



HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: YEAR C
DECEMBER 8, 2024: 10:00 A.M.
ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Seekers, believers, and doubters of all ages, welcome home to St. Andrew's! Everything you need for the Liturgy of the Word is found in your bulletin. Music may be found in this bulletin and in the blue 1982 Hymnal (in the pew rack). Restrooms are downstairs in the undercroft; our greeters can direct you to a more accessible restroom in the parish house as well.

Children of all ages are welcome to join us in our Soft Space, located by the St. Andrew's flag up front, during worship. Please move around our space as you and your children are most comfortable. Visitors, we would love to get to know you, and we invite you to fill out one of our welcome cards and place it in the offering plate or hand it to one of our greeters. ***We are so glad you are here!***

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Comfort, comfort ye my people

Hymnal #67

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able. Children of all ages are invited to follow the celebrant up to the soft worship space towards the front of the church.

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

Please remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 355

Please remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:

People Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Trisagion

Holy God

Hymnal #S-102

Sung three times by all. Please remain standing as you are able

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 211

Please remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Baruch 5:1-9

NRSV

Please sit.

A reading from the Book of Baruch.

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

The Song of Zechariah

Luke 1:68-79 (NRSV)

Please stand as you are able and join in the singing of the response.



Blessed be the Lord, the God of / Is-rael;
 he has come to his people and / set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty / sav-ior,
 born of the house of his / serv-ant Dav-id.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our / en-e-mies,
 from the hands of / all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our / fath-ers
 and to remember his holy / cov-en-ant.
This was the oath he swore to our father / Ab-ra-ham,
 to set us free from the hands of our / en-e-mies,
Free to worship him without / fêar,
 holy and righteous in his sight all the days / of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the / Most High,
 for you will go before the Lord to pre-/pare his way,
 To give his people knowledge of sal-/va-tion
 by the forgiveness / of their sins.
 In the tender compassion of / our God
 the dawn from on high shall break / up-on us,
 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of / dēath,
 and to guide our feet into the / way of peace.
 Glory to the Father, and to the / Sōn,
 and to the /Ho-ly Spi-rit:
 as it was in the beginning, / is nōw,
 and will be for ever. / Ä-men.

The Epistle

Philippians 1:3-11

NRSV

Please sit.

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

There's a voice in the wilderness crying

Hymnal #75

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.

The Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

NRSV

Please remain standing as you are able.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon
Please be seated.

The Rev. Peyton Williams

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

Said by all. Please stand as you are able.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Praying the Scriptures

Please remain standing or kneel as you are able.

Intercessor I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. Prepare your hearts for his arrival, praying, fill the valleys, make low the hills;

People **Come, great Redeemer, come.**

Intercessor Merciful God, increase our love to overflowing. Make your Church pure and blameless that we may greet with joy the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

People **Come, great Redeemer, come.**

Intercessor Merciful God, we long for the light of hope to break into our world, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide us into the way of peace. Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

People **Come, great Redeemer, come.**

Intercessor Merciful God, give us grace to heed the warnings of those calling us to be better stewards of your creation. We thank you for all you have made, especially those things that sustain and better our lives. Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

People **Come, great Redeemer, come.**

Intercessor Merciful God, you lead us with joy; you delight in our joy. You clothe us in beauty. We give you thanks for your tender care. We pray for all who live, work, and go to school on Oregon Hill; for all who are celebrating birthdays this week, including: Bill Jackson, Cyrus Field. Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

People **Come, great Redeemer, come.**

Intercessor Merciful God, you remember your children. You do not leave us in sorrow or affliction. Crown your children with glory; clothe them with righteousness. Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

People Come, great Redeemer, come.

Intercessor Merciful God, you have raised up for us salvation through your Son. Keep us, with all your saints, in the eternal life of Christ. Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

People Come, great Redeemer, come.

The Confession

BCP, p. 360

Please remain standing or kneeling as you are able.

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

All 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.

Celebrant 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 Peace

BCP, p. 360

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

Please sit.

Offertory Anthem

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

Elizabeth Poston

Please remain seated.

Presentation Hymn

O come, O come, Emmanuel

Hymnal #56, verses 1-3

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able. Children of all ages are invited to come forward and worship with the celebrant at the altar.

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy

1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the

1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice!
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe. Re - joice! Re - joice!

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

All **We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Andrew and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

The Lord’s Prayer

BCP, p. 364

Said by all. Please remain standing or kneeling as you are able.

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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Hail, True Body

Andrew Fletcher

Sung by the choir.

Invitation to Communion

All are welcome at Christ’s table. Communion is offered in both kinds, bread and wine. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Those who do not wish to receive the Eucharist may come forward and simply cross their hands over their chest to receive a blessing or a healing prayer. Please let a greeter know if you would prefer to have communion brought to you in your seat.

Communion Hymns

Prepare the way

Hymnal #65

Wait for the Lord

Taizé chant

The image contains two staves of musical notation. The first staff is for the hymn 'Prepare the way' with the lyrics 'Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.' The second staff is for the Taizé chant 'Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!' Both staves feature a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in bass clef, both in the key of D major. The piano accompaniment consists of simple chords and rests.

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP, p. 366

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Please remain standing or kneeling as you are able.

Closing Hymn

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Hymnal #76

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Keep watch in the darkness, for the dawn from on high shall break upon us and guide us in the way of justice and truth. Go now in peace to wait and to wonder; to love and to serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God!

Postlude

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Peyton Williams *Organist & Choirmaster:* Demas Boudreaux

Crucifer: Dwight Johnson *Altar Guild:* Dale Holcomb *Reader:* Ally Getlein

Soft Space Volunteer: Patrick Getlein *Intercessor:* Sue Barrett

Vestry Person of the Day: Christine Baur *Lead Greeter:* Mike Culver

Thanks to the Salters for providing today's coffee hour treats!

