



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Boca Grande ☩ Florida

"Bringing God and people together in love through Jesus Christ"

Sunday Worship

Jan-April 8:00A.M. & 9:30A.M.
May - Dec. 9:30A.M.

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The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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Good Morning ...

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We hope you find a connection between your desire to come and what you experience. We are a community drawn together by faith in God's love made known in Jesus Christ, expressed by forgiveness and acceptance rather than getting it right. However you identify, you belong here. We connect with each other by knowing and accepting each other as we are, and together serve others here in Boca Grande and in the wider community. Visitor cards are in the pew to help us get to know you better. They can be returned in the offering plate at the back of the church or handed to an usher.

Restrooms are located next door in the Chapter House.

Altar Flowers

The flowers placed on the altar today are dedicated to the Glory of God by Michael Courts and Ellen Manetti in gratitude for 29 years of marriage.

Serving Today

Ushers
Lector
Chalice Bearer

Jay and Susan Spurgeon
Nigel Spencer-Barnes
Mary Mulvania

Serving Next Sunday

Usher
Lector
Chalice Bearer

Ellen Manetti

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Word of God

THE PRELUDE

Andante religioso
Come, Holy Ghost, Lord God

Felix Mendelssohn
Georg Philipp Telemann, *arr.*

THE PROCESSIONAL

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymnal, 390



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
4 Praise to the Lord! O, let all that is in me a -

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - - tion.
need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - - eth?
might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

THE ACCLAMATION

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

Surely the Presence of the Lord

Lanny Wolf

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 3/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: 'Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his might - y pow - er and his grace. _ I can hear the brush of an - gel's wings, I see glo - ry on each face; sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place.'

Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this

place; I can feel his might - y pow - er and his grace. _

— I can hear the brush of an - gel's wings, I see

glo - ry on each face; sure - ly the

pres - ence of the Lord is in this place.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

ROMANS 14:1-12

Lector A reading from the book of Romans.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 103:8-13

Lector The Psalm appointed for today is a portion of Psalm 103.
Let us read responsively by half verse.

- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
 slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us, *
 nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
 nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
 so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, *
 so far has he removed our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his children, *
 so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,
 and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;
 O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place
 and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 18:21-35

Celebrant

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of

pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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

THE SERMON

Rev. John Warfel

THE NICENE CREED

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Each of us is finally accountable to God. So let us pray, saying, "Lord, we are in need of your mercy; have patience with us.

Please find your position of prayer, whether that is standing, kneeling, or sitting.

Lector We acknowledge that we all sin against our siblings in Christ. Forgive us even as we forgive each other. Help us to be merciful to each other in the Church. Lord, we are in need of your mercy;

People **Have patience with us.**

Lector We acknowledge that we desire to repay violence with violence. Open our hearts to forgive even those who commit evil acts towards us and those we love. Help us to live mercifully in our world. Lord, we are in need of your mercy;

People **Have patience with us.**

Lector We acknowledge that we do not always appreciate the diversity of your creation. Teach us to live in peace with each other and with your creation. Help us to live mercifully with our world. Lord, we are in need of your mercy;

People **Have patience with us.**

Lector We acknowledge that we do not love our neighbors as you love us. Forgive us for placing ourselves as judge over others when judgment belongs to you alone. Help us to accept the great mercy you choose to show others. Lord, we are in need of your mercy;

People **Have patience with us.**

Lector We pray for those whose lives are broken by evil. Because of your mercy we believe that whatever befalls them, they belong to you; you care for the brokenhearted. Help us to share your love with all those where are hurting. *(Please pause in brief silence to add petitions and thanksgivings.)* Lord, we are in need of your mercy;

People **Have patience with us.**

Lector We remember those who died in violence. We remember those men and women of the armed services, innocent bystanders, first responders, and even those we have called enemies. The dead belong to you, O Lord. Even as we seek your mercy for ourselves, judge all those who have died with mercy. Lord, we are in need of your mercy;

People **Have patience with us.**



Celebrant

Merciful God, you know the weakness of our hearts and the burdens we carry. Hear the prayers we have offered, both spoken and held in silence. We remember especially those whose lives were lost or forever changed by the events of September 11, and we give thanks for all who responded with courage, compassion, and love.

Teach us to forgive as we have been forgiven, to show mercy as you have shown mercy, and to seek peace in our homes, our church, and our world. Comfort those who grieve, heal those who are wounded, and guide us to be instruments of your love and compassion. We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant

And now let us pray for the forgiveness of our sins.

(A moment of silence is observed so that we may make our silent confession before God).

