



HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: YEAR C

DECEMBER 22, 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

Sleepers, wake!

Hymnal #61, verses 1-2

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

The Book of Common Prayer (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

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.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Micah 5:2-5a

NRSV

Please sit.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Micah.

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

The Word of the Lord.

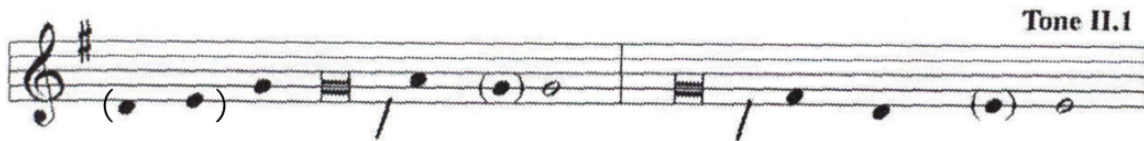
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

The Magnificat

Canticle 15, BCP, p. 91

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



(My soul) proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my / Sav-ior; *
for he has looked with favor on his / low-ly serv-ant.
From this day all generations will call me / bless-ed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy / is his Name.
He has mercy on those who / fear him *
in every / gen-er-a-tion.
He has shown the strength of his / ärm, *
he has scattered the proud in / their con-ceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their / thrönes, *
and has lifted / up the low-ly.
He has filled the hungry with / good things, *
and the rich he has sent / a-way emp-ty.
He has come to the help of his servant / Is-rael, *
for he has remembered his promise / of mer-cy,
The promise he made to our / fath-ers, *
to Abraham and his children / for ev-er.
Glory to the Father, and to the / Sön,
and to the /Ho-ly Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, / is nów,
and will be for ever. / Ä-men.

Please sit.

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Tell out, my soul

Hymnal #438

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.

The Gospel

Luke 1:39-45

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 those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord"

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Peyton Williams

Please be seated.

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 The Mighty One has done great things for us. And so we appeal to God once again, praying, stir up your strength, O Lord;

***People* And come to help us.**

Intercessor Prepare in us a mansion for yourself, O Christ. Stir up your strength, O Lord;

***People* And come to help us.**

Intercessor Restore us, O God of hosts. May we know security. May we know peace. May we know the benefits of the reign of your Christ. Stir up your strength, O Lord;

***People* And come to help us.**

Intercessor Show the strength of your arm, O God: lift up the lowly. Fill the hungry with good things. Look on your children with favor. Stir up your strength, O Lord;

***People* And come to help us.**

Intercessor Have mercy on all captives and prisoners, O God. Remember them and come to their aid. Fill our hearts with mercy. May we learn to forgive even as you forgive us. We pray for all who live, work, and go to school on Oregon Hill; for those who are celebrating birthdays this week, including Grayson. Stir up your strength, O Lord;

***People* And come to help us.**

Intercessor Hear the prayers of your people, O God of hosts. May those who have fed on the bread of tears, feed instead on your strength, O Lord. Show them the light of your countenance and be their salvation. Stir up your strength, O Lord;

***People* And come to help us.**

Intercessor Great Shepherd, gather your flock into your eternal kingdom. Bless the dying, embrace the dead, and comfort those who mourn. Stir up your strength, O Lord;

***People* And come to help us.**

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

Ave Maria

Jacob Arcadelt

Please remain seated.

Presentation Hymn

O come, O come, Emmanuel

Hymnal #56, verses 1-4

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.



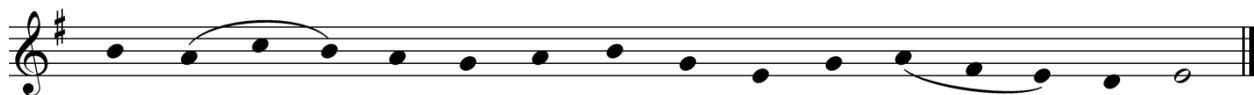
1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen



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
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on



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!
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y. Re - joice! Re - joice!



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


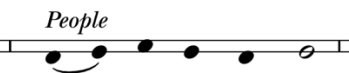
THE HOLY COMMUNION



The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, p. 367

Please remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant  *People* 
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant  *People* 
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant  *People* 
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may

without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Hymnal #S-129

Sung by all. Please remain standing or kneel as you are able.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for 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

The angel Gabriel

Hymnal #265

Wait for the Lord

Taizé chant

The image shows two systems of musical notation for a Taizé chant. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Wait for the Lord, whose day is near." and "Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!". The music is a simple, contemplative chant with a steady accompaniment.

Sending of Eucharistic Visitors

Please remain seated.

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

Come, thou long expected Jesus

Hymnal #66

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: Paula Harper *Altar Guild:* Dale Holcomb *Reader:* Ally Getlein
Soft Space Volunteer: Julia Prior *Intercessor:* Laura Boucher
Vestry Person of the Day: Steve Boschen *Lead Greeter:* Mike Culver
Thanks to Cathy Creamer 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, 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 ministry of St. Andrew's School.
- Pray for the families of Metropolitan Richmond: For healthy relationships between children and their caregivers. For families going through divorce; for all in the midst of life transitions.
- Pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Grayson V.B. (12/27).



