



The Second Sunday in Lent
February 28, 2021
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome! I'm so thrilled to be worshipping with you today! None of us could ever have anticipated that we would still be worshipping virtually as we enter into the season of Lent again, but I'm so grateful for all of you that are worshipping with us on Facebook or YouTube or just praying in your homes. This time of physical distancing has made it more clear than ever that the church is resilient and that the Body of Christ remains strong even when we can't be together in person.

As we continue to fast from in-person worship, we give thanks for the hope provided by the rollout of the vaccine. Though this has certainly been a difficult time for all of us, I am encouraged by the ways that members of the St. Andrew's community care for one another and our community. And I remain incredibly grateful for the grace, love and flexibility which you have all demonstrated throughout this pandemic.

May this Lenten season be a time of reflection and drawing closer to God. May the brightness of God's light shining in our dark world fill your heart to overflowing. And may the peace of God, which passes all understanding, be with you and those you love, now and always.

Grace & Peace,

Andrew+

Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

Officiant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Collect of the Day

Common Worship

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

NRSV

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be

her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

The Response

Psalm 22:22-30

Psalter for the Christian People

22. Praise the LORD, you that are God-fearing; *
stand in awe of the LORD, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob’s line, give glory.
23. For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither is the LORD’S face hidden from them; *
but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.
24. My praise is of God in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship the LORD.
25. The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall give praise: *
“May your heart live for ever!”
26. All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to God, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before the LORD.
27. For sovereignty belongs to the LORD; *
and rules over the nations.
28. To the LORD alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before the LORD.
29. My soul shall live for God; my descendants shall serve the LORD; *
they shall be known as the LORD’S for ever.
30. They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that God has done.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son *
and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be for ever. Amen.

The Gospel

Mark 8:31-38

NRSV

Deacon A reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

Then Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Andrew Moore

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Confession

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and People

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.

Officiant 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. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

The Prayers of the People

from *Praying the Scriptures*

Intercessor Give praise all you who fear the Lord: proclaim God's greatness! With thankful hearts, let us pray, O Righteous God,

People **Increase our faith.**

Intercessor Lord Jesus, you invite us to follow you: Give your Church the courage and will to risk any and everything for the sake of the gospel. May we be bold in witness and resolute in discipleship. O Righteous God,

People **Increase our faith.**

Intercessor God the Sovereign, you rule over the nations: hear the cries of those living in poverty. Give the leaders of nations a heart for the poor. O Righteous God,

People **Increase our faith.**

Intercessor God of Sarah, you bring life out of barren places: renew the creation. Forgive us for our misuse and neglect of your gifts. Help us to live as good stewards. O Righteous God,

People **Increase our faith.**

Intercessor Oh God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: be gracious to the Church in this city. Strengthen your parishes as we make our Lenten journey. May we faithfully make known your saving deeds. We pray for all who live, work, and go to school on Oregon Hill; for all who are celebrating birthdays this week, including Lily Blackwell, Brandie Cole, Earlean Didlake, Sarah Hechler, Lorne Field, Mason Marundé, Miranda Plunkett. O Righteous God,

People **Increase our faith.**

Intercessor Gracious Lord, you hide not your face from those in need: we trust in your faithfulness. Hear our prayers for those in pain and distress. O Righteous God,

People **Increase our faith.**

Intercessor Everliving God, you give life to the dead and call into existence the things that do not exist: hoping against hope, we trust in your eternal promises and look for the day of resurrection. O Righteous God,

People **Increase our faith.**

Please add your own prayers either silently or aloud.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen

Concluding Collect

Officiant God of all humanity, you call us to bring about healing and wholeness for the whole world – for people of all races and cultures and creeds. Help us to respond to a world that is groaning under the weight of injustice and broken relationships. Remind us that differences are a gift, and interdependence a strength from the same creative God. Strengthen us to resist the forces that encourage polarization and competition rather than understanding and cooperation. We know that your reign is not built on injustice and oppression, but on the transformation of hearts – new life, not just reordered life. Teach us forgiveness, O God. Bring us reconciliation. Give us hope for the future. We pray in Jesus' love. **Amen.**

The Blessing

The Dismissal

BCP, p. 366

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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Worship Participants

Officiant & Preacher: The Rev. Andrew Moore

Deacon: The Rev. Deacon Barbara Ambrose

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The Prayers of the People:

- Phyllis Bailey, Richard Bowen, Pat Bridgewater, Sarah Bridgewater, Dwayne Briggs, Rob Burger, Davison Chapman, Wayne Clark, James Conway, Cathy Creamer, Tom Davis, Shirley Dolan, Sarah Dowles, Jim Evans, Renee Ferrucci, Cyrus Field, Ellen Field, Susan Goff, Carlton Green, Jack Greener, Melissa Groome, Van Haywood, Herbert Hubbel, Georgia Jonkman, Jeeha Kamran, Diane Klisavage, Elaine Kriskus, Eileen LoSasso, Tommy MacDonald, Shawna Methaney, Lillian Miller, Crystal Munnings, Ann Olliff, Henry Randolph, Jerrie Richardson, Audrey Rowe, Greg Rowe, Karen Salter, Lizzy Schrass, Dave & Lori Slaughter, Donnie Thomas, Ramon Torres, Joe Velliers.
- Pray for those who live and work and go to school on Oregon Hill and for the Laundry Ministry.
- Pray for the coming of God's realm in Metropolitan Richmond: for the enhancement of our common life through the Holy Spirit, and for the resurrection of metropolitan Richmond as a modern metropolitan city of hope for the world.
- Pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Lily Blackwell (2/28), Brandie Cole (3/3), Earlean Didlake (3/3), Sarah Hechler (3/4), Lorne Field (3/5), Mason Marundé (3/5), Miranda Plunkett, (3/6).

News and Upcoming Events:

- **Noonday Prayer:** Each weekday, join us in praying Noonday Prayer at 12:00 noon on Facebook Live at www.facebook.com/standrewsrva. You can follow along in the Book of Common Prayer on page 103 or online at www.bcponline.org. Click on The Daily Office and then an Order of Service for Noonday.
- **Digital Coffee Hour:** Join us on Sundays at 10:45 a.m. on Zoom, for Coffee Hour! You can join by going to <https://zoom.us/j/97623461393> and entering the password 067460. You can also call (929) 205-6099 and entering the meeting ID: 976 2346 1393 and the password 067460. This has been a fantastic time to visit virtually and catch up with one another.
- **Invitation to Celal Kamran's Online Diaconal Ordination:** I want to invite Saint Andrew's to the online streaming of my diaconal ordination. It will be [streamed](#) on Monday, March 1 at 1:00 p.m. I would be honored by all who attend virtually by going to [St. George's YouTube channel](#). Saint Andrew's has been a vital part of my formation and for that I am thankful. – *Celal Kamran*
- **An Ordination Gift for Celal:** We are taking up an offering so we can share a gift with Celal as sign of our affection and our support of his ongoing ministry. If you'd like to contribute, please send a check to the church with *Ordination Gift* in the memo field or [click here to give online](#), choosing *Ordination Gift* in the Fund dropdown box. Please make your contribution by Monday, March 8.
- **March Book Club - *Caste*:** Our March Book Group will be reading and discussing Isabel Wilkerson's *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*. The author, who also wrote our August 2020 book club focus, *The Warmth of Other Suns*, examines the caste system that has shaped America and how our lives are still defined by it. [Join us on Zoom](#) at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 11, for what will surely be an excellent discussion.
- **Lenten Devotionals:** It's not too late to get a Lenten devotional mailed to your home! Just [email Britton](#) and let her know if you'd like one
- **Sunday Paper Junior Bulletins:** While we cannot gather to worship in person, we encourage you to share these Sunday Paper Junior bulletins with your children. These are the same bulletins we have been offering in church each Sunday. Linked here are the Sunday Paper Junior bulletins for [Sunday, February 14.](#), and [Sunday, February 21](#). Email Britton at office@standrewsoregonhill.org if you'd like her to mail paper copies to you.
- **Are You Interested in Lay Reading for Our Online services?** It's an easy way to be active in our online services! Britton will send you the readings or prayers ahead of time, you use your phone to record yourself, and then upload the file. Please contact Britton at office@standrewsoregonhill.org or 804-322-9183 to volunteer and find out more.
- **UGK Community First Update & Volunteer Opportunities:** UGK Community First has established a partnership with the City of Richmond and moved its kitchen operations to The Annie Giles Center at 1400 Oliver Hill Way. Many of you may remember serving meals to homeless people when this facility was called the Conrad Center. This partnership with the City will place Community First in closer proximity to areas of food insecurity in the City and creates opportunity to develop educational programs on topics such as nutrition, food preparation and health benefits of healthy eating to vulnerable populations. The new year is a great time to consider volunteer opportunities at UGK Community First. For more information and to sign up to volunteer, visit [Volunteer UGK Community First](#).
- **Connect at Digital Coffee Hour:** Like most of you, I dearly miss Sunday morning worship services at St Andrew's. But mostly I miss our community which is a big part of our service. I appreciate the effort that Andrew and others have done to put together great online worship experiences, either Noonday Prayer or our Sunday service. And while I'm so happy to continue with this type of worship it doesn't fulfill my longing for connection. What fills me up is our [Digital Coffee Hour](#). It's so great to see familiar faces, to laugh or exchanges stories of our trials and tribulations in dealing with the pandemic. Only then do I feel

like it's Sunday! It's really quite simple to log in. If you need help please call me at 804-548-5956 or ask a child or grandchild for help, LOL. 😊 – Sue Barrett

- **Options for Giving:** While we are unable to gather in person and offer our collective offering to God, it is critically important that we all continue to give as we are able. Even though we are not meeting in person, the expenses of the church remain. If you are already accustomed to giving online, thank you! If it is your practice to place your offering in the plate on Sundays, we invite you to consider either mailing your offering to the church or giving through our secure site. Simply visit the [Giving page of our website](#). Choose from a drop-down menu whether this is a pledge payment or if it is just a gift, select Give Now. You can choose to make this a recurring gift online as well. If you do choose to give online, please consider adding an additional 2-3% to your pledge to cover the service fees the church is charged for each gift. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Andrew or a member of the Vestry.
- **Help St. Andrew's with Kroger Community Rewards:** Help St. Andrew's by increasing donations every time you shop at Kroger! Thanks to their Community Rewards program, it's easy. Create or log into your digital account at kroger.com. In the Community Rewards section of your account, link your Kroger Plus Card to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Oregon Hill (organization ID AF019). Scan your Kroger Plus Card every time you check out at Kroger. St. Andrew's receives a periodic donation check from Kroger based on a percentage of designated transactions, all at no cost to you. Questions? Contact Chris Catanzaro at 804-922-1288 or Kroger Customer Service at 800-KROGERS (800-576-4377).
- **Children's Worship Videos:** Each week we will have a worship video designed specifically for families with children. They will include a reading from the Jesus Storybook Bible, a time for prayers, and a new segment called "Ask Andrew." This will be a chance for our young people to ask their questions about God and the world and Andrew will (attempt) to answer them! [Email Andrew](#) to submit questions for inclusion. The videos will be posted on our [YouTube channel](#) and links will be included in our weekly worship emails.
- **Free Digital Publications for Lent, Holy Week, Easter, & More:** Church Publishing Incorporated has updated their selection of free digital publications with new resources for Lent, Holy Week, Easter, and more, [which you can browse by clicking here](#). These include The Book of Common Prayer in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#), and books, activity packs, a new collection of EfM lessons, and more for children, teens, and adults.
- **UPDATED Cell Phone Number for Andrew:** Andrew has a new cell phone number, which was previously advertised incorrectly! If you need to reach him, please call him at 804-251-0363. You can also email him at amoore@standrewsoregonhill.org



Who in the world would ever have guessed we'd have a year like the one we've just been through? Who in the world would have guessed that St. Andrew's would have come through it so beautifully and with such creativity? We hope you'll join us in giving thanks to God for the flexibility and creativity that already existed within our community. You so quickly adapted to digital worship and fellowship. Your Vestry completed the first digital Mutual Ministry Review with the diocese and called Andrew to serve as our Rector, all within the first weeks of the pandemic. You've joined in virtual book groups and film conversations, EFM is meeting again this year, all via Zoom, a technology most of us had never even heard of before March. And when we saw the increasing need for feeding ministries, you gave selflessly of your time and your dollars to support FeedMore and the new Underground Kitchen Community First initiative.

And as every organization you're a part of has already said to you, your financial support means more now than ever to keep this flexibility, creativity, and faithfulness alive and thriving in the year to come. Thanks to your continued generosity, we've been able to weather the financial challenges of 2020. As we look toward 2021, none of us knows what the coming year will bring. But we can say with great confidence that we still find joy together, in whatever ways we are able to come together. So as we enter this season of gratitude and turn our attention to stewardship, we take our inspiration from Psalm 98 and the confidence that we are indeed together for joy.

We hope that you will join us in giving thanks for the sources of joy in our lives, particularly the joy that comes from our life together at St. Andrew's. A huge thank you to those of you who have discerned and submitted your pledges already. So far, we have received 41 pledges totaling nearly \$120,000. We're so very grateful for your support.

Between now and then, we hope you will prayerfully discern your pledge for 2021. As you discern, consider praying this prayer:

*Great One, for you the floods clap, for you the hills sing.
You know my situation better than anyone.
Take my credits and debits, ins and outs, my pluses and minuses,
surpluses and lacks, and show me
how to use them to join the great chorus of Creation.
Amen.*

[We invite you to submit your pledge safely and securely online on the St. Andrew's website, or return the pledge card on the back of this page.](#)

For all that we've already accomplished together during this challenging season, for all that we will accomplish together in the future, thank God, and thank YOU. See you soon and until then, let us be together for joy.

Faithfully,

The Rev. Andrew Y. Moore
Rector

Chris Catanzaro
Stewardship Chair



TOGETHER
FOR JOY

"Together for Joy" Pledge Card

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

I/We plan to give \$ _____ each week month
for an annual total of \$ _____.

I/We understand that this pledge will 1) help our church sing "together with joy," and 2) can be changed at any time.

Signature _____ Date _____



TOGETHER
FOR JOY

"Sing to God a new song,
for God has done marvelous things.
Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy."
+ Psalm 98

GIVING CHART

WEEKLY GIVING IF THE PERCENTAGE IS...

Annual Income	Monthly Income	Weekly Income	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%	15%
\$16,000	\$1,333	\$308	\$6	\$12	\$18	\$25	\$31	\$46
20,000	1,667	385	8	15	23	31	39	58
25,000	2,083	481	10	19	29	38	48	72
30,000	2,500	577	12	23	35	46	58	87
35,000	2,917	673	13	27	40	54	67	101
40,000	3,333	769	15	31	46	62	77	115
45,000	3,750	865	17	35	52	69	87	130
50,000	4,167	962	19	38	58	77	96	144
60,000	5,000	1,154	23	46	69	92	115	173
75,000	6,250	1,442	29	58	87	115	144	216
100,000	8,333	1,923	38	77	115	154	192	288
125,000	10,417	2,404	48	96	144	192	240	361