

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

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

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with [_____ and] all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

Lord's Prayer (All say together) BCP, 364

Fraction Anthem S-155, Hymnal

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

If you wish to receive communion, place your hands palms up for a host or you may ask for a gluten-free host. You may receive the wine by drinking directly from the chalice, by holding up your host and asking the server to intinct (dip) for you, or you may receive the bread alone, which is a full and valid communion; for a blessing, cross your arms over your chest. If coming to the altar is difficult for you for any reason, simply tell the ushers and we will bring the sacrament to your pew.

Communion Hymns 458 and WLP 754 Hymnal/Insert

Postcommunion Prayer (All say together) EOW, 69

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

Announcements and Anniversary/Birthday Prayers

Blessing

Dismissal
People: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn 448 Hymnal

Postlude: Agincourt Hymn Dunstable

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

4 OCT

- 8:00 Holy Eucharist Rite II, Church
- 9:00 Parish Breakfast, White Hall
Children’s Center Open
- 10:15 Holy Eucharist Rite II, Church
- 11:30 Coffee Hour, White Hall
Children’s Choir, Auditorium

MONDAY

5 OCT

- 7:00 Women’s Bible Study, Guild Room

WEDNESDAY

7 OCT

- 12:00 Savor the Moments Luncheon, White Hall
- 8:00 West Ghent Alcoholics Anonymous, White Hall

THURSDAY

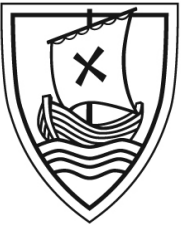
8 OCT

- 10:30 Theology Before Lunch, Zoom
- 6:30 Bell Choir, Auditorium
- 6:30 West Ghent Civic League, White Hall
- 7:30 Parish Choir, Choir Room

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11 OCT

- 8:00 Holy Eucharist Rite II, Church
- 9:00 All Ages Formation, White Hall
Children’s Center Open
- 10:15 Holy Eucharist Rite II, Church
Children’s Chapel, Auditorium
- 11:30 Coffee Hour, White Hall
Children’s Choir, Auditorium



ST. ANDREW’S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Neighborhood Church with a Heart for the World



October 4, 2026
10:15 a.m.
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Holy Eucharist

St. Andrew's is a vibrant, inclusive parish, formed in the fellowship of Christ. We strive to be a place of hope for all people, to reach beyond ourselves, and to manifest God's love in the world.

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St. Andrew’s is a parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia, under the leadership of the Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes.



Welcome Visitors!
If you are new to St. Andrew’s, new to the area or looking for a church home, we would love to know you better. Please use the QR code to fill out our visitor information card.

Welcome to St. Andrew’s! A special greeting to any visitors who are with us. We look forward to greeting you after the service. Nursery care is available for infants and toddlers; please speak to an usher for directions. Please note: the main service is live-streamed and video recorded.

Prelude: "Jerusalem, my happy home" Shearing

Processional Hymn 518 Hymnal

Opening Acclamation
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity BCP, 355

Gloria S-280, Hymnal

Collect of the Day Insert
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 1-20 Insert
(Response: The Word of the Lord/ Thanks be to God)

Psalm 19 (chanted by choir) Wesley

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14 Insert
(Response: The Word of the Lord/ Thanks be to God)

Gradual Hymn 471 Hymnal

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46 Insert
(Response at the beginning/end: Glory/Praise to you, Lord Christ)

Sermon The Rev. Charles Lane Cowen

The Nicene Creed (all say together) BCP, 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, with the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified, he has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People, Form II BCP, 385

In the silence the people may offer their prayers to God silently.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Susan; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church. (silence)

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayers, we pray for St. Paul’s, Norfolk and St. Peter’s, Norfolk, and for all staff, paid and volunteer, who support our congregations and related organizations. Pray for our diocese. (silence)

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace. (silence)

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. (silence)

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him. (silence)

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially _____]. Pray for those who have died. (silence)

I ask your own prayers of thanksgiving. Thank God for the blessings of this life. (silence)

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. (silence)

The priest then adds a concluding collect

Confession of Sin and Absolution (All say together) BCP, 360

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Peace
Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Offertory Anthem: Teach me, O Lord Stopford

Presentation Hymn 380, vs. 3 Hymnal

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer 2 EOW, 60
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.

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

Sanctus S-127, Hymnal

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues