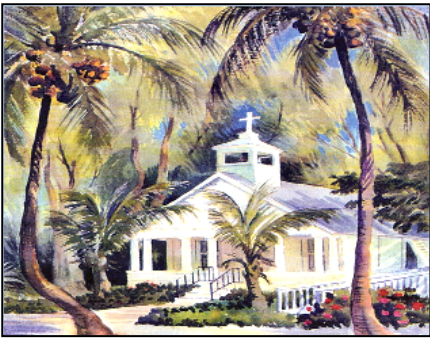




St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Boca Grande ☩ Florida

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

Sunday Worship

Jan-April 8:00A.M. & 9:30A.M.
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The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 12, Year A

July 26, 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

Ushers

John and Kim Lovo

Lector

Kay Kemper

Chalice Bearer

Mary Mulvania

Serving Next Sunday

Usher

Lector

Chalice Bearer

Ellen Manetti

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Word of God

THE PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in C Major, BWV 553

Johann Sebastian Bach

THE PROCESSIONAL

O worship the King, all glorious above

Hymnal, 388



1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!
3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

1 O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love!
2 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.
3 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old,
4 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
5 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;

1 Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
2 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
3 hath stab - lished it fast by a change-less de - cree,
4 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
5 thy mer - cies, how ten - der! how firm to the end!

1 pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
2 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
3 and round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
4 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
5 Our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

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

Hymnal, 390 (v. 1 & 4)

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-'. The second staff continues with 'Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a-'. The third staff continues with 'a-tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy'. The fourth staff continues with 'dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with'. The fifth staff continues with 'health and sal-va-tion; join the great throng, psal-ter-y,'. The sixth staff continues with 'prais-es be-fore him! Let the a-men sound from his'. The seventh staff continues with 'or-gan, and song, sound-ing in glad ad-o-ra-tion.'. The eighth staff continues with 'peo-ple a-gain; glad-ly for ev-er a-dore him.'.

Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
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peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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

ROMANS 8:26-39

Lector A reading from the book of Romans.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 119:129-136

Lector The Psalm appointed for today is a portion of Psalm 119.
Let us read responsively by half verse.

- 129 Your decrees are wonderful; *
 therefore I obey them with all my heart.
- 130 When your word goes forth it gives light; *
 it gives understanding to the simple.
- 131 I open my mouth and pant; *
 I long for your commandments.
- 132 Turn to me in mercy, *
 as you always do to those who love your Name.
- 133 Steady my footsteps in your word; *
 let no iniquity have dominion over me.
- 134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, *
 and I will keep your commandments.

- 135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant *
and teach me your statutes.
- 136 My eyes shed streams of tears, *
because people do not keep your law.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

God is Love, let heaven adore him

Hymnal, 379



1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
2 God is Love; and love en - folds us, all the world in
3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all



earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
one em - brace; with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind-ness



and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun-
ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall



da - tion, God who spread the heavens a - bove, God who breathes through
break-ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that
nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umphgain; God is Love, so



all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
self - same ach-ing deep with - in the heart of God.
Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 13:31-33, 44-52

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

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

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Rev. Geoffrey 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 Sisters and brothers, give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name! Let us pray to God, saying, "Spirit, help us in our weakness. Intercede for us."
- Please find your position of prayer, whether that is standing, kneeling, or sitting.*
- Lector God of the Church, may your people be as persistent as the mustard shrub. May we spread your love and grace to all people and in all places. May we do our kingdom work with the confidence that nothing can separate us from your love.
- People **Spirit, help us in our weakness. Intercede for us.**
- Lector God of the world, make known your deeds among the peoples. Bring peace in places of conflict and violence.
- People **Spirit, help us in our weakness. Intercede for us.**
- Lector God of creation, all of your works are marvelous. Everything in creation with which you have surrounded us speaks to your goodness. Give us eyes to see your fingerprints in our world.
- People **Spirit, help us in our weakness. Intercede for us.**
- Lector Present God, you did not withhold your own Son, but gave him up for all of us. May we all come to know and experience the depths of your love. By your love, transform hearts and change lives.
- People **Spirit, help us in our weakness. Intercede for us.**

Lector God of wholeness, neither hardship nor distress can separate anyone from your love. Assure the suffering and sick, the hurt and sorrowful, that you care for them. May they remember that you are God who does marvelous things. *(Please pause in silence to lift to God the names of those who need God's help.)*

People **Spirit, help us in our weakness. Intercede for us.**

Lector God of our ancestors, you have always been mindful of your promises. You promise that not even death can separate us from your love. May all those who have died, especially parishioners, Peter Diebold and Carol Baldwin, grow in your eternal love.

People **Spirit, help us in our weakness. Intercede for us.**

Celebrant Gracious God, you have heard the prayers of your people. Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit, that we may trust in your love, persevere in hope, and faithfully serve your world. Keep us steadfast in faith, confident that nothing in all creation can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. **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.**

THE OFFERTORY

O Day of God, Draw Nigh (600)

James Hopkirk

THE DOXOLOGY

**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.**

Hymnal, 380 (v. 3)

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

Al - le - lu - ia, 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

In the Lord

Taizé

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re-

joyce! Look to God, do not be a-fraid; lift up your voice-es, the Lord is

near; lift up your voice - es, the Lord is near.

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

Crown him with many crowns

Hymnal, 494 (v. 1-2, 5)



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; crown



1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
5 him the King, to whom is given, the won - drous name of Love. Crown



1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and
5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown



1 hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Improvisation on DIADEMATA

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
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
Pat Ryan
Pete Schock
Kathy Smith and Mike
Strazzulla Family
Peter Strong
Ed Vick
Donna Welsh

Military 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

A Look at the Week Ahead ...

Monday, July 27

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

Tuesday, July 28

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

Friday, July 31

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

Sunday, August 2

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

Summer Bible Studies

Our Men's and Women's Bible Studies continue through the summer on Zoom! Whether you can join every week or only occasionally, you are always welcome. Come when your schedule allows – one session or all of them. We look forward to seeing you there!

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 and more information about our Bible studies visit our website.
www.standrewsbocagrande.org

Help us create a new and improved church directory!

Please send us your updated information this summer, including:

- Photo
- Mailing address
- Email address(es)
- Phone number(s)
- Birthday (month, day, and year)
- Anniversary (month, day, and year)

We are preparing a new parish directory for this fall and would love to include the most current information for everyone. Please send updates to:

mail@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*

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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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