

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH

established 1706



Choral Evensong

with the Men of The King's Counterpoint

Sunday, 23 August 2026 at 4:00pm

Welcome!

to this historic, living church where the saints have gathered to worship since 1706!

Please **silence** all electronic devices.

This service is taken from the *Book of Common Prayer* adopted in 1662. This edition was in use in the English Colonies when the Parish of St. Andrew's was established in 1706.

The BOOK of
Common Prayer,
And Administration of the
SACRAMENTS,
AND OTHER
RITES and CEREMONIES
OF THE
CHURCH,
According to the Use of
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A Choral Evensong Sunday, 23 August 2026

THE INTROIT

Round Me Falls The Night

Words: William Romanis (1824-1899)

Tune: Seelenbräutigam by Adam Drese 1620-1701)

Round me falls the night; Saviour, be my light;
Through the hours in darkness shrouded, let me see thy face unclouded;
Let thy glory shine In this heart of mine.

Earthly work is done, Earthly sounds are none;
Rest in sleep and silence seeking, let me hear thee softly speaking;
In my spirit's ear Whisper, 'I am near.'

Blessèd, heavenly Light, Shining through earth's night;
Voice, that oft of love hast told me; arms, so strong to clasp and hold me;
Thou thy watch wilt keep, Saviour, o'er my sleep.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN (*Please stand*)

Tune: *St. Clement*

1 The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended, the darkness
2 We thank thee that thy Church, un - sleep - ing while earth rolls
3 As o'er each con - ti - nent and is - land the dawn leads
4 So be it, Lord; thy throne shall nev - er, like earth's proud

falls at thy be - hest; to thee our morn - ing hymns a -
on - ward in - to light, through all the world her watch is
on an - oth - er day, the voice of prayer is nev - er
em - pires, pass a - way; thy king - dom stands, and grows for

scend - ed, thy praise shall sanc - ti - fy our rest.
keep - ing, and rests not now by day or night.
si - lent, nor dies the strain of praise a - way.
ev - er, till all thy crea - tures own thy sway.

Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893). Music: *St. Clement*, Clement Cottevill Scholefield (1839-1904).

(The congregation shall remain standing and the Priest will say)

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

(Please kneel as able - To be said by the whole congregation here present.)

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done, And there is no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, Restore thou them that are penitent, According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

(Absolution is offered to the people)

(Please Stand)

THE PRECES & RESPONSES *(Sung by the Choir)*

William H. Harris (1883-1973)

Cantor: O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Cantor: O God, make speed to save us.

Choir: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Cantor: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost

Choir: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Cantor: Praise ye the Lord.

Choir: The Lord's name be praised.

From the rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer:

Then shall be sung the Psalms in order as they be appointed.

The Psalm texts for this day are taken from the Coverdale Psalter found in the Book of Common Prayer, (1662) translated by the Rt. Rev'd Myles Coverdale, (c. 1488-1569) Bishop of Exeter.

The scripture lessons (outside of the Psalms) are taken from the King James Version of the Bible, which was authorized by the Church of England in 1611.

(Please be seated for the singing of the psalm)

THE PSALM

In convertendo Dominus (When turning to God)

Psalm 126

WHEN the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion : then were we like unto them that dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter : and our tongue with joy.

3 Then said they among the heathen : The Lord hath done great things for them.

4 Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already : whereof we rejoice.

5 Turn our captivity, O Lord : as the rivers in the south.

6 They that sow in tears : shall reap in joy.

7 He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed : shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

(Please Stand as able for the Gloria)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

(Please Sit for the First Lesson)

THE FIRST LESSON

Amos 4

“Hear this word, you cows of Bashan, who are on the mountain of Samaria, who oppress the poor, who crush the needy, who say to your husbands, ‘Bring, that we may drink!’ ²The Lord GOD has sworn by his holiness that, behold, the days are coming upon you, when they shall take you away with hooks, even the last of you with fishhooks. ³And you shall go out through the breaches, each one straight ahead; and you shall be cast out into Harmon,” declares the LORD. ⁴“Come to Bethel, and transgress; to Gilgal, and multiply transgression; bring your sacrifices every morning, your tithes every three days; ⁵offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving of that which is leavened, and proclaim freewill offerings, publish them; for so you love to do, O people of Israel!” declares the Lord GOD. ⁶“I gave you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and lack of bread in all your places, yet you did not return to me,” declares the LORD. ⁷“I also withheld the rain from you when there were yet three months to the harvest; I would send rain on one city, and send no rain on another city; one field would have rain, and the field on which it did not rain would wither; ⁸so two or three cities would wander to another city to drink water, and would not be satisfied; yet you did not return to me,” declares the LORD. ⁹“I struck you with blight and mildew; your many gardens and your vineyards, your fig trees and your olive trees the locust devoured; yet you did not return to me,” declares the LORD. ¹⁰“I sent among you a pestilence after the manner of Egypt; I killed your young men with the sword, and carried away your horses, and I made the stench of your camp go up into your nostrils; yet you did not return to me,” declares the LORD. ¹¹“I overthrew some of you, as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and you were as a brand plucked out of the burning; yet you did not return to me,” declares the LORD. ¹²“Therefore thus I will do to you, O Israel; because I will do this to you, prepare to meet your God, O Israel!” ¹³For behold, he who forms the mountains and creates the wind, and declares to man what is his thought, who makes the morning darkness, and treads on the heights of the earth— the LORD, the God of hosts, is his name!

Reader: Here endeth the First Lesson.

(Please remain seated for the singing of the Magnificat)

THE MAGNIFICAT *(Sung by the Choir)*

St. Luke 1:46-55

Magnificat

Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

MY soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his hand-maiden. For, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me and holy is his name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm, he hath scattered the proud in the imaginations of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering of his mercy hath holpen* his servant Israel as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

***Holpen:** verb. archaic
past participle of "help"

(Please Stand as able for the Gloria)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

(Please be seated for the Second Lesson)

THE SECOND LESSON

St. John 18: verses 28-40

From the rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer:

Then a Lesson of the New Testament, as it is appointed. And after that Nunc dimittis (or the Song of Simeon) in English, as followeth.

²⁸Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. ²⁹So Pilate went outside to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" ³⁰They answered him, "If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered him over to you." ³¹Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." The Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death." ³²This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

³³So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" ³⁵Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." ³⁷Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." ³⁸Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"

After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, "I find no guilt in him. ³⁹But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" ⁴⁰They cried out again, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber.

Reader: Here endeth the Second Lesson.

(Please Remain Seated)

THE NUNC DIMITTIS *(Sung by the Choir)*

St. Luke 2:29-32

Nunc Dimittis

Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy Word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples; to be a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of thy people Israel.

(Please Stand as able for the Gloria)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

(Please remain Standing for The Creed)

THE CREED (*Spoken in Unison*)

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

From the rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer:

Then shall be sung or said the Apostles' Creed, by the Minister and the people standing.

THE SUFFRAGES, LORD'S PRAYER, & RESPONSES

Setting by: William H Harris

(Sung by the Choir)

Cantor: The Lord be with you.

Choir: *And with thy spirit.*

Cantor: Let us pray.

(Please Sit or Kneel)

Choir: *Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

All: Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;

Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done,

in earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive them that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation;

but deliver us from evil.

Amen.

Cantor: O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Choir: *And grant us thy salvation.*

Cantor: O Lord, save the State.

Choir: *And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.*

Cantor: Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

Choir: *And make thy chosen people joyful.*

Cantor: O Lord, save thy people.

Choir: *And bless thine inheritance.*

Cantor: Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir: *Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.*

Cantor: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

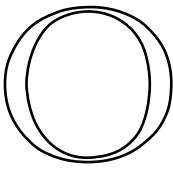
Choir: *And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

THE COLLECTS ARE SUNG BY THE CANTOR, WITH THE AMENS SUNG BY THE CHOIR

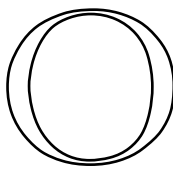
From the rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer:

Then shall follow three Collects; the first of the day; The second for Peace; The third for Aid against all Perils, as hereafter followeth: which two last Collects shall be daily said at Evening Prayer without alteration.

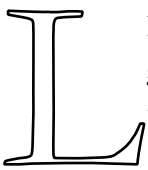
THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

 God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE SECOND COLLECT AT EVENING PRAYER

 GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

 IGHTEEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

(Please be seated for the anthem.)

THE ANTHEM:

Soldiers of Christ, Arise

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1888) Music: George J Elvey (1816-1893)

Soldiers of Christ, arise, and put your armour on
Strong in the strength which God supplies through His eternal Son.
Strong in the Lord of hosts and in His mighty pow'r
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts is more than conqueror.

Stand then, in His great might with all His strength endued;
And take to aid you in the fight the panoply of God
That having all things done, and all your conflicts passed
Ye may o're-come through Christ alone, and stand entire at last.

From strength to strength go on; wrestle and fight and pray
Tread all the powers of darkness down and win the well-fought day.
Still let the Spirit cry, in all His soldiers "Come!"
Till Christ the Lord, who reigns on high,
Shall take the conquerors home. Amen.

From the rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer:

In Quires and Places where they sing here followeth the Anthem.

(Please Sit or Kneel for the Prayers)

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING: *(To be said by the whole congregation, choir and the Officiant)*

The Priest says Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

All: **We, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful: and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

(Please stand for the final hymn)

During the Final Hymn a Collection will be taken in Support of
The King's Counterpoint's Residency in Wells Cathedral, England in 2027

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

Tune: *O Welt, ich muss dich lassen*

1 The du - teous day now clos - eth, each flower and tree re -
2 Now all the heaven - ly splen - dor breaks forth in star-light
3 Though long our mor - tal blind - ness has missed God's lov - ing -

pos - eth, shade creeps o'er wild and wood: let
ten - der from myr - iad worlds un - known; and
kind - ness and plunged us in - to strife; yet

us, as night is fall - ing, on God our Ma - ker
we, this mar - vel see - ing, for - get our self - ish
when life's day is o - ver, shall death's fair night dis -

call - ing, give thanks to him, the Giv - er good.
be - ing for joy of beau - ty not our own.
cov - er the fields of ev - er - last - ing life.

Words: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676); tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930) and others. Music: *O Welt, ich muss dich lassen*, melody att. Heinrich Isaac (1450?-1517); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).



The King's Counterpoint

Season Launch & Fundraising Event and Golden Tickets!

Saturday, October 3rd, 3.00-5.00pm

at Old St. Andrew's Parish Church

Join KCP for this Fun and Festive Event! We'll be launching our Thirteenth Season with Wine, Nibbles, door prizes, incredible choral music, our Golden Ticket drawing, together with wonderful Silent and Live Auctions that you REALLY won't want to miss!

Admission is only \$10 (and Under 18 is always FREE!)

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Also by visiting our website: www.thekingscounterpoint.com or by telephoning: **216 217 7721**

A Brief History of Saint Andrew's Parish Church

Built in 1706, this simple, elegant church is the oldest surviving structure used for worship south of Virginia. It is South Carolina's only remaining colonial cruciform church.

Our historic church holds a full schedule of worship services every Sunday. Some other early colonial churches in South Carolina are still used, but less often. (None is older.) Others have been replaced or augmented by newer buildings, some centuries old themselves, some modern. Still others have vanished, or their ruins stand in silence to ages past. Visitors to our national treasure see a beautifully restored building, but the church hides a past that left it for dead many times.

St. Andrew's Parish Church (commonly known as Old St. Andrew's) was one of ten Anglican churches in South Carolina established in 1706 by the Church Act. It was built to serve the Anglican planters along the Ashley River, a thriving tidal waterway that connected them to the city of Charles Town and to each other.

Rice, indigo, and slaves brought prosperity to the lands along the Ashley, where some of the wealthiest plantations in British North America were located. The church was expanded to the shape of a cross in 1723 to accommodate a growing population. It survived a major fire in the 1760s but was quickly rebuilt inside its existing walls. But the parish declined after the Revolution and into the antebellum era. Ministering to the slaves, at the church and three plantation chapels, became the focus of the clergy. From 1851 to 1891, the Rev. John Grimké Drayton, the renowned horticulturalist at Magnolia-on-the-Ashley just north of St. Andrew's, was rector.

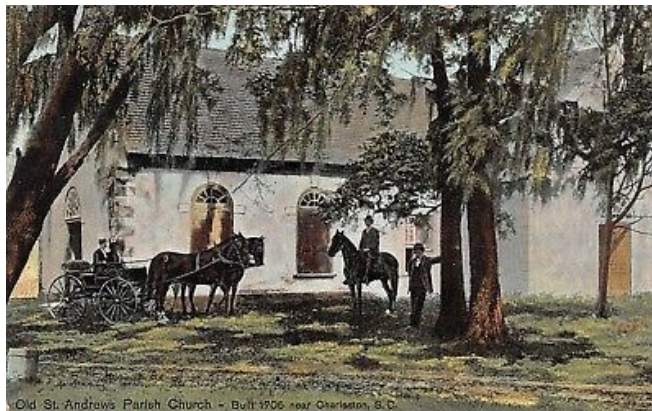
The church was one of the few buildings along the Ashley that Union troops did not burn to the ground during the Civil War. It became a polling place and did not reopen until 1876, eleven years after the war ended. The parish found itself at the epicenter of two of the most important events of late nineteenth century Charleston: the phosphate mining boom along the Ashley and the Great Earthquake of 1886, which caused significant damage to the church. After Rev. Drayton died in 1891, St. Andrew's lay dormant for the next fifty-seven years.

In 1948 Episcopalians moving to the West Ashley suburbs reopened the dilapidated church, even though it was far away from new residential developments. Dogged perseverance brought slow but continual improvements. A parish house was built, and then expanded twice in quick succession. Hurricane Hugo (1989) caused major damage to the graveyard. Into the twenty-first century, the church undertook the most extensive restoration in its history and celebrated its tercentennial.

In 2013, the Parish left The Episcopal Church and aligned with the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina and later with the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA).

For more than 300 years, St. Andrew's has survived, indeed has thrived, against all odds.

Paul Porwoll, author of *Against All Odds: History of Saint Andrew's Parish Church, Charleston, 1706-2013*



Old St. Andrew's Parish Church - Built 1706 near Charleston, S.C.