People

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People

Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

THE OFFERTORY

I Love You, Lord

Douglas Wagner, *arr.*

THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal, 380 (v. 3)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Holy Communion

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharist Prayer A

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 offer thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS



Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith,

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Silence as the Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is

sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*(All baptized persons regardless of denominational affiliation are invited to receive Holy Communion.
If it is not in your conscience to receive, please consider coming forward for a simple blessing.)*

COMMUNION

Eat This Bread

Taizé

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Je - sus Christ, bread of life,

come to him and nev - er be hun - gry. Eat this bread,
those who come to you will not hun - ger. Je - sus Christ,

drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst.
Ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE PROCESSIONAL

God of grace and God of glory

Hymnal, 594 (v. 1-2, 4)



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour,
days, for the liv - ing of these days,
dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Marching to Zion

Gordon Young



Your Prayers are Requested for ...

Pastoral Prayer List

Bobbie Allardyce
Mary Bainbridge
Dennis Berry
Shawn Peterson Cain
Elena Cameron
Vera Chelnokov
Emily Clegg
Bob Corl
Declan Cox
Hadley Cox
John Farrar
Bob Fletcher
Jeffrey Fletcher

Tom & Bette Floyd
Edie Gardner
Dawson Gladding
Kathy Gregg
Grace Haly
David Hatzung
Donna Hecker
Logan Hoffman
Mary Anne Hooker
Terrilynn Hulmutch
Audrey Knapp
Jenna Larson

Hillary Lupo
Sarah McDonald
Mary Mulvania
Mary Jean Meyer
Bobby Parker
George Everett Powell IV
Jean Rowe
Pat Ryan
Pete Schock
Strazzulla Family
Peter Strong
Ed Vick
Donna Welsh

Military Prayer List

Blaise Bess
Ben Constantinides
John Life Ikenberry
Colin Jackson

Karl Jackson
Thais Jackson
Anthony Kopp
Alexander Lovo

Michael Manetti
Nikolas Milona
Jonathan Prince
Renier van Breen

Bible Studies

Whether you join us every week or just when your schedule allows, you're always welcome. Come for one session or all of them—we'd love to have you!

Men's Bible Study & Fellowship
Tuesdays @ 8:30_{A.M.} - Zoom

Women's Bible Study & Fellowship
Fridays @ 10:00_{A.M.} - Zoom

For Zoom links visit our website:
www.standrewsbocagrande.org

Help Welcome Our Guests

Our Welcome Table is becoming a new part of the St. Andrew's experience, offering visitors and newcomers a friendly face, a Welcome Brochure, and a chance to learn more about our parish before worship.

Now we're looking for a few more people to help make this ministry work. You don't need to know everything about St. Andrew's—just be friendly, approachable, and willing to spend a little time welcoming those who are new to our church.

Interested in helping?

Please see Alice Pollard or email her at alicebpollard@yahoo.com.

A simple hello can make a big difference. Thank you for helping us make St. Andrew's a welcoming place for everyone who walks through our doors!

Save the Date

Welcome Back Taco Dinner Night
November 5 at 5:30 pm

Women's Breakfast at the Gasparilla Inn
January 19 from 8:30am - 10:30am

"Get to Know" Dinners
February 2 at 6:00 p.m.

Potluck Dinner
April 19 at 5:30 p.m.



A Look at the Weeks Ahead ...

Sunday, September 13

Holy Eucharist, Rite II 9:30 a.m.

Monday, September 14

Men's A.A. 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, September 15

Men's Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
A.A. 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 16

Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m.

Friday, September 18

Women's Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 20

Holy Eucharist, Rite II 9:30 a.m.

Monday, September 21

Men's A.A. 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, September 22

Men's Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
A.A. 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 23

Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m.

Friday, September 25

Women's Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

Need a little time to pause and reset in the middle of the week?

Join us **Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m.** in the church for informal Morning Prayer, led by Alice Pollard. It's a simple, welcoming time for prayer, reflection, and being together.

And afterward, stay for coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House.

No special preparation needed—just come as you are. We'd love to have you with us!

At St. Andrew's We Aspire ...

- † *to be a welcoming, inviting and caring parish*
- † *to provide meaningful worship services*
- † *to provide pastoral care and guidance in times of need and celebration*
- † *to respond to human needs locally, nationally, and globally*
- † *to grow as Christians through education and discipleship*
- † *to be active in the community and ecumenical relationships*
- † *to be generous stewards of our time, talent, and treasure*

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ST. ANDREWS' VESTRY MEMBERS

Class of 2027

Mary Campbell
Rick Granger
Renee Farnham
Jay Spurgeon

Class of 2028

Bill Durkin
Roger Lewis
Melissa Loughlin
Michael Courts **

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Tanny Clark
Kirsten Hosman
Alice Pollard
Kimberly Whipple *

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Rick Granger (Treasurer)

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