

# St Andrew's Episcopal Church & School

*The Celebration & Administration of*  
**The Holy Eucharist: Rite II**  
*for*  
**The Second Sunday of Advent**

10 December 2023 at 10:30 am

## Concerning the Liturgy

This bulletin provides page numbers for *The Book of Common Prayer* (the book with the cross) and *The Hymnal 1982*. Hymns that are marked with "S" are found at the beginning of the hymnal. The italicized words are rubrics, or directions, to let you know when to stand, sit, kneel, and sing.

### **VOLUNTARY**

*Nun komm', der Heiden heiland*, BWV 659  
Johann Sebastian Bach

### **THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **The Blessing of Birthdays & Anniversaries**

*Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries are invited to come forward for a blessing prayed by the priest and congregation:*

May God guard your joy and keep you in holy grace;  
may God meet you in your celebration  
and give you the Spirit's peace;  
may God bless you and at the last,  
bring you into Christ's everlasting Kingdom. Amen.

### **In Procession, a Hymn**

*Psalm 42*

Hymnal 67

*All stand and sing.*

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

### **The Opening Acclamation & Responses**

BCP 355

### **The Trisagion**

Rutter

Hymnal S101

### **The Collect of the Day: *Second Sunday of Advent***

BCP 211

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**

**Isaiah 40:1-11**

*All sit.*

Comfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her

that she has served her term,  
that her penalty is paid,

that she has received from the LORD's hand  
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

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.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

A voice says, “Cry out!”

And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All people are grass,  
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades,  
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;  
surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades;  
but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good tidings;

lift up your voice with strength,

O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,  
 lift it up, do not fear;  
 say to the cities of Judah,  
 "Here is your God!"  
 See, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
 and his arm rules for him;  
 his reward is with him,  
 and his recompense before him.  
 He will feed his flock like a shepherd;  
 he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
 and carry them in his bosom,  
 and gently lead the mother sheep.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**At the Gradual, Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13**

Plainsong



13 Righteousness shall go be/fore him,\*  
and peace shall be a / pathway for his feet.

Glory to the Father, and to the / Son,  
and to the / Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is /now,  
and will be for /ever. Amen.

**The Second Lesson**

**2 Peter 3:8-15a**

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**At the Sequence, a Hymn**

*St. Mark's (Berkeley)*

Hymnal 69

*All stand and sing.*

**The Holy Gospel**

**Mark 1:1-8**

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way;  
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight,’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### **The Sermon**

The Rev. Canon Joann Saylor

### **The Nicene Creed**

BCP 358

*All stand.*

### **The Prayers of the People**

Let us lift up our voices to God in strength, saying, “Be patient with us and prepare us, Lord.”

Together as your Church, we long to see your face. Speak to us, Lord, as we walk through the wilderness listening for the sound of your voice. Give our leaders patience, wisdom, and a heart for your will: for Michael, our presiding bishop, and all clergy. In your mercy, **be patient with us and prepare us, Lord.**

We pray for all who govern, especially Joseph, our president, and for the Congress and courts of this land. Guide the leaders of the nations as they work for the welfare of the people and the good of all. In your mercy, **be patient with us and prepare us, Lord.**

Awaken us to the suffering of people near us and those far from us. Call forth in us a spirit of generosity and kindness. Equip us to respond to their needs. Arouse in us a sense of urgency to demonstrate your Good News in our lives and voice it, that all may hear. Make us messengers of your love. In your mercy, **be patient with us and prepare us, Lord.**

We ask you to comfort those who have lost hope, who struggle with anxiety and depression, and who live in fear. Bring healing to those for whom we now pray, including Sarrah, Lynette, Gary, Patty, Stacy, Jeanne, Karena, Father John, Kevin, Leo, and Enrique. We also pray for those who have died, including Bianca and John. In your mercy, **be patient with us and prepare us, Lord.**

*The priest adds a concluding collect.*

**The Confession of Sin**

BCP 360

**The Peace**

BCP 360

*All stand. The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Giving to St. Andrew's

To make a contribution to the ministry of St. Andrew's, please drop your offering in the plate or scan this QR code to give securely online.



### At the Offertory, an Anthem

*Pilgrims' Hymn*

Even before we call on Your name  
    To ask You, O God,  
When we seek for the words to glorify You,  
    You hear our prayer;  
Unceasing love, O unceasing love,  
    Surpassing all we know.

Glory to the Father,  
    and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Spirit.

Even with darkness sealing us in,  
    We breathe Your name,  
And through all the days that follow so fast,

We trust in You;  
 Endless Your grace, O endless Your grace,  
 Beyond all mortal dream.

Both now and forever,  
 And unto ages and ages,  
 Amen.

