

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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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.

Today is Youth Sunday & Our Celebration of Graduates

We are excited to honor the youth who do so much to make St. Andrew's a joyful community. Our middle and high schoolers will be ushering, reading, providing music, and more today. We will pray for and recognize all high school and higher education graduates. **After worship, join us for a festive coffee hour in the Parish Hall!**

Prelude

All Creatures of Our God and King

from *Geistliche Kircehngesang*,
orig. composed by William Henry Drape

Jonathan Spinks, *piano*

Opening Hymn (Please stand as you are able.)

Earth and all stars (vv. 1, 3, 5, 6)

Hymnal 412

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.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *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 1:6–14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reader *The Word of the Lord.*

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm (*sung by all*)

Psalm 68:1–10, 33–36

Anglican Chant by Jerome Meacham



Chanting the Psalm:
Move to next note after / and *
and at each new verse.

*Let God arise, and let his enemies be / scattered; *
let those who hate him flee be- / fore him.
Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it a- / way; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of / God.
But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before / God; *
let them also be merry and / joyful.
Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the / heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice be- / fore him!
Father of orphans, defender of / widows, *
God in his holy habi- / tation!
God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into / freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry / places.
O God, when you went forth before your / people, *
when you marched through the / wilderness,
The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of / Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of / Israel.
You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your in- / heritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was / weary.
Your people found their / home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the / poor.
Sing to God, O kingdoms of the / earth; *
sing praises to the / Lord.
He rides in the heavens, the ancient / heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty / voice.
Ascribe power to / God; *
his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the / skies.
How wonderful is God in his holy / places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be / God!*

The Epistle

1 Peter 4:12–14; 5:6–11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

Gradual Hymn (*standing*)

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! (vv. 1–2)

Hymnal 438

The Holy Gospel

John 17:1–11

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

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in

the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Gradual Hymn

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! (vv. 3–4)

Hymnal 438

Reflections (*seated*)

Eric Tuttle and Ryan Revell

The Nicene Creed (*standing*)

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

Written by St. Andrew’s EYC

With all our hearts and all our minds let us pray to the Lord saying, “Lord, hear our prayer.”

Reader For the members of the church, that we never stop helping people in need and that we always remember the light of God and always share the light.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Reader May we all deny the evil taking over our nation and give us courage. Let us all heal and grow together.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Reader Comfort and guide those who suffer, give them strength and courage to walk in love.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Reader For those who are experiencing houselessness, hunger, and are struggling in ways we don’t know,

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Reader We pray that everyone affected by war is safe and protected. We pray for the effects of global warming, that we may find solutions to save our planet.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Reader For those who have departed, may they rest in eternal peace.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Priest offers concluding collect.

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

The Peace

Announcements

Prayer for Graduates

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

In Christ Alone

*In Christ alone my hope is found,
he is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.*

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

*No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
can ever pluck me from his hand,
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.*

Gigi & Hattie Frye, soloists

The offering today will support our youth.

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 Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

We are offering Communion in both kinds. If you do not want to receive Communion but would like to come forward for a blessing, come to either side of the altar rail and place your arms across your chest in the form of an "X" or cross.

Communion Hymns (sung by all)

Seek ye first the kingdom of God

Hymnal 711

I am the bread of life
I, the Lord of sea and sky

Hymnal 335
WLP 812



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the



peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will
peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them, They turn a -
poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will



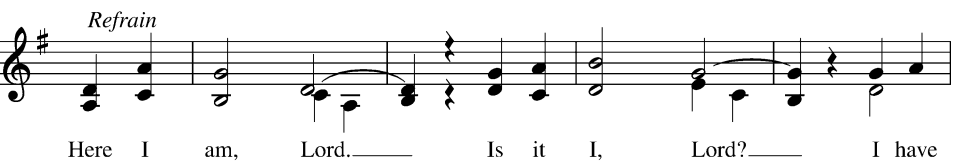
save. I who made the stars of night,
way. I will break their hearts of stone,
save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide



I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my
Give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my
Till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my



light to them? Whom shall I send? _____
word to them. Whom shall I send? _____
life to them. Whom shall I send? _____



