

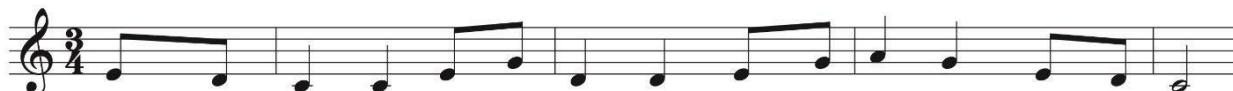
1 June 2025, Seventh Sunday of Easter  
St. Andrew's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church  
standrewspb.org  
Come as you are!

## Welcome

*If this is your first time at St. Andrew's, we are glad you're here!  
We are a church community rooted in Jesus, and committed to these core values:  
joyful authenticity, radical inclusion, grounded curiosity, and loving justice.*

## Gathering Song

### *Sing a New Church*



1. Sum - moned by the God who made us Rich in our di - ver - si - ty,
2. Trust the good-ness of cre - a - tion; Trust the Spir - it strong with - in.
3. Draw to - geth - er at one ta - ble All the hu - man fam - i - ly;



Gath - ered in the name of Je - sus, Rich - er still in u - ni - ty:  
Dare to dream the vi - sion prom - ised, Sprung from seed of what has been.  
Shape a cir - cle ev - er wid - er And a peo - ple ev - er free.



Let us bring the gifts that dif - fer And, in splen - did, var - ied ways,



Sing a new Church in - to be - ing, One in faith and love and praise.

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## The Easter Acclamation & Collect

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The Gloria

*Gloria! Gloria! In Excelsis Deo!*

By Mike Anderson

REFRAIN (clap, clap) (clap, clap) Last time to  $\emptyset$

Glo-ri-a! Glo-ri-a! In ex-cel-sis De - o!

5 VERSES

1. Lord God heav-en - ly King, peace you bring to us!  
 2. Je - sus Sa - vior of all, Lord God, Lamb of  
 3. At the Cre - a - tor's right hand, Lord, re - ceive our  
 4. Glo - ry Cre - a - tor and Son, glo - ry Ho - ly us!  
 We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
 God, you take a - way the sin of the world, have  
 prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One and  
 Spi - rit! To you we raise our hands up high! We

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sing our song of praise! (To refrain) In ex - cel - sis De - o!  
 mer - cy on us all! (To refrain)  
 you a - lone are Lord! (To refrain)  
 glo - ri - fy your name! (To refrain)

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God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, the One of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## The Readings

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Once when we were going to prayer, we met a household worker who was possessed by a spirit of divination, and who made a great deal of money for her employers through its fortune telling. She began to follow Paul and the rest of us, shouting, “These are faithful followers of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation!” She did this for many days. Finally one day Paul lost his temper, and turned around and said to the spirit, “In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to leave this woman!” It left her that moment.

When her employers saw that their profitable operation was now hopelessly dead, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them before the authorities in the public square. They brought them to the chief magistrates and said, “These people are Jews and are disturbing the peace by advocating practices which are unlawful for us Romans to accept or practice.” The crowd joined in the attack on them, and the magistrates stripped them and ordered them to be flogged. They were whipped many times and thrown into prison, and the jailer was told to keep a close watch on them. So, following these instructions, the warden threw them into the innermost cell of the prison and chained their feet to a stake.

About midnight, Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God as the other prisoners listened. Suddenly a severe earthquake shook the place, rocking the prison to its foundation. Immediately all the doors flew open, and everyone’s chains were pulled loose. When the jailer woke up and found the doors wide open, he drew a sword and was about to commit suicide, presuming that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted, “Don’t harm yourself! We’re all still here.” The jailer called for a light, then rushed in and fell trembling at the feet of Paul and Silas, and, after a brief interval, led them out and asked them, “What must I do to be saved?” They answered, “Believe in Jesus the Savior, and you will be saved—you and everyone in your household.” They proceeded to preach the word of God to the jailer and his whole household. At that late hour of the night he took them in and bathed their wounds; then he and the whole household were baptized. He led them up into his house, spread a table before them, and the whole family joyfully celebrated their newfound faith in God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 97

*The cantor sings the refrain once, then all join in.*



The Lord is king, the Lord is king, the  
most high over all the earth.