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Dwayne Briggs, Barbara Butler, Bea Butler, Wayne Clark, Katrina Comissiong-Williams, Tom Davis, Vicky Davis, Dominic Ferrucci, Cyrus Field, Ellen Field, Ally Getlein, Paula Harper, Bishop Gayle Harris, Sandra Heitzler, Crystal Munnings, Audrey Rowe, Lizzie Schrass, Louann Sciortino, Molly.
- Pray for those who live and work and go to school on Oregon Hill and for the Shelter Lunches Ministry.
- Pray for the families of Metropolitan Richmond: For single-parent families, adoptive families, foster families, and for households that are communities of friends. For elderly persons living in their own homes, in retirement communities, and in nursing institutions.
- Pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Bill Jackson (12/8), Cyrus Field (12/13).

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ST. ANDREW'S CALENDAR

Sunday, December 8: The Second Sunday of Advent

- **Holy Eucharist Rite II:** 10:00 a.m., church and on Facebook Live
- **Coffee Hour:** directly following the service, chapel

Wednesday, December 11:

- **St. Andrew's School Chapel:** 9:00 a.m., church
- **Advent Evening Prayer:** 6:00 p.m., chapel

Saturday, December 14:

- **Shelter Lunches:** 8:30 a.m., church

Sunday, December 15: The Third Sunday of Advent

- **Holy Eucharist Rite II:** 10:00 a.m., church and on Facebook Live
- **Coffee Hour:** directly following the service, chapel
- **Formation For All Ages - *Journey to Bethlehem*:** after the service, chapel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Blessings Fence Returns:** Our annual Blessings Fence ministry is back! We invite you to bring handmade, purchased, or *gently* used winter clothing items and place them on the fence as you arrive at church. Scarves, gloves, hats, socks, and coats of all sizes are all welcome!
- ***Journey to Bethlehem* - Formation for All:** The Formation Committee invites you to join us after church on Sunday, December 15, to explore what you seek on your personal journey to Bethlehem, and what we might encounter together as a spiritual community. The children will gather in the soft space during this time for a hands-on telling of *The Journey to Bethlehem*; they will also enjoy a simple snack, a craft, and some music. Come join us!
- **St. Andrew's School's Lessons & Carols Service:** St. Andrew's parishioners are invited to the school's annual Lessons & Carols service! Highlights of the service, which Peyton will be officiating, include student violin and choral performances. It'll be held in the church on Friday morning, December 20, at 9:00 a.m. We hope to see you there!

- **Christmas Poinsettia Orders Extended Through Today:** You have one last chance to order your poinsettias, which will decorate the church for Christmas! The plants are \$20 each and may be given in memory of or in thanksgiving for someone. You can choose to bring your poinsettia home after Christmas or leave it and we will bring it to someone. Order forms are available in the narthex and [online](#). You may write a check or [pay online](#) (be sure to specify Christmas Poinsettias in your check's memo section or in the online payment fund drop-down box). If you plan to bring your poinsettia home, we ask that you wait until after the 10:00 a.m. service on Christmas morning.
- **2025 Coffee Hour Sign-Up:** We invite you to sign up to bring snacks for a coffee hour in 2025! Snacks can be as simple as you'd like, home-made or store-bought, and you don't have to worry about providing or setting up drinks. The sign-up sheet is available on the snack table in the chapel.
- **Walking the Journey to Bethlehem with Mother Mary:** During the Season of Advent, we will be walking the Journey to Bethlehem as we pray alongside Mother Mary and all of the women who have mothered us along the way. You are encouraged to bring in icons of Mary and photographs of mothers in your own lives to be placed on our Marian Altar (in the chapel) for prayer throughout Advent. Photographs of pregnant mothers are highly encouraged! Photos may be framed or unframed and must have a name on the back so that we can return them to whom they belong at the end of the season. You may begin to bring photographs to church beginning now and continuing throughout the Advent season to add to our altar of remembrance. Please drop them in the collection basket in the chapel. Questions? Reach out to Belinda Brugh, our Altar Guild Chair, at bbrughharris@aol.com.
- **Advent Evening Prayer Services on December 11 & 18:** Join us around the Marian Altar in the chapel for a contemplative service of evening prayer on Wednesdays during Advent. We will gather at 6:00 p.m.
- **Community Care Day at St. Andrew's School:** Join the St. Andrew's School community for a day of service and community engagement on December 13, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Activities include beautifying spaces, campus clean-up, community projects, and a donation drive for local charities. Email Mr. Tabb at ctabb@st-andrews-school.org or call 804-648-4545.

Advent at St. Andrew's



II Advent: Sunday, December 8

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Coffee Hour, & Vestry Meeting

III Advent: Sunday, December 15

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Coffee Hour, &
Journey to Bethlehem Formation for all ages

IV Advent: Sunday, December 22

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Coffee Hour &
Greening of the Church

*Join us at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays, December 4, 11, & 18 for
Advent Evening Prayer at the Marian Altar in the Chapel*

Christmas at St. Andrew's

Christmas Eve: Tuesday, December 24

6 p.m. Festive Holy Eucharist

Christmas Day: Wednesday, December 25

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

I Christmas: Sunday, December 29

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Beloved Carols

II Christmas: Sunday, January 5

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist with the Pageant
6 p.m. Epiphany Lessons & Carols



Seekers, believers, and doubters of all ages:

Welcome home to St. Andrew's!

Together we are building a community in Christ that gathers to
worship joyfully, love abundantly, and serve wholeheartedly.

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