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THE CALENDAR

Sunday, December 22: The Fourth Sunday of Advent

- * Holy Eucharist Rite II: 10:00 a.m., church and on Facebook Live
- * Coffee Hour: directly following the service, chapel
- * The Greening of the Church & Cookie Exchange: after the service

Christmas Eve: Tuesday, December 24

- * Festive Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist: 6:00 p.m., church
- * Light & Festive Refreshments: directly after the service, chapel

Christmas Day: Wednesday, December 25

- * Holy Eucharist & Carols: 10:00 a.m., chapel

Sunday, December 29: The First Sunday of Christmas

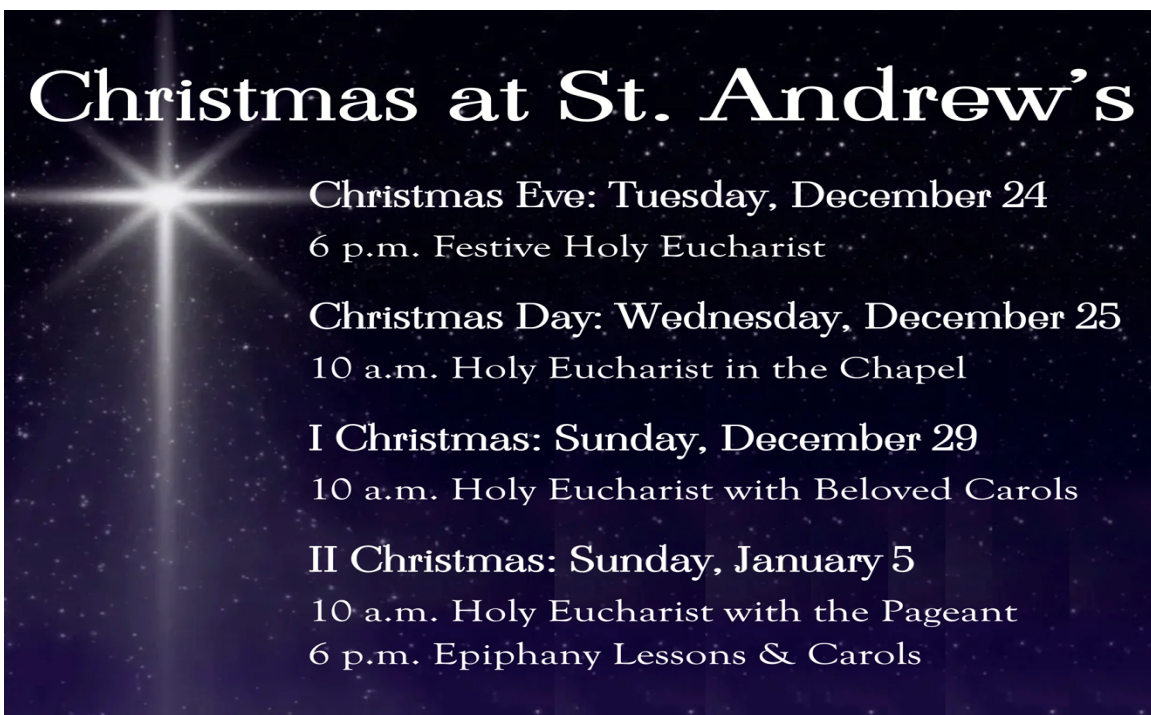
- * Holy Eucharist Rite II with Beloved Carols: 10:00 a.m., church and on Facebook Live
- * Coffee Hour: directly following the service, chapel

The Parish Office will be closed December 25 through January 1 for Christmas!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Greening of the Church and Cookie Exchange:** Join us after the service today as we decorate our church for Christmas! We'll also enjoy Christmas cookies to share.
- **Epiphany Pageant:** The Epiphany Pageant will take place during the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, January 5. All children are welcome to participate, and we may need a few adults, too! We will meet in the undercroft at 9:00 a.m. on January 5 to get everyone in costumes and do a walk-through.
- **Vestry Nominations:** We are looking for THREE new vestry members to join our fabulous team in 2025! The vestry, alongside the priest, assists in leadership, visioning, and governing of the church as we seek to serve Christ. And, we have a lot of fun together! Please reach out to Peyton at pwilliams@standrewsoregonhill.org to learn more and submit nominations (for yourself or another parishioner) by Monday, December 23.
- **Office Closed for Christmas:** The Parish Office will be closed December 25-January 1 for Christmas. *Should you experience a pastoral emergency, please call the pastoral emergency line at 804-442-7719.*

- **Eucharistic Visitors:** We are excited to launch a team of Eucharistic Visitors, who will work with Peyton to visit and take communion to our homebound members. Please hold Pat Bridgewater, Chuck Baur, Chris Catanzaro, Joe Fawley, and Britton Trimble in your prayers as they represent our congregation in taking the bread and cup out into our community. **If you know someone who may like a pastoral or eucharistic visit, please reach out to Peyton at pwilliams@standrewsoregonhill.org.**
- **Blessings Fence:** 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!
- **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.



Christmas at St. Andrew's

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