*When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.
(Refrain)*

Verse 3:

*And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.
(Refrain)*

*Verse 4: When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God how great thou art. (Refrain)*

Postcommunion Prayer

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O, God, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn

For the beauty of the earth

Hymnal 416 (Sung to Tune at Hymnal 288)

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude

Acolytes: Amy Green, Sam Inman, Holden Troutman. **Readers:** Kathryn Crowe, Jankoba Sambola. **Chalicians:** Stephen Inman, Anne Webb. **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, Mary V. Compton, Nancy Kimbrough, Barbara Lawless, Sandy O'Briant. **Livestream Team:** Tim Fleming, Sandy Shelton.

The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God by Mark and Cheri Courtright in celebration of their 48th wedding anniversary, and by Bob Cook in loving memory of his beloved wife Dorothy's birthday.

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We Pray For

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

Christianity in the Sudan goes back to the earliest of times, with Coptic Christianity dating from the 2nd century A.D. Western missionaries came ages later. Within a year after the British victory at the Battle of Omdurman in 1898, the Church of England's Church Missionary Society began their work at Omdurman, across the river from Khartoum, where the Blue Nile and White Nile join. From there they expanded southward from the overwhelmingly Muslim north. The country split in 2011, creating the nations of Sudan and South Sudan, and six years later, the two Anglican provinces (Sudan and South Sudan) were formed. In the Sudan, civil war again erupted in 2023, and now there is a standoff between the two major military forces, each claiming to have formed a Sudanese government. It is a catastrophic situation. In the face of this immense humanitarian disaster, the Episcopal Primate in Sudan, Archbishop Ezekiel Kondo, has managed to move limited funds to his scattered churches for food and medical supplies.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Margaret's, Waxhaw; Grace, Weldon

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; Kelly Jordan; Glenna Ohaver; Susan Seaton; Karl Towle; Heidi Dohmeier; Donnie Robertson; Barbara Van Cleve; Nancy Antrim; Robert Morris; Bert and Bev; Charles Kelshaw; Carolyn Hackett; Mary Lou Strohl; Frank 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: Paula Boothby, Sandy Tatem

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

Birthdays: Carmen Bullock, Julie Dameron, Dania Ermentrout, Julia Farney, Jeremy Fowler, Sebastian Frye, Jack Garvey, Emily Hendricks, Dawn Martin, Cally Phillips

Anniversaries: Scott Hill & Tahe Zalal, Kelly & Sheila Root

Today

Welcome to Creation Sunday

Today we will celebrate creation in our worship, with special liturgy and music. Be sure to also mark your calendar for our Blessing of the Animals this Saturday, October 4, on the Feast of St. Francis.

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

*Join us for our fall faith formation series for adults, as we explore 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 meet after worship in the Cloister. All are welcome—come walk the Way of Love with us!*



*In today's meeting, Mother Ginny will lead a conversation about the fourth practice, **WORSHIP**.*

WORSHIP Gather in community weekly to thank, praise, and dwell with God

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. — Luke 24:30–31

When we worship, we gather with others before God. We hear the Good News of Jesus Christ, give thanks, confess, and offer the brokenness of the world to God. As we break bread, our eyes are opened to the presence of Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we are made one body, the body of Christ sent forth to live the Way of Love.

EYC, Let's Show a Little Love with a Neighborhood Cleanup "Walk in Love" —Tonight at 5
Our middle and high school youth are leaning in to St. Andrew's fall theme, Walk in Love, with a neighborhood cleanup walk tonight. Let's celebrate the return of fall by strolling around our church neighborhood and nearby park to clean up litter. Does that sound boring to you? How about if we divide up into teams and turn it into a no-holds-barred race to see who can collect the most trash in an hour, with the winners getting eternal bragging rights and first dibs on a delicious pizza dinner? See you in Herman Hall tonight at 5. We'll bring the trash bags, grabbers, gloves—and pizza. You bring your determination to win! We'll wrap up at 6:30. This activity also earns one service hour, so send verification forms to martha@standrewsgso.org to claim your credit.

Announcements

Last Call for Fall Foyers! Sign Up for a Group by Tomorrow—Monday, September 29

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 at the link in this week's eNews or on the signup sheet in the Parish Hall. **To learn more, talk to Ralph and Laura Bricker after worship, or contact them at lbbricker@gmail.com or 843-263-3288.**

You're Invited to Breakfast at Green Valley Grill, October 3, 8:30 a.m.—RSVP by October 1

Join St. Andrew's friends for our next Green Valley Grill gathering, October 3 at 8:30 a.m. RSVP to Charles at drngandolf2003@yahoo.com or 336-279-4556 (note new number) by noon on October 1.

Tell Fido (and Your Friends!)—Our Animal Blessing is SATURDAY, 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.

Got Skills? Or Time? Deck the Halls Invites YOU to Share of Yourself for Mission & Outreach

Do you have some time you can volunteer for missions? Do you create a craft? Are you an artisan in a specific medium? If you answered YES! to any of these, Deck the Halls is the perfect way to **introduce your skills to our congregation and share with our community**. Please contact **Marion Seaman** at 336-908-6094 (call or text) or seamanmarion@gmail.com to learn more. We're also inviting all willing helpers to a special **Deck the Halls Workshop on October 6, 10 a.m.—4 p.m., in the Parish Hall**. This is for anyone—"crafty" or not—who is willing to help prepare items for our Deck the Halls market. There are options for all skill levels. Bring a bag lunch and come ready for a fun day of work and socializing. Please let us know if you can come by contacting **Cheri Courtright (336-707-0911) or Lynda Sanecki (732-895-0629)**.

October 5 is Mission & Outreach Sunday

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

Meet Representatives from Greensboro Agencies • Learn How You Can Engage in Outreach
Greenfield's NY Bagels & Krispy Kreme Doughnuts • Activity Books & Snacks for Kids
Nursery Care Provided in the Cloister

The Mission & Outreach Committee is pleased to sponsor a festive Mission Fair on October 5, right after worship. This will be a wonderful opportunity to join in community and conversation with our partner agencies working hard to address the 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 of Greater Greensboro**, **Abundant Life Ministries**, and **the Interfaith Affordable 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

Walk with St. Andrew's to End World Hunger —CROP Hunger Walk, October 5 at 2 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.

CROP Hunger Walks support the ministry of Church World Service (CWS), especially grassroots, hunger-fighting development efforts around the world. Greensboro's 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.

Your Gifts Sustain Us

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When I Am Among the Trees

by Mary Oliver

*When I am among the trees,
especially the willows and the honey locust,
equally the beech, the oaks and the pines,
they give off such hints of gladness.
I would almost say that they save me, and daily.*

*I am so distant from the hope of myself,
in which I have goodness, and discernment,
and never hurry through the world
but walk slowly, and bow often.*

*Around me the trees stir in their leaves
and call out, "Stay awhile."
The light flows from their branches.*

*And they call again, "It's simple," they say,
"and you too have come
into the world to do this, to go easy, to be filled
with light, and to shine."*

