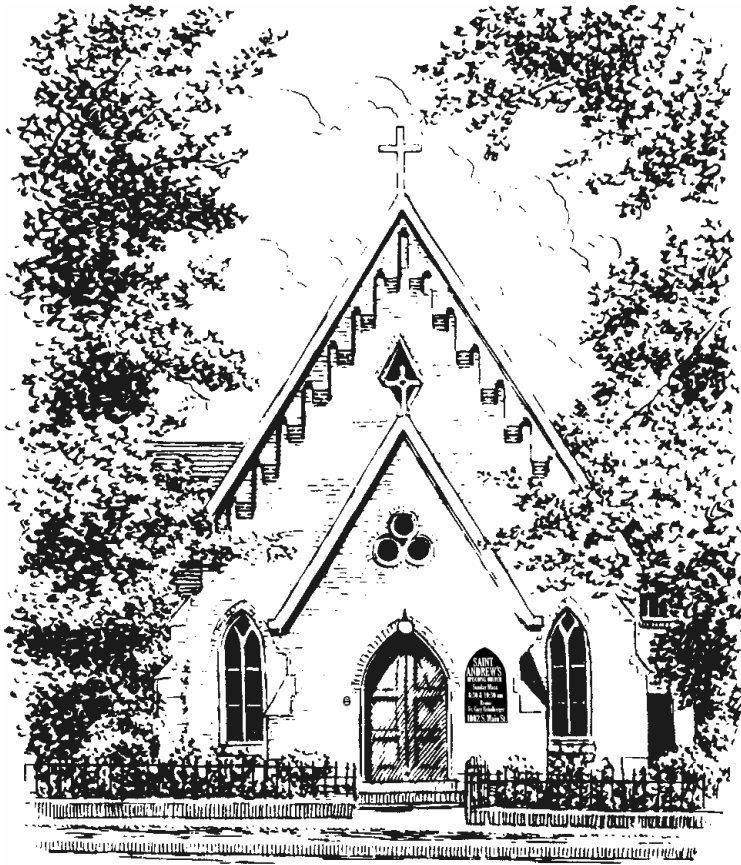


# DEDICATION & BLESSING OF HISTORIC PLAQUE

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 4 PM



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# Service of Dedication & Blessing

*When all are gathered at the entrance to the church, the Rector will offer words of welcome. The Bishop will then begin the service as follows.*

## Opening Words & Prayer

*Bishop* Through the ages, Almighty God has moved his people to build houses of prayer and praise, and to set apart places for the ministry of his holy Word and Sacraments. We recall, with gratitude, the extraordinary efforts of the Reverend Dr. Alexander Mitchell and many others who helped to establish Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church 125 years ago as we also give thanks for their foresight and faithfulness in constructing this church building 120 years ago. We are now gathered to honor their efforts—and the efforts of all who have served God through the ministries of Saint Andrew's—and rededicate ourselves to those efforts as we offer a blessing on this plaque recognizing Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church's placement on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for making us in your image, to share in the ordering of your world. Inspire and receive the work of our hands in this place, as it continues to be set apart for your worship, the building up of the living, and the remembrance of the dead, to the praise and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Psalm 84 *(read responsively by whole verse)*

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! \*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs,\*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

- 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; \*  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, \*  
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; \*  
he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the Lord withhold \*  
from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O Lord of hosts, \*  
happy are they who put their trust in you!

### **A Word from the Rector**

The Rev'd Fr. Gary Eichelberger

*Fr. Gary will offer a brief explanation of the process that led to Saint Andrew's being placed on the National Register of Historic Places.*

### **A Litany of Thanksgiving for this Church**

*Rector* Let us thank God whom we worship here in the beauty of holiness.

*Warden* Eternal God, the heaven of heavens cannot contain you, much less the walls of temples made with hands. Graciously receive our thanks for this place, and accept the work of our hands, offered to your honor and glory.

For the Church universal, of which these visible buildings are the symbol,

*People* **We thank you, Lord.**

*Warden* For your presence whenever two or three have gathered together in your Name,

*People* **We thank you, Lord.**

*Warden* For this place where we may be still and know that you are God,

*People* **We thank you, Lord.**

*Warden* For making us your children by adoption and grace, and refreshing us day by day with the bread of life.

*People* **We thank you, Lord.**

*Warden* For the knowledge of your will and the grace to perform it,

*People* **We thank you, Lord.**

*Warden* For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us,

*People* **We thank you, Lord.**

*Warden* For the pardon of our sins, which restores us to the company of your faithful people

*People* **We thank you, Lord.**

*Warden* For the blessing of our vows and the crowning of our years with your goodness,

*People* **We thank you, Lord.**

*Warden* For the pardon of our sins, which restores us to the company of your faithful people,

*People* **We thank you, Lord.**

*Warden* For the faith of those who have gone before us and for our encouragement by their perseverance,

*People* **We thank you, Lord.**

*Warden* For the fellowship of Blessed Mary, Mother of God; Blessed Joseph, her spouse; Blessed Andrew, our patron; and all your saints,

*People* **We thank you, Lord.**

*Bishop* Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty;

*People* **For everything in heaven and on earth is yours.**

*Bishop* Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom;

*People* **And you are exalted as head over all. Amen.**

### **Presentation, Blessing, & Dedication of the Plaque**

*Warden* Now, Bishop Richards, in recognition of the sacred work that has been done through this parish over the past 125 years—and the faithful prayers that have filled and flowed forth from this space for the past 120 years, we present this plaque for dedication and blessing as we seek, like our patron, Andrew, the grace to obey the call of Jesus Christ and follow him without delay so that, in the years ahead, we might continue to bring those near to us into Christ's light and love.

*Bishop* O God, whose blessed Son sanctified and transfigured the use of material things: We give you thanks for the gifts of your people, and for the work of many hands, which have beautified and cared for this place for the proclamation of your Word and the celebration of your Holy Mysteries. Make this plaque into yet another sign of the good and faithful work that your people have done and are doing here in this place. May it inspire in them gratitude for the labors that have preceded them and fill them with determination to share the Good News that they receive within these walls. We dedicate this plaque in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

### **Closing Blessing & Dismissal**

#### **Ministers for the Service**

The Right Reverend Daniel P. Richards

*Bishop, The Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina*

The Reverend Gary Eichelberger

*Rector, Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church*