Here I am, Lord. _____ Is it I, Lord? _____ I have



heard you call - ing in the night. _____ I will go, Lord, _____



Postcommunion Prayer

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Blessing

Closing Hymn

I want to walk as a child of the light

Hymnal 490

The Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude

*After worship, please join us in the Parish Hall for
a festive reception honoring our graduates!*

Acolytes: Holden Troutman, Will Troutman. **Readers:** (8:30 a.m.) Doug Sanecki; (10 a.m.) Matthew Anderson, Megan Chowning, Caroline Starrett. **Chalicists:** (8:30 a.m.) Linda Cummer; (10 a.m.) Buster Lewis. **Verger:** Debbie Dowd. **Ushers:** Gigi Frye, Mimi Huskins, Richard Kpangbai, Richtina Kpangbai, Rob Moore, Ruby Revell, 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:** Jorge Chaires, Sandy Shelton.

*The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God
by Carolyn Allen and Emily Allen Talbert, in loving memory of Don.*

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We Pray For

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

This morning fourteen women were ordained to the priesthood in our companion diocese, the Anglican Diocese of Botswana. They are the first women to ever be ordained in the Anglican Church of the Province of Central Africa, which consists of Botswana, Malawi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Bishop Rodman, together with our own Karen and Leon Spencer, participated in the service, held at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Gaborone.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Matthew's, Kernersville; St. David's, Laurinburg

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, 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, Emani and Desiree, Bob Stevens, Mary Cathryn Murray, Jane Smith and family, Nancy Bishop, Henry, Arwyn, and Christine Davis-Potter, Judy Stancil, Patricia Henry, Nancy K.

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

The departed: Mary Rose

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

Birthdays: Wayne Abraham, Karen Rierson, Cindy Shane, Nancy Thornton, Lilly Wangelin

Anniversaries: David and Kathryn Crowe, Bill and Kathy Shore, Julia and Jeff Testa

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, and if you would like a graduate not named today to be listed in an upcoming Sunday bulletin.



Congratulations, St. Andrew's Class of 2026!

<i>Graduate Name</i>	<i>School / Next Plans</i>
Matthew Anderson	Grimsley High School / Attend NC State to study Food Science
Hattie Frye	Grimsley High School / Attend Sewanee: The University of the South
Delaney Hollern	Cornerstone Charter Academy / Attend Denison University (OH) to pursue a career in nursing and to fulfill her dream of playing college softball
Sam Inman	Grimsley High School / Attend UNC-Chapel Hill
Ryan Revell	Grimsley High School / Attend UNCW
Jonathan Spinks	Weaver Academy / Attend Western Carolina University to study Music Performance
Lindy Taylor	The Early College at Guilford and the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange in Germany / Attend Virginia Tech to study Architecture
Caeden West, son of Sarah & Doug West	NC State with a degree in Textile Engineering / Attend NC State for graduate studies

Today

Sharing Our Stories: Easter Formation Concludes Today after Worship (Cloister)

After the resurrection, those who had walked with Jesus or seen the Risen Lord shared the stories of their encounters with God. Telling your story or writing your autobiography is an act of spiritual reflection that is an important undertaking for everyone. Our stories allow us to connect with one another and claim the ways we have been shaped and formed. Join Jim Dodson for this last class in our Easter formation series inviting you to consider your own life journey. Bring a notebook and your story-telling curiosity and meet us in the Cloister after stopping by the Parish Hall to congratulate our graduates.

Rising 9th–12th Graders: Confirmation Interest Meeting is Right after Our Reception (Library)

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 right after our reception today. Questions? Can't make it today but are still interested? Email martha@standrewsgso.org.

Thank You for Donating to Our Backpack Beginnings Collection!

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. This month we have invited our parish family to join our EYC in collecting supplies for children and teens enduring traumatic events. Please leave items in the collection bins in the Parish Hall and Sanctuary today. Your donations will be used in Comfort Bags to help these young people through some of the hardest days.

