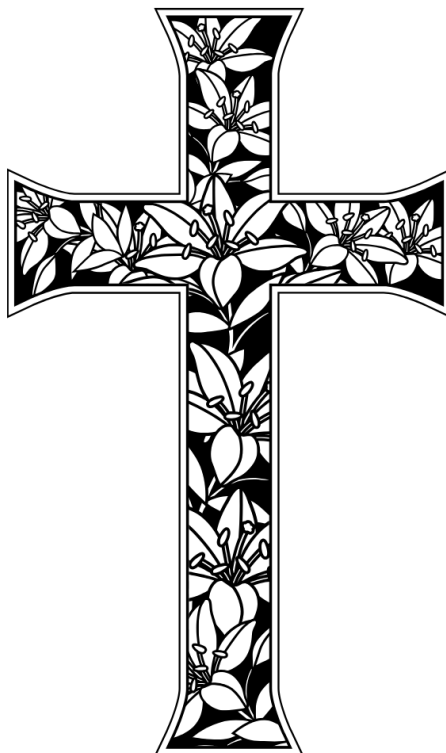


Holy Eucharist Rite II

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026



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 welcome 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 praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height

Hymnal 432

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

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.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The Children's Procession

All children are invited to Children's Ministry time. They will process out of the church together and go to the classroom hall for Godly Play and Kids of the Kingdom, returning 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 7:55–60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

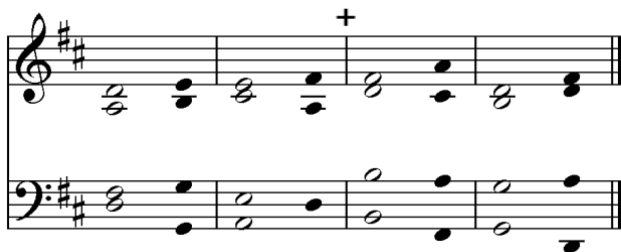
Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

The Psalm (*sung by all*)

Psalm 31:1–5, 15–16

Anglican Chant by Jerome Meacham



Chanting the Psalm:

*Move to next note after / and *
and at each new verse.*

*When the last verse begins with +,
sing from + in the chant.*

*In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to / shame; *
deliver me in your / righteousness.*

*Incline your / ear to me; *
make haste to de- / liver me.*

*Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my / stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and / guide me.*

*Take me out of the net that they have secretly / set for me, *
for you are my tower of / strength.*

*Into your hands I commend my / spirit, *
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of / truth.*

*My times are in your / hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who / persecute me.*

*+ Make your face to shine upon your / servant, *
and in your loving-kindness / save me.*

The Epistle

1 Peter 2:2–10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” and “a stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

Gradual Hymn (*standing*)

O Love of God, how strong and true (vv. 1–2)

Hymnal 455

The Holy Gospel

John 14:1–14

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

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

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Gradual Hymn

O Love of God, how strong and true (vv. 3–4)

Hymnal 455

The Sermon (*seated*)

The Rev. Pamela Haynes

The Nicene Creed (*standing*)

BCP p. 358

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

BCP p. 388

Throughout the Great Fifty Days of Easter the Confession of Sin is omitted.

The Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Lead Me, Lord

Samuel S. Wesley

At the Presentation

The Doxology

Hymnal 380, v. 3

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP p. 367

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.***

Sanctus

S–130

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)

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

Hymnal 487

What does the Lord require

Hymnal 605

Because He lives

LEVAS 43



1. God sent His Son, — they called Him Je - sus; — He came to love, —
 2. How sweet to hold — a new-born ba - by, — And feel the pride, —
 3. And then one day — I'll cross the riv - er; — I'll fight life's fi -



1. — heal, and for - give; — He lived and died — to buy my
 2. — and joy he gives; — But great - er still — the calm as -
 3. - nal war with pain; — And then as death — gives way to



1. par-don, — An emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives. —
 2. sur-ance, — This child can face un-cer-tain days be-cause He lives. —
 3. vic-t'ry, — I'll see the lights of glo-ry and I'll know He lives. —



Be-cause He lives — I can face to - mor-row; — Be-cause He lives —



— all fear is gone; — Be - cause I know — He holds the



fu - ture, — And life is worth the liv - ing just be-cause He lives. —

Easter Blessing

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us eternal life, give you joy and peace in your faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling

Hymnal 657

The Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Postlude

Acolytes: Sam Inman, Jonathan Spinks, Holden Troutman, Will Troutman. Readers: Stephen Martin, Claude Ragan. Chalicists: Stephen Inman, Barbara Lawless. Vergers: Debbie Dowd. Ushers: Lee Eanes, Joe Graves, Nancy Kimbrough, Roger Kimbrough, Sandy Shelton. Greeter & Newcomer Host: Jon Anderson. Altar Guild Members: Pat Baker, Nancy Bishop, Susan Brannan, Mary V. Compton, Nancy Kimbrough, Barbara Lawless, Sandy O'Briant. Livestream Team: Jorge Chaires, Joe Stultz.

*The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God by
Rebecca Gray in loving memory of her beloved husband, Hal.*

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We Pray For

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of North India (United)

Today we are continuing to share prayers and liturgy from Anglican prayer books around the world. The Easter prayer below comes from Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England. Notice the Church of England doesn't call it the Book of Common Prayer.

For various reasons, not least the fact that it must be approved by Parliament, the one true Book of Common Prayer for them remains the one from 1662—after the English Civil War and the Restoration and all that. The 1549 and 1552 efforts, with liturgy from Thomas Cranmer, whose beautiful words continue in much of our prayer books today, were each a Book of Common Prayer. But, with the liturgical renewal movement, a 1928 version (as we had here) failed to gain parliamentary approval, and when the flurry of prayer books came into being around the Anglican Communion in the 1970s and 1980s, the Church of England simply gave their revision a different title, The Alternative Service Book 1980. The current Common Worship was published in 2000.

As you will know, early in our Eucharist here we hear the collect of the day, and those during this Easter season change from week to week. But, at the end of the service, we only have two post-communion prayers; "Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us..." (p. 365) is the one we most commonly use. Our post-communion prayers do not change with the seasons. But they do in the Church of England. Each Sunday of Easter there are lovely ones emphasizing different aspects of our Resurrection theology.

Here then is a post-communion prayer used during the Easter season in the Church of England:

*God our Father,
Whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
May we thirst for you,
The spring of life and source of goodness,
Through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.*

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Christopher's, High Point; St. Mary's, High Point; St. Matthew's, Hillsborough

Those on our parish prayer list: Norma Bullock, Traci and Erik, Jeff Cummer, Betty Atwell, Mack Baker, Lauren, Martha and Jim Kaley, Heather, Victoria, Pauline Tatum, Jim Tatum, Pia, Jeannie Phillips, James, Madeline Colavito, Hilary Towle, Myra Stephens, E. MacKenzie, Susan Seaton, Karl Towle, Heidi Dohmeier, Barbara Van Cleve, Faye Thompson, Ethan Shoffner, Paul, Karen, Sabrina, John Bald, Julie Dameron, Lynn Hayworth, Vicky, Terese Southern, Jordan, Bill Hill, Carl and Angie Smith, James R. Smith, Lauren Vasquez and family, Ken Sisk, Ken, Patricia, Lee Martin, Charlyne Hanna, Julia Davis, Carrether, Michael Ballard, Katherine Yost Hayden, Carole, Kat, and Julia, Greta, Susan Mole, Angela, Keats, Nancy, Mary Gail, Joe and Sandra Redding, Wee and Eddie, Emami and Desiree, Bob Stevens, Mary Cathryn Murray, Jane Smith and family, Nancy Bishop, Henry, Arwyn, and Christine Davis-Potter, Judy Stancil, Patricia Henry

Seminarian: Ryan Waide

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

Those expecting: Cody and Kelly Grant Lankford (late July)

Birthdays: Beth Berger, Lisa Garrett, Sandy Shelton, Tommy Webb

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

Community Conversation: Art, Creativity & Inspiration—Join Us After Worship (Parish Hall)

As our celebration of Easter continues, join us in the Parish Hall for a panel presentation around themes about the intersection of creativity and inspiration in art. A few of our parish artists will share about their work and process of making art—Karen Spencer (painter), Dennis Pollard (photography), Marcia Moore (painter) and Perry Boswell (multimedia / collage artist). Rev. Ginny will moderate. Come learn more about fellow parishioners—and maybe discover some new creative inspiration for yourself.

Come to EYC to Plan for Youth Sunday (and a Popup Art Party!)—Tonight, 5-6:30 p.m.

Youth Sunday is May 17, and it's time to get planning! Tonight we'll be assigning roles and responsibilities for our annual opportunity to take over the church service for a morning—and honor our awesome graduating Seniors. Show up to be sure you snag the Sunday morning job you want and stick around for an art popup (no talent required), during which we'll be creating collaborative art installations for display on Youth Sunday. This will be (super!) messy so wear clothes and shoes that can get paint on them. Yummy dinner will be served. See you tonight, 5-6:30, in Herman Hall.

Last Call!

Submit Your Graduates' Info!—Class of 2026 Names Are Due Tuesday, May 5

As part of our **Youth Sunday service on May 17**, we will pray for and recognize all Class of 2026 high school and higher ed graduates. Please help us complete our list! Email each graduate's first and last name, school name, and degree to parish@standrewsgso.org by **May 5** for inclusion in the May 17 bulletin. You are also welcome to include a sentence about your grad's hopes, dreams, or next steps if you would like. We look forward to celebrating all of our Class of 2026's milestones.

Do You Have a Rising Fifth, Sixth, or Seventh Grader? Let's Get You on the Jr. EYC Email List!

Beginning in the fall of 2026, we'll be offering something new for St. Andrew's 5th-7th graders—a weekly Jr. EYC! Much like our long-standing EYC (Episcopal Youth Community), the Jr. EYC will meet on Sunday evenings to build community, engage in service and volunteer opportunities, explore a deeper connection to faith as we grow, and best of all, to have a great time doing all of this with friends! If you have a rising 5th–7th grader in your household and are interested in learning more, email martha@standrewsgso.org. We're creating an email list soon to communicate more over the summer.

Sign Up Today to Enjoy a Wonderful Spring Tea—Saturday, May 9, 2 p.m. (Parish Hall)

Bring your mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, friend, or neighbor for a full English Tea and delightful conversation. You're encouraged to wear your favorite hat, and if you have a favorite teacup you may bring that as well! We will take a love offering (suggested at \$20) for SimpleWays and their food pantry, long supported by St. Andrew's and which supports 6,000 clients each month. Look for the signup sheet in the Parish Hall and online in our eNews. **Please sign up by today's deadline.**

Announcements

May Means Coffee & Conversation with Clergy: Tuesdays at A Special Blend—Starting May 5

*Our clergy are eager to connect with you this Easter Season! There is joy in our faith and the friendships we form, and you are invited to join clergy and other parishioners at A Special Blend's Greensboro location at 3900–C W. Market St., just up the street from St. Andrew's. **Drop in on Tuesdays in May, 12–1 p.m.**, for delicious coffee and cup-filling conversation. We look forward to seeing you there.*

EYC, Mark Your Calendars for Paint the Town—Saturday, May 9

Our middle and high school youth have an opportunity to help a member of our local community by painting their home on Saturday, May 9! We'll be teaming up with Community Housing of Greensboro and other area EYCs to paint the home of a special someone who lives alone and can no longer manage the larger home projects needed to keep her house in good repair. We'll spend the day painting siding and trim and taking a weight off of her shoulders. Lunch will be provided. This project is for anyone age 14 + and Service Learning Hours are definitely available! Email martha@standrewsgso.org if you are interested in attending for a needed waiver, address, and more info.

Mother's Day (& Every Day) is a Good Day to Support G.U.M. Episcopal Breakfasts

*Each Tuesday, Episcopal volunteers gather before dawn at Greensboro Urban Ministry (G.U.M.) to cook and serve a welcoming hot breakfast to 150+ people who are struggling through the deprivations of life without stable housing. If you are looking for a meaningful way to honor a mother figure in your life this Mother's Day, please consider a gift to G.U.M. to feed the hungry in our community. The cost to sponsor a Tuesday breakfast is \$312. \$25 feeds one guest for three months, \$50 for six months, and \$100 feeds one guest for a whole year. Gifts can be made by mail (Greensboro Urban Ministry, 305 W. Gate City Blvd., Greensboro 27406); online (greensborourbanministry.org/donate), and by phone (at 336-271-5959, ext. 320). **However you give, please make sure to note "Episcopal Breakfast" as recipient.***

Help Bring Comfort to Kids in Crisis, with Backpack Beginnings!—Now through May 17

Backpack Beginnings supports kids and families in need in area schools by providing weekend food, clothing for children entering foster homes and enduring traumatic events, and much more. One of our EYC members has been collecting items for this organization. Now we're inviting our parish family to join in! Through May 17, Youth Sunday, we'll be collecting supplies for children and teens enduring traumatic events. Donations will be used in age- and gender- appropriate Comfort Bags to help these young people through some of the hardest days. Items most needed include:

***New or Gently Used Backpacks Blankets Stuffed Animals Books (Range of Ages)
Toys Socks Hygiene Products Colored Pencils / Markers***

Please leave your donations in the collection bins in the Parish Hall and church entrance by May 17.

You're Invited for Breakfast at Green Valley Grill—May 15, 8:30 a.m. (RSVP by May 12)

Join St. Andrew's friends for our next Green Valley Grill get-together. We will meet on Friday, May 15, for breakfast at 8:30 a.m. RSVP to Charles at drgandolf2003@yahoo.com or 336-279-4556 by May 12.

Come Hear the New Day Singers—May 16, 2 p.m. (Sanctuary)

Join your favorite a cappella ensemble (featuring some of our talented choir members), the New Day Singers for their next concert, May 16 at 2 p.m. in our Sanctuary! The music is brilliant, admission is free, and donations are gratefully accepted. Learn more about the group at newdaysingers.org.

Are You a Rising 9th–12th Grader? Come to a Confirmation Interest Meeting—May 17 after Church

Every other year, all Baptized high-school-age youth are invited to take part in the Confirmation process, a six-week class series on faith, history, and what it truly means to take on our Baptismal vows for ourselves. This class, along with a day-long retreat, culminates in the Sacrament of Confirmation during the Bishop's visit in the fall. If you're interested in joining the class or learning more about the Confirmation process at St. Andrew's, join Martha Chaires and Rev. Eric in the Library for a brief interest meeting on May 17, right after our Youth Sunday reception. Questions? Can't make that day but are still interested? Email martha@standrewsgso.org.

Sign Up by May 25 for Our Men's Retreat, "Biscuits and Belonging"—May 30, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

*The Men's Retreat will be a morning of fellowship, connection, and reflection, led by Rev. Eric Tuttle, and exploring the ideas of community and friendship. We will meet in the Parish Hall on May—and yes, there will be biscuits! **RSVP by May 25 using the link in this week's eNews.***

Holy Living, Holy Dying—May 31 after Worship (Cloister)

Join Mother Ginny for a conversation about end-of-life planning on May 31 after worship, in the Cloister. Together we will explore how we understand death and dying as Christians, review the Book of Common Prayer burial liturgy, and consider a practical resource for funeral planning to make known and communicate our wishes. We will also discuss the mystery of death as a means of affirming God's precious gift of life. If you are unable to attend but would like to receive a copy of our funeral planning guide or Memorial Garden information, please contact Susan Frye at parish@standrewsgso.org.

Thank You for Your Pledges & Gifts

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



Save These Dates & Watch for Details Soon

May 17 Youth Sunday & Celebration of Graduates (10 a.m. Worship)
May 24 Pentecost Worship & Celebration (10 a.m. Worship, Potluck Picnic to Follow)
May 31 EfM Celebration & Information Session (10 a.m. Worship, Meeting to Follow)
May 31 EYC Field Day & Last Spring Meeting (5:00-6:30 p.m.)
June 21–26 EYC Charleston Service Trip
July 27–31 Compassion Camp VBS

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