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1. The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice; let the many islands be glad.  
Justice and judgment are the foundation of God's throne.
2. The heavens proclaim your justice, and all peoples see your glory.  
All gods are prostrate before you.
3. You, O Lord, are the Most High over all the earth, exalted far above all gods.

## A reading from the Book of Revelations

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words:

“Remember, I am coming soon! I bring with me the reward that will be given to all people according to their conduct. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.”

Happy are they who wash their robes so as to have free access to the tree of life and enter the city through its gates.

“It is I, Jesus, who has sent my angel to give you this testimony about the churches. I am the Root and Offspring of David, the Morning Star shining bright.”

The Spirit and the Betrothed say, “Come!”  
Let the one who hears it answer, “Come!”  
Let the thirsty come forward.  
Let all who desire it accept the gift of life-giving water.

The One who gives this testimony says, “Yes, I am coming soon!” Amen! Come, Jesus!  
The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel

*Please stand, as you are able.*



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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then said, "I don't pray for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all may be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you; I pray that they may be one in us, so that the world may believe that you sent me. I have given them the glory you gave me that they may be one, as we are one—I in them, you in me—that they may be made perfect in unity. Then the world will know that you sent me, and that you loved them as you loved me. Father, I ask that those you gave me may be here with me, so they can see this glory of mine which is your gift to me, because of the love you had for me before the foundation of the world.

Righteous Father, the world hasn't known you, but I have; and these people know that you sent me. To them I have revealed your Name, and I will continue to reveal it so that the love you have for me may live in them, just as I may live in them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Cyndi Jones

The Creed



1. We be-lieve in God al - might - y, au - thor of all things that be,  
2. We be-lieve that Je - sus suf - fer'd, scourg'd and scorn'd and cru - ci - fied;  
3. We be-lieve in God's own Spir-it, bond - ing all the saints with - in



mak - er of the earth and heav - ens, keep - er of the sky and sea.  
tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied True life there had tru - ly died.  
one church cath - 'lic, one church ho - ly, where for - give-ness frees from sin;



We be-lieve in God's Son, Je - sus, now for us both Lord and Christ,  
We be-lieve that on the third day Christ was rais'd up - from the - grave,  
in the bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion, for the break - ing - of death's chain



of the Spir - it and of Ma - ry\_ born to bring a - bun - dant - life.  
then as - cend - ed to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.  
gives the life that's ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that we have claim'd.

Tune: HOLY MANNA, 8 7 8 7 D; William Moore, fl. 1830; harm. by Charles Anders, b. 1929 © Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan

## The Prayers of the People

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;  
for our Bishop Susan; for this gathering; and for all  
ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations;  
and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.  
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.  
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed.  
Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Members of the congregation may add their prayers or thanksgivings at this time either silently or aloud.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.  
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Presider:* We offer up these prayers in the name of the Risen Christ  
our Savior, Redeemer, and Friend.

**Amen.**

**The Peace**

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

**Community Announcements**

## The Offertory

If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. *Matthew 5:23*

*If you would like to make a gift to St. Andrew's, please place your offering in the basket provided. You can also give online at [standrewspb.org/give-to-st-andrews](http://standrewspb.org/give-to-st-andrews) or scan this QR code to go straight to our giving page. Thank you!*



### Offertory Music

This is the sound of one voice  
One spirit, one voice  
The sound of one who makes a choice  
This is the sound of one voice  
This is the sound of one voice

This is the sound of voices two  
The sound of me singing with you  
Helping each other to make it through  
This is the sound of voices two  
This is the sound of voices two

This is the sound of voices three  
Singing together in harmony  
Surrendering to the mystery

### One Voice

This is the sound of voices three  
This is the sound of voices three

This is the sound of all of us  
Singing with love and the will to trust  
Leave the rest behind, it will turn to dust  
This is the sound of all of us  
This is the sound of all of us

This is the sound of one voice  
One people, one voice  
A song for every one of us  
This is the sound of one voice  
This is the sound of one voice.

