



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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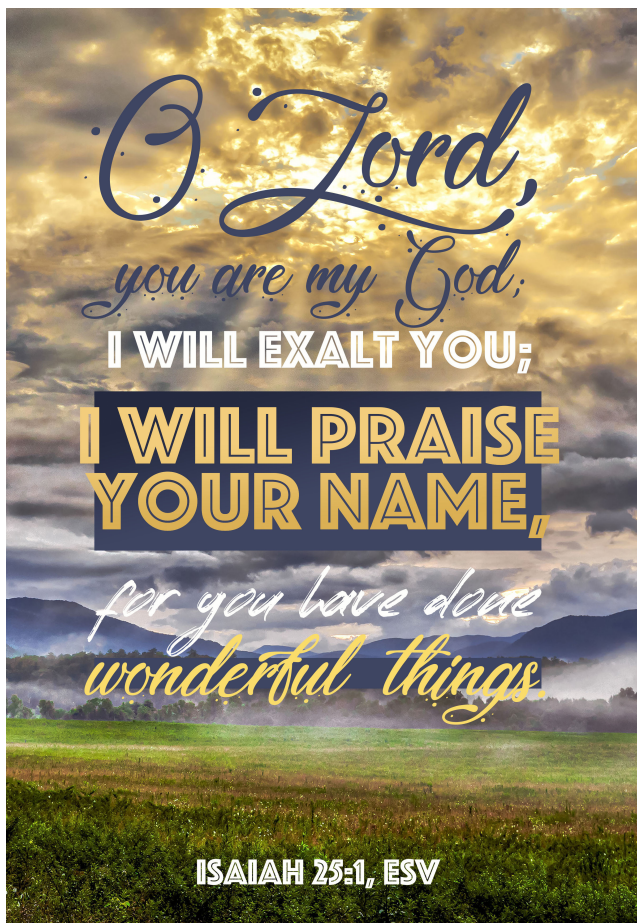
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The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



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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.

A Special Sunday Welcome

We're especially glad to welcome both The Rev. Geoffrey Piper and The Rev. John Warfel this Sunday. Geoffrey, our Priest-in-Residence, is with us while he's in town for the Diocesan Convention, and John, our Priest-in-Charge while Geoffrey is away, will be joining him in leading our worship.

We're also pleased to welcome Alan Corey to St. Andrew's again, who will be serving as our organist this Sunday while Glen is away. Thank you, Alan, for sharing your musician gifts with us!

Altar Flowers

The flowers placed on the altar today are given to the Glory of God by Deb Martin in loving memory of Justin, Peter, Evan, and Tucker.

Serving Today

Usher	Renée Farnham
Lector	Jay Spurgeon
Chalice Bearer	Ellen Manetti



Serving Next Sunday

Usher	Jay and Susan Spurgeon
Lector	
Chalice Bearer	Kim Lovo

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Word of God

THE PRELUDE

The Lord is my Shepherd
(composed for PBS 'The Vicar of Dibley')

Howard Goodall

THE PROCESSIONAL

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Hymnal, 7



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ the true, the on - ly Light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!



Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:
joy - less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin-ing to the per - fect day.

