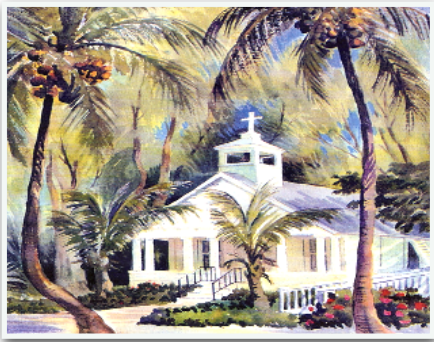




St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



Proper 20, Year A
September 20, 2026

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.

Serving Today

Usher
Lector
Chalice Bearer

Nigel Spencer-Barnes
Garland Pollard
Ellen Manetti

Serving Next Sunday

Usher
Lector
Chalice Bearer

Kim Lovo

Help Make Sunday Worship Happen!

We're looking for volunteers to serve as **ushers and lectors** on Sundays. If you're willing to help, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. Every Sunday is a little easier when we all pitch in.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Word of God

THE PRELUDE

*Meditation
Trio on DARWALL*

Philip Young
Roy Brunner

THE PROCESSIONAL

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven

Hymnal, 410



1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;



ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing:
praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

THE ACCLAMATION

Celebrant
People

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



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.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON**PHILIPPIANS 1:21-30**

Lector A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and

be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 145:1-8

Lector The Psalm appointed for today is a portion of Psalm 145.
Let us read responsively by half verse.

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

Glorious things of thee are spoken

Hymnal, 523 (v. 1 & 4)



1. Glo - rious things of thee_ are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty

4. Blest in - hab - it - ants_ of Zi - on, washed in the___ Re -



of___ our God; he whose word can - not___ be bro - ken

deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls_ re - ly on,



formed thee for___ his own_ a - bode; on the Rock of

makes them kings_ and priests_ to God. 'Tis his love his



A - ges found - ed, what can shake_ thy sure re - pose?

peo - ple rais - es o - ver self_ to reign as kings:



With___ sal - va - tion's walls___ sur - round - ed,

and___ as priests, his sol - emn prais - es



thou___ may'st smile___ at all thy foes.

each___ for a___ thank - of - fering brings.

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 20:1-16

Celebrant

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the

marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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 Let us offer prayers for all who labor in the vineyard of the Lord and for all in every danger and need.

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

Lector For this holy gathering, and for the people of God in every place.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector For the Universal Church, its members and our missions in the world; for this congregation, for our parish clergy, for our bishop and for our Presiding Bishop.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector For all the peoples and their leaders, for our President, our Governor, for all candidates for office, and for justice, mercy, and peace in the world.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector For all who work for daily wages, and for their employers and managers. For all those seeking a just wage and full employment.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector For abundant fruits of the earth, and for safety from violent storms.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector For the sick and the suffering especially those on our prayer list, travelers and the victims of war, prisoners and refugees, and the dying and dead.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector For our community and those who live in it, and for our families, companions, and all those we love.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector For any additional prayers and thanksgivings you'd like to name now, in silence or aloud.

Celebrant Gracious and merciful God, who honors the last as well as the first, hear our prayers we offer this day and welcome your people into your kingdom, 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

Blessed Jesus, We Are Here

Johann Christoph Bach

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,

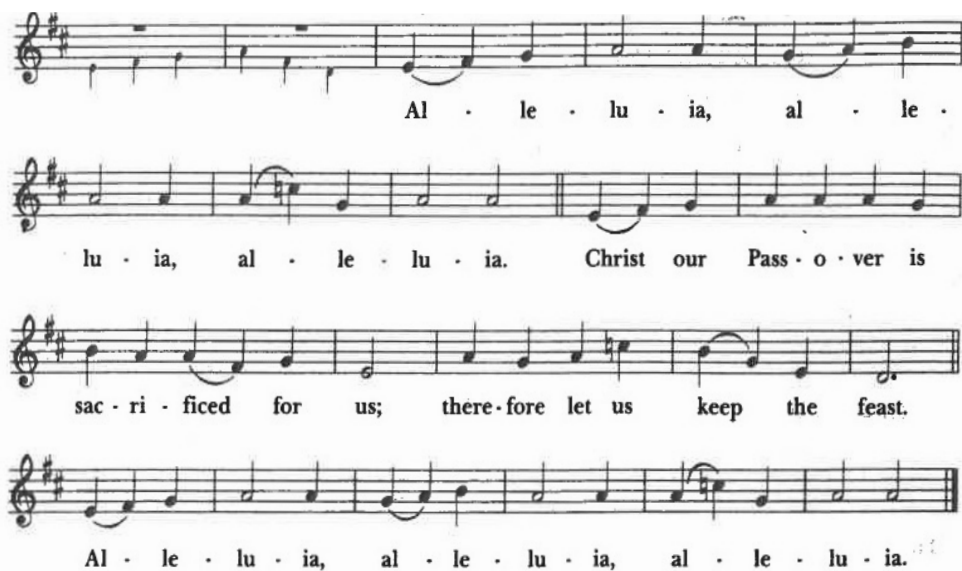
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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



*(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.)*

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

Leaning on the everlasting arms

SHOWALTER



1. What a fel - low - ship, what a joy di - vine,
 2. O how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way,
 3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness,
 O how bright the path
 I have bless - ed peace



what a peace is mine, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 grows from day to day,
 with my Lord so near,



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Postlude on WINCHESTER NEW

Flor Peeters



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
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

Morning Prayer

Need a midweek pause?

Join us Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. in the church for informal Morning Prayer with Alice Pollard, followed by coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House. Come as you are—we'd love to have you!

Help Welcome Our Guests

Our Welcome Table offers visitors a friendly face, a Welcome Brochure, and a chance to learn more about St. Andrew's. We're looking for a few more friendly faces to help welcome our guests. Interested?

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

Welcome Back Taco Night November 5 - 5:30 pm

Join your St. Andrew's family in the Chapter House for tacos, fellowship, and a festive welcome back to the island as we kick off another wonderful season together!

Holiday Supper December 10 - 5:30 pm

Save the date! Join us at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapter House for a festive Holiday Supper. We're still working out the details, but lasagna and salad may be on the menu. More information to come!

Mark Your Calendar

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 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.

Sunday, September 27

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

Monday, September 28

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

Tuesday, September 29

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

Wednesday, September 30

Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m.

Friday, October 2

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

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

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*

“Bringing God and people together in love through Jesus Christ”

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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
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