### The Wailin' Jennys

*When the offering is brought to the front, we stand and sing together:*



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here be-  
low: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Praise God, the source of all our

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gifts! Praise Je-sus Christ, whose pow'r up-lifts! Praise the Spir-it, Ho-ly  
 Spir-it! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN; Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623; arr. by Randall DeBruyn, b. 1947, © Text: John H. Danner

## The Eucharist

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,\_\_\_  
 heaven and earth are filled with your glo-ry: Ho - san - na in\_\_\_ the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord;\_\_\_ ho -  
 san - na in\_\_\_ the high - est. Ho - san - na in\_\_\_ the high - est.

WORDS: Sanctus, MUSIC: LAND OF REST C.M. American melody; arr. Jack Schrader (1042-) Music Arr.  
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Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: **“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”**

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”**

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering Christ's death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your children, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

**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.**

*A period of silence follows as the Bread is broken.*

Alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

### **Invitation to Communion**

This is the banquet table, not of the church, but of Jesus Christ.

It is made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more.

So come, you who have much faith and you who have little;  
you who have been here often and you who have not been here for a long time  
or never before; you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.  
Come, not because the Church invites you, but because it is Christ who invites you to  
meet God here.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

*Both stations will offer bread and wine - the minister will dip the bread into the wine and then place it in your hands. If you need gluten-free wafers, please say "gluten free" to the person distributing bread. If you prefer to receive the bread only (and not wine), please come forward and say "bread only." Let an usher know if you would like a minister to bring communion to you in your seat. If you prefer not to receive communion, we invite you to come forward with your hands crossed at your shoulders, and the minister will offer a blessing for you.*

## Communion Music

*Island*

Audrey Assad

## VERSES:

1. We \_\_\_\_ are knit to - geth - er, to - geth - er as one. Where  
 2. I \_\_\_\_ will walk be - side you here \_\_\_\_ on the way. You \_\_\_\_

— you're go - ing I will go. Un - der - neath the shel - ter of  
 — will nev - er be a - lone. I \_\_\_\_ will be your shade in the

— this love, we \_\_\_\_ will walk each oth - er \_\_\_\_ home.  
 heat of the day, your \_\_\_\_ ref - uge in the bit - ter cold.

## REFRAIN:

You \_\_\_\_ be home to me; I \_\_\_\_ will be home to you. No

— one is an is - land. You \_\_\_\_ be home to me; I

will be home to you. No \_\_\_\_ one is an is - land.

## BRIDGE:

How good it is to be known by \_\_\_\_ you.

Love \_\_\_\_ is our shel - ter; we're bet - ter to - geth - er.

## Communion Music

## *The Body of Love*

Ben Lee

Where there is fear,  
    let there be an opening

Where there is hunger,  
    let the road ahead be full of grace  
Where there is judgment,  
    let there be empathy  
Where we forgotten how to love,  
    let us know the ache

The ache of being one,  
one with the body of love  
One with the body of love  
With being one,  
one with the body of love  
One with the body of love

Where there is loneliness,  
    let there be solitude

Where there is pride, when we are  
    strong, let us learn to break

Where there is certainty,  
    let there be innocence

Where there is hurt, where there is hurt,  
    let there be an embrace

Embracing being one,  
one with the body of love  
One with the body of love  
With being one,  
one with the body of love  
One with the body of love  
All back to one,  
one with the body of love  
One with the body of love  
With being one,  
one with the body of love  
One with the body of love

The ache in your heart is holy  
The ache in your heart is good  
The ache in your heart is the ache of  
    being one  
One with the body of love  
One with the body of love  
All right now, one,  
one with the body of love  
One with the body of love

Where there is anger,  
    let there be forgiveness now  
Where there is sweetness to be found,  
    let us know the taste  
Where there is doubt,  
    let there be emptiness  
Where there are two, let there be one  
    Let us know the ache