Pentecost is Next Sunday—May 24

Join Us for Pentecost Worship & Our Potluck Picnic—Sunday, May 24

*On Pentecost, we celebrate the birthday of the Church and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Join us for worship and stay for our all-parish Pentecost Party & Potluck Picnic. We'll have food, fellowship, and festivities for kids young and old. On this special Sunday, we'll also offer church tours and an opportunity to take or update your church directory photo. Homemade barbecue will be provided by Sandy Shelton. **Wear red and bring a dish to share, according to the first letter of your last name: A–F: Salads & Breads; G–M: Desserts; N–Z: Sides & Vegetables.***

Announcements

It's Time to Sign Up 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 30—and yes, there will be biscuits! **RSVP by May 25 using the link in this week's eNews.***

Enjoy Coffee & Conversation with Clergy—Tuesdays, 12-1 p.m. (A Special Blend, Greensboro)

*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.*

Calling All Rising 5th–12th Graders—Join Our Acolyte Ministry

*Are you looking for a way to lead, serve, and grow in your faith? The Acolyte Ministry at St. Andrew's offers students 5th grade and up a meaningful way to be part of worship while developing responsibility, teamwork, and leadership. Whether you've served before or you're just getting started, this is a great opportunity to step into a visible and vital role in our church community. We will schedule group training in August, but if you're curious **now** about how to carry torches, lead processions, and serve in the various available roles which are a part of our worship services, contact Rev. Eric at eric@standrewsgso.org. We'd love to have you join this longstanding tradition!*

EfM Information Session for 2026-27—May 31 after Worship (Chapel)

*Do you consider yourself a lifelong learner? Do you often have a book or two on the go? Do you feel that your questions have actually strengthened your faith? EfM, or Education for Ministry, is a program of substantive study and reflection, connecting our everyday experience to the Christian tradition, and is offered in two formats. **Classic EfM** takes you through Old Testament, New Testament, Church History, and Spirituality / Ethics in four years, with commitments one year at a time. **EfM Wide Angle** is a one-year survey course that requires less preparation and touches on the areas mentioned above. The experience of deep community is a wonderful context for spiritual growth. Prayer and sharing help us walk together in our journey with God. In our worship on May 31, we will celebrate those who have completed EfM coursework this year. **Afterward, we invite all who are curious to the Chapel for an EfM Information Session.** Please contact Brenda Swearingin (336-423-6876) or Tricia de Beer (336-457-4524) with any questions. Registration for EfM 2026-27 will take place in early July.*

Camino de Santiago 2027 Interest Meeting—May 31 after Worship (Cloister)

Curious about a spiritual journey unlike any other? Join us for a brief interest meeting on May 31 after worship to discuss a potential pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago in 2027. The Camino de Santiago, or "The Way of St. James," is a historic network of pilgrims' paths stretching across Europe, all leading to the tomb of St. James in Santiago de Compostela, Spain. For over a thousand years, people have walked these trails to find spiritual renewal, clarity, and community. Persons of all ages can complete the Camino. At the meeting, we will talk about the walking, equipment, accommodations, costs, and other matters of interest to potential pilgrims. Craig Taylor will lead the meeting. If you cannot attend but would like more information, please contact him at craig.allan.taylor@outlook.com.

May Is a Great Month 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 an important person in your life, please consider a gift to G.U.M. to feed the hungry in our community. The cost to sponsor a Tuesday breakfast is \$312. The cost to feed one guest is \$25 for three months, \$50 for six months, or \$100 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.***

Join the Diocesan Book Study for Gun Violence Awareness Month—Beginning June 4

June is National Gun Violence Awareness Month, and to commemorate it, the diocesan Gun Violence Prevention Task Force is once again hosting a diocese-wide book study. This year's book is God and Guns: The Bible Against American Gun Culture (C.L. Crouch and Christopher B. Hays). A collection of essays from noted scholars, the collection looks at gun culture from a biblical



A Prayer for Our Graduates

In this season of letting go and holding on,
remember the love of God.
The God who formed you and counts the hairs on your head,
the God who dwells in you,
the God who calls you beloved.

In this season of letting go and holding on,
remember the radical compassion of Jesus.
Jesus, who loves you as you are,
who knows your joys and your fears,
who is always calling you to new life.

In this season of letting go and holding on,
remember the presence of the Spirit,
The Spirit, who infuses your days with hope,
who gives you strength and support,
who knits us together with breath.

In these days of great change,
remember you are not alone.
Whatever lies ahead, we go with you,
a community praying for your growth and well-being,
a church that tends the Christ light in your name.

Go forth with God,
knowing that you are loved beyond measure.

Amen.

—by Kimberly Knowle-Zeller, adapted by The Rev. Ginny Bain Inman

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