Words: Michael Dennis Browne

Music: Stephen Paulus

**At The Presentation, a Hymn**

*Veni, veni Emmanuel*

*All stand and sing as the offering is brought forward.*

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

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<b>The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A</b>		BCP 361
<b>Sanctus et Benedictus</b>	<i>Missa Marialis</i>	Hymnal S115
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>		BCP 364
<b>The Breaking of the Bread</b>		
<b>Fraction Anthem</b>	Ambrosian Chant	Hymnal S172
<b>Agnus Dei</b>	Schubert	Hymnal S164

*All are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church. At the altar rail, you may elect to dip (intinct) your wafer in the wine or drink from the chalice as it passes you. If you desire to receive a blessing instead of communion, please cross your arms over your chest. If you would prefer to receive a gluten-free wafer, please clasp your hands together, and one of the clergy will offer a gluten free wafer to you. If you require communion be brought to you, please let the usher know.*

<b>At the Distribution, a Hymn</b>	<i>Conditor alme siderum</i>	Hymnal 60
	<i>St. Michael</i>	Hymnal 601

<b>The Post-Communion Prayer &amp; Blessing</b>		BCP 365
<b>In Procession, a Hymn</b>	<i>Winchester New</i>	Hymnal 76
<b>The Dismissal</b>		BCP 365

<b>VOLUNTARY</b>	<i>Grand Choer</i>	Theodore Salome
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*Please join us for Coffee Time in the Parish Hall, which can be accessed by the stairs or elevator.*





The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God  
and in celebration of their wedding anniversary  
by Michael and DeAnna Bosch.

*To dedicate flowers, please sign up using the flower dedication list on our bulletin board.*

# Advent at St. Andrew's

## Sunday morning Education Hour offerings for all ages

### **Advent Wreath Making**

Sunday, December 3  
9:30 - 10:30 AM



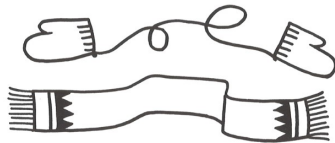
### **The Christmas Market**

Sunday, December 10  
9:30 AM - 1 PM



### **Christmas Cookie Festival**

Sunday, December 17  
9:30 - 10:30 AM



Events for all ages during the  
9:30 Education Hour

## Advent, Christmas & Epiphany at St. Andrew's



### LESSONS & CAROLS FOR ADVENT

Sunday, December 10 at 5 PM

#### ADVENT IV DECEMBER 24

9AM The Holy Eucharist: Rite I

#### CHRISTMAS EVE DECEMBER 24

1 PM Rhythms of Grace

*A joyful inclusive service for all ages and abilities in our Parish Hall*

3 PM The Holy Eucharist Rite II with Children's Pageant

*A family-friendly service with a pageant & Christmas carols.*

5 PM A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

*A festive service of Christmas Carols and choral music  
from the Choristers, St. Andrew's Choir,  
and Choral Scholars with harp.*

10:30 PM The Holy Eucharist: Rite II with Candlelight

*A candlelight service with Christmas Carols and choral music from the St. Andrew's  
Choir & Choral Scholars with harp.*

#### CHRISTMAS DAY DECEMBER 25

10 AM Holy Eucharist

#### THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY JANUARY 6

7 PM A Feast of Lights

*Observe the arrival of the Magi with this candlelight service and carols about the three  
kings. This liturgy concludes with the burning of the Christmas greenery.*

## FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS AT ST. ANDREW'S

Each Christmas Eve, St. Andrew's decorates the church with fresh greenery, poinsettias, and altar flowers. If you would like to contribute by offering a monetary donation, please complete the form below and place it in the alms basin along with a check during the Offertory. You may also donate online through your Realm account or at [saecheights.org/giving](http://saecheights.org/giving).

Poinsettias are \$20 each and altar arrangements are \$50 each, but gifts in all amounts are appreciated and will be recognized.

Please print clearly.

**The deadline to place your order is December 17th.**

### FLOWER DEDICATION

*(please select 1 or more category)*



**Your Name:**

**In Memory of:**

**In Thanksgiving for:**

**In Honor of:**

## **ST. ANDREW'S PRAYER LIST**

*“Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, bear our prayers for this parish family.”*

### **Please keep these individuals in your prayers this week:**

Sarra Moseley, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*  
Lynette Edwards, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*  
Gary Moseley, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*  
Patty Mejia, *spouse of Frank Guevara*  
Stacy Jenkins, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*  
Jeanne Ingraham, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*  
Karena Kelly, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*  
Father John Pitts, *friend of Mike Sullivan*  
Kevin Gipson, *father of Kandace Gipson*  
Leo Russell, *nephew of Father Clint Brown*  
Enrique Carrillo, *friend of Susan Peterson*

### **We pray for the repose of the soul of:**

Bianca Currie, *mother-in-law of Jamie Martin-Currie*  
John T. Hayes, *friend of Betty Kay Alexander*

As part of their work the Daughters of the King offer prayers daily for those on our parish prayer list. If you would like to add someone to the published parish prayer list above, please notify Carrie Conti, Office Manager, at [cconti@saccheights.org](mailto:cconti@saccheights.org). If you would like your prayer request to be confidential, please let Carrie know.

Names remain on Parish Prayer List for four Sundays unless the request is renewed.

## PARISH LIFE & NEWS

**Christmas Market:** Shop the Christmas Market today and help support good causes in our community. There will be a wide variety of gifts - from jewelry to tasty treats, hand crafted clothing to pet-friendly stocking stuffers. Join us in the Parish Hall between 9:30 AM and 1 PM.

**Advent Lessons & Carols:** Today, December 10 at 5pm, join us for Advent Lessons & Carols. A selection of Scripture and music that highlights the themes of waiting, promise, and expectation with candlelight. There is a reception following the liturgy.

**Christmas Pageant:** