

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH

established 1706



A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF

Virginia Lucas Deden

March 2, 1933 - April 25, 2025



The world gets better year by year,
because some nurse in her own little sphere,
puts on her cap and smiles and sings
and keeps on doing the same old things.
Taking the temperatures,
giving the pills
to remedy mankind's numerous ills.
Feeding the helpless, answering bells,
being polite with a heart that rebels.
Going off duty at seven o'clock,
tired, discouraged, just ready to drop.
Call back for emergency at seven-fifteen,
with woe in her heart, but it must not be seen.
O God, when I lay down my cap and cross the bar,
won't you please give me just one little star
to wear in my crown?
With my uniform new,
in that city above,
where the Head Nurse is You.

A Celebration of the Life of Virginia Lucas Deden

May 3, 2025

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

THE PROCESSIONAL ANTHEMS *(Please stand) (Spoken by the Clergy)*

Officiant:

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord.
Whoever believes in me,
though he die, yet shall he live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me
shall never die.

John 11:25-26

For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.
And after my skin has been thus destroyed,
yet in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see for myself,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

Job 19:25-27

For none of us lives to himself,
and none of us dies to himself.
For if we live, we live to the Lord,
and if we die, we die to the Lord.
So then, whether we live or whether we die,
we are the Lord's.

Romans 14:7-9

For we brought nothing into the world,
and it is certain we carry nothing out.
The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away;
blessed be the name of the LORD.

1 Timothy 6:7; Job 1:21

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord;
Even so, says the Spirit,
for they rest from their labors.

Revelation 14:13

ON THE COVER
*Old St. Andrew's
Parish Church
Watercolor by
Markey Mossman*

THE OPENING COLLECT *(Please remain standing)*

Officiant : The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant Virginia, being raised with Christ, may know the strength of his presence and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

The Liturgy of the Word

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-11

¹Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. ³ A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵ And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

⁶ A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. ⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass. ⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. ⁹ Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" ¹⁰ Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹ He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
 he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul;
 he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for his Name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
 for thou art with me;
 thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of
mine enemies;
 thou anointest my head with oil;
 my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL *(Please stand)*

St. John 5:19-27

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

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

¹⁹ So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. ²⁰ For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel. ²¹ For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. ²² For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, ²³ that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

²⁵ “Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. ²⁶ For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. ²⁷ And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Marshall Huey

THE APOSTLES' CREED *(Please stand)*

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

Celebrant and People:

**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 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 LORD'S PRAYER *(Please remain standing)*

Celebrant:

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(please remain standing)*

Almighty God, you knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord: Grant, we pray, to your whole Church in heaven and on earth, your light and peace.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you in faithful obedience.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your fatherly care, that, casting their grief on you, they may know the consolation of your love.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Grant us grace to entrust Virginia to your never-failing love; receive her into the arms of your mercy, and remember her according to the favor which you show to all your people.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of you, she may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in your heavenly kingdom.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant

Almighty God, grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, the fullness of life in your eternal and ever-lasting glory, and, with all your saints, to receive the crown of life promised to all who share in the victory of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE COMMENDATION *(Please remain standing)*

Officiant Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,

All **Where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Officiant You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you decree, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All **Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Officiant

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Virginia. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon or Priest: Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

THE PROCESSION TO THE GRAVESITE

(Please bring your bulletin.)

The Committal

The priest leads all in praying

Jesus said, All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will also give new life to our mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells within us. Therefore our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice. Our flesh also shall rest in hope. You shall show us the path of life; in your presence is the fullness of joy, and at your right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

While the ashes are placed, the Officiant says

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our sister Virginia, and we commit her body to their resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless her and keep her, the Lord make his face to shine upon her and be gracious unto her, the Lord lift up his countenance upon her and give her peace. **Amen.**

The Officiant says

The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Grant, O Lord, to all who are bereaved the spirit of faith and courage, that they may have strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience; not sorrowing as those without hope, but in thankful remembrance of your great goodness, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with all who love you. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Officiant: Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord;

People: **And may light perpetual shine upon them.**

Officiant: May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

People: **Amen.**

Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

THE GRACE

THE DISMISSAL

Priest: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please join the family in Gilchrist Hall for a reception after the service.

Be at Peace

Do not fear the changes of life, rather look to them with full hope as they arise.

God, whose very own you are, will deliver you from out of them.

God has kept you hitherto, and will lead you safely through all things; and when you cannot stand it, God will bury you in His arms.

Do not be afraid of what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting God who cares for you today will take care of you then and everyday.

God will either shield you from suffering, or will give you unfailing strength to bear it.

Be at peace and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.

The Prayer of St. Francis de Sales

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.