The ache of being one,  
one with the body of love  
One with the body of love  
With being one,  
one with the body of love  
One with the body of love  
All back to one,  
one with the body of love  
One with the body of love  
With being one,  
one with the body of love  
One with the body of love

The ache in your heart is holy  
The ache in your heart is good  
The ache in your heart is the ache of  
    being  
One, one with the body of love  
One with the body of love

## Blessings and Celebrations

*If you're celebrating a birthday, an anniversary of a wedding or sobriety, or another event, you are invited to come forward for prayer. We hold space to pray for joyous occasions as well as difficult milestones.*

## For Graduates

### A Blessing for Graduates

God of our ancestors who brought us to this place, we praise and thank you for the young people who inspire our worship today.

We are grateful for their presence in our worshiping community, for the ways they have contributed and received blessings, and for their unique personalities that are gifts to the body of Christ.

We pray that the values and relationships they have developed in this place will strengthen them for the journey.

We pray their next steps into adulthood will be wisely and thoughtfully made.

We pray for their safety and maturity. May they seek the wisdom and advice of those who have gone before.

We pray for their joy and encouragement. Give them a patient perspective and the endurance to do what it takes to accomplish their goals.

We pray that the bonds connecting these young people to their families will strengthen, even as boundaries and independence grow.

And we pray that in times of struggle, loss, frustration, and grief that they would come home—come home to their church family, come home to their loved ones, and come home to whoever reminds them of their worth and value.

We pray all these things in the name of the one who grew in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and his community.

**Amen.**

**Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase. Bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand. Comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful. Raise them up if they fall. And in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray. Eternal God, **you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.**

## The Blessing

May you never feel alone in the struggle for justice and peace.

May you know the support of family, friends

And people who feel as passionately about the world as you do.

May you feel a part of the great cloud of witnesses who,  
through the ages, did God's work  
and prayed for the coming of the Kingdom.

May you never feel alone.

And if you do, may you carry in your heart

The words of Jesus, who told his friends:

“I am with you always.”

*(Holy Ground, p 370)*

And may the Blessing of God, the Creator, Jesus the redeemer  
and the Holy Spirit the sustainer be with you now and forever.

**Amen.**

### The Sending Song:

Fear runs deep  
Spreading like a virus  
Hate is cheap  
From afar it costs you nothin'  
You can take my hand  
Together we will stand  
Open up your heart and find

Love is turnin' over tables  
Breakin' off chains  
When I see you in the stranger  
I'm no longer a slave  
Turnin' over tables  
Tearin' down walls  
Buildin' up the bridges  
Between us all

Let courage be  
My willingness to listen  
So I can feel  
The wound inside my heart  
Let seeds of peace  
Grow in hearts around us  
That trees of hope  
Give shade to humankind

You can take my hand  
Together we will stand  
Open up your heart and find

### *Turning Over Tables*

*The Brilliance*

Love is turnin' over tables  
Breakin' off chains  
When I see you in the stranger  
I'm no longer a slave  
Turnin' over tables  
Tearin' down walls  
Buildin' up the bridges  
Between us all  
None can separate  
All that love has made  
We are everyone the same  
We refuse to be  
The other's enemy  
We will stand for humankind

You can take my hand  
Together we will stand  
Open up your heart and find

Love is turnin' over tables  
Breakin' off chains  
When I see you in the stranger  
I'm no longer a slave  
Turnin' over tables  
Tearin' down walls  
Buildin' up the bridges  
Between us all  
(Repeat)

### The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

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## Community Announcements

### The Calling Committee's Listening to the Congregation

If you were unable to attend one of our listening sessions or would like to offer additional feedback, please fill out the form from the link below.



#### Please complete by June 8th "Listening Session Link"

If you have any questions, please reach out to either:

Anne Cass or David Carlson, who are serving as Co-Chairs of the Calling Committee.

Anne Cass - [annedcass@gmail.com](mailto:annedcass@gmail.com) David Carlson - [carlsonartstudio@gmail.com](mailto:carlsonartstudio@gmail.com)

### PBS Documentary: Change, Not Charity, Today at noon!

Stay after the service today to watch the PBS documentary about the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and then enjoy a Q&A with our very own Pastor Cyndi Jones, a central figure in the documentary.

### A Space to Grieve: Mondays from 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Our society expects us to grieve our loss – of a loved one, a trauma, a relationship, a loss of freedom – in a week and then move on. Come, there is space for you just as are.

For more information or just to connect contact [pastorcyndi@standrewspb.org](mailto:pastorcyndi@standrewspb.org).



### VBS Registration: Summer Elementary Day Camp: July 21-25, 9 am-12 pm

Open to children Kinder- 5th grade, with opportunities for youth volunteers.

This year, in our program, PATH, we are reminded that Jesus taught us how to pray and that the simple instructions of seeking justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with God can keep us grounded in our faith.

With playful art projects, inspiring music, and meaningful activities, your child will embark on a journey of faith and discovery. Don't miss out on this opportunity to be part of a loving and nurturing community where every child is embraced and celebrated. Register your child today for a week filled with laughter, learning, and love by scanning the QR code above.

### Parish Retreat: September 12-14

The registration form for our annual parish retreat at Camp Stevens is live!

We enjoy 2 nights in lodges, 5 delicious meals, outdoor church and time getting to connect with our church family. Optional activities include:



hiking, swimming, yoga, bonfire, farm tours, art, tie-dye, baking, and music making!

Indoor accommodations: private rooms with private bathrooms; scratch-made delicious meals made by camp staff. Camp Stevens is a place of beauty with over 250 acres of wild land for hiking, listening and being with God. Contact family minister Kari Robinson: [family@standrewspb.org](mailto:family@standrewspb.org). Scan the QR code to register!

### Newcomer Lunch: June 22

If you're new to St. Andrew's in the last six months, or if you just feel like a newcomer and would like to learn more about our church, join us for a newcomer lunch! Sunday, June 22, 12 - 2pm at the church. RSVP to Pastor Cyndi [pastorcyndi@standrewspb.org](mailto:pastorcyndi@standrewspb.org).

## **Stay in touch: Sign up for the e-news**

Want to get involved at St. Andrew's? The best way to stay up-to-date is to subscribe to our weekly e-news. We share information about upcoming social events, formation opportunities, and more. Scan the QR code to subscribe.



## **Middle and High School Youth Group: Meeting June 29th**

Our youth group participates in super fun and meaningful diocesan events with youth from other local congregations. For more information, please contact Kari: [family@standrewspb.org](mailto:family@standrewspb.org).

## **New Online Bible Course on the Parables of Jesus ...*for Smarties*!**

You've heard of *The Bible for Dummies*. Now, introducing **The Bible ...*for Smarties*!** A chance to explore and learn about the Bible without dumbing it down. Going beyond your typical Bible Study, this seminar will be a university-level academic class focused on *Nurturing Students towards a Nuanced, Critical Interpretation and Sophisticated Understanding of the Texts of the Bible*. Dr. David Moseley will be the Instructor for this online Course about **The Parables of Jesus in the Gospels**. These strange beguiling stories are frequently misunderstood and mischaracterized, because we are liable to misunderstand the specific *genre* of literature and rhetoric that they belong to (they are not like Aesop's Fables, easily reducible to a simple moral or lesson); and because too often the subversive and challenging messages of the parables have been domesticated and sanitized; and because we live in the 21st century in a democratic, affluent, relatively peaceful world, surrounded by complex technology ... which is about as different a cultural context as can be imagined compared to the ancient Jewish world that Jesus and his followers belonged to as part of the Roman imperial occupation.

\*\*Taught Online via Zoom\*\*

Beginning Monday, June 2nd at 6:00-8:00 p.m. PST

For more information, email Dr. Moseley ([drdavidmoseley@gmail.com](mailto:drdavidmoseley@gmail.com)).

There is a \$150 fee for this program, scholarships are available.