THE ACCLAMATION

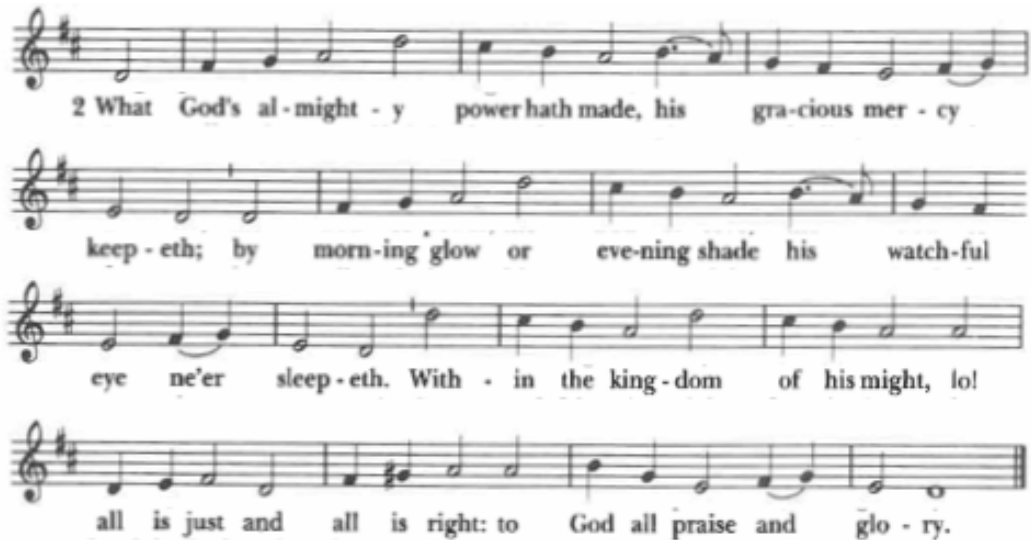
Celebrant

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

People

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





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; 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

ISAIAH 25:1-9

Lector A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up

death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

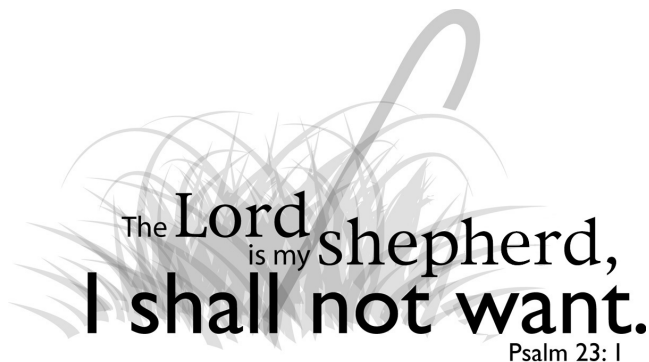
Lector The Word of the Lord.

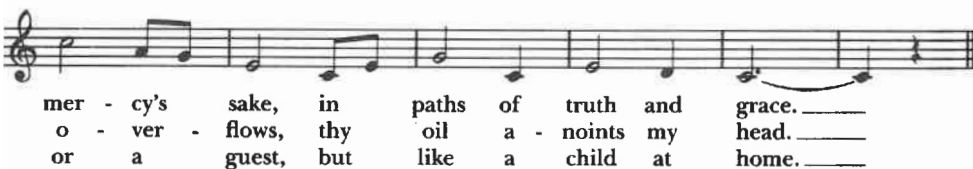
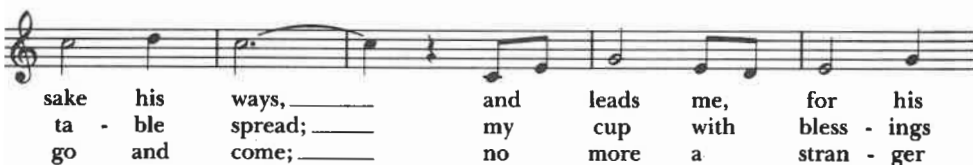
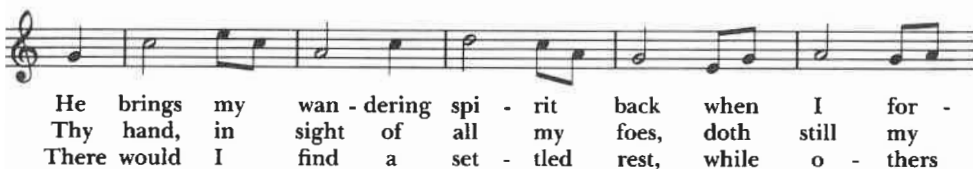
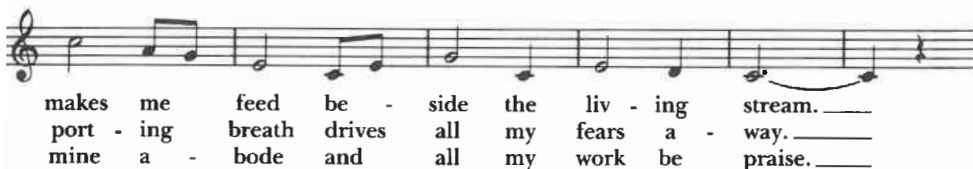
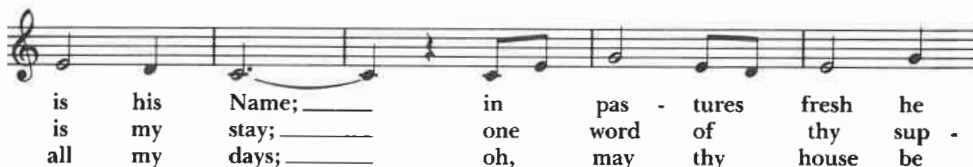
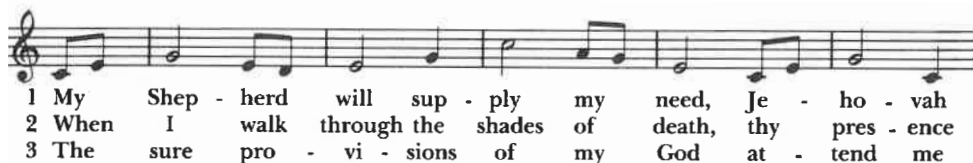
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23

Lector The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 23. Let us read responsively by half verse.

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
 I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
 and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
 and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
 for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
 you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
 and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.





THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 22:1-14

Celebrant

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

Celebrant

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Rev. Geoffrey T. Piper

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 our prayers to God, saying "Save us and help us, O God." <i>Please find your position of prayer, whether that is standing, kneeling, or sitting.</i>
Lector	For the welfare of all the children of God, whatever their nation or tribe may be.
People	Save us and help us, O God.
Lector	For the church in all places, its members and out mission in the world; for this congregation, for our parish clergy, for our bishop, and for our Presiding Bishop.
People	Save us and help us, O God.
Lector	For those in authority, for our President, our Governor, for our Mayor, and for all legislatures and courts.
People	Save us and help us, O God.
Lector	For the special needs known to our parish family, (<i>Please pause in silence to lift to God the names of those who need God's help.</i>) or those who are in need of healing of body, mind, or spirit, we pray.
People	Save us and help us, O God.
Lector	That we help to provide refuge, sustenance, and help in rebuilding to those here and abroad who have suffered grievous loss in natural disaster or as a result of climate change.
People	Save us and help us, O God.
Lector	For who have died; for victims of illness, accident, acts of nature, and mass shootings; for all those who love and care for them.
People	Save us and help us, O God.

Lector For all the blessings of this life. In thanksgiving for the actions of first responders and bystanders who remind us of the goodness of people in the midst of tragedy. *(Please pause in silence to add your personal thanksgivings.)*

People **Save us and help us, O God.**

Celebrant Lord of Comfort and Eternal Presence, spread over us, your weary and anxious people, your protective and reassuring wings. Deliver us from our fears of one another: free us to welcome even strangers without defensiveness, hostility, or suspicion of differences; instill in us instead, a welcome of openness, hospitality, and the expectation of friendship; in the name of Jesus who welcomes all. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant And now let us pray for the forgiveness of our sins.
(A moment of silence in 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

For the fruit of all creation

Hymnal, 424

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow-er and might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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,

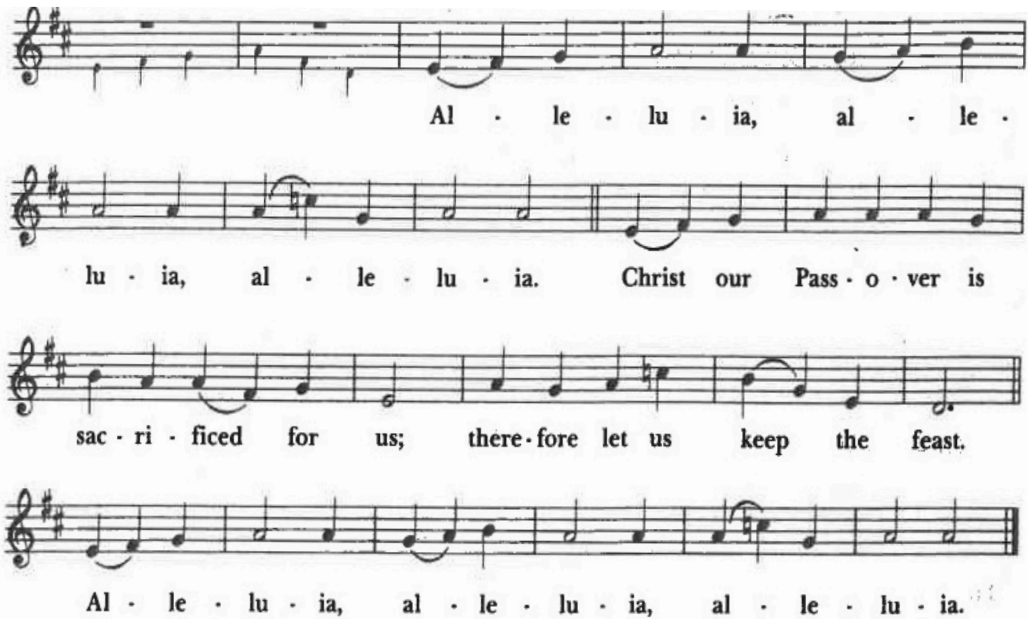
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.)*

COMMUNION

Let us Break Bread Together

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

Rejoice, ye pure in heart!

Hymnal, 556 (v. 1-2, 4)



1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing! Your
2 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints of earth, pour
4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go, from



1 glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
2 out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
4 youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.



Refrain
Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks, and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE

Wedding Day

Edvard Grieg





IN OUR



Thoughts and Prayers

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
Nancy Sellers & Family
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



Remembering Our Loved Ones

On November 1, we will celebrate All Saints' and All Souls' Day, remembering those who have gone before us and giving thanks for their lives and witness. If you would like the name of a loved one included in our prayers and remembrance, please send their name to Robin Milona, parish administrator at standrewse@gmail.com. We look forward to remembering them together as a parish family.

Help! We Need Ushers & Lectors

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—and a little more welcoming—when we all pitch in!

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!

Welcome Table



Our Welcome Table gives visitors a friendly face, a Welcome Brochure, and an opportunity to learn more about St. Andrew's. We're looking for a few more friendly faces to help welcome our guests on Sunday mornings. Interested in helping?

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

Zoom Bible Studies

Come when you can and join us for a time of learning, conversation, and fellowship. Whether you join us every week or drop in now and then, there's always a place for you.

Men's Bible Study & Fellowship

Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m. — Zoom

Women's Bible Study & Fellowship

Fridays at 10:00 a.m. — Zoom

For Zoom links, visit:

www.standrewsbocagrande.org



Upcoming Fall Events

There's a lot to look forward to at St. Andrew's! From dinners and gatherings to opportunities for learning and fellowship, mark your calendars and plan to join us.

November 5 at 5:30 p.m.
Welcome Back Taco Night

Chapter House

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

December 10 at 5:30 p.m.
Holiday Supper

Chapter House

Save the date for a festive evening together. We're still working out the details, but lasagna and salad may be on the menu. More information to come!

January 19, 8:30–10:30 a.m.
Women's Breakfast
The Gasparilla Inn

March 4 at 5:30 p.m.
Garden Party
St. Andrew's Memorial Garden

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

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

We're also planning a Lenten Forum, "Before That Day Comes," on Wednesdays during Lent from 10:30 a.m. to noon, and a Women's Retreat with Dr. Julie Faith Parker, tentatively planned for January 8–10. A Men's Retreat is also being discussed.

There's more to come as the season takes shape, so keep an eye on our weekly communications and calendar. We're looking forward to a wonderful season of gathering, learning, and being together!

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”

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 **

Class of 2029

Tanny Clark
Kirsten Hosman
Alice Pollard
Kimberly Whipple *

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** Jr. Warden

Rick Granger (Treasurer)

Mary Campbell (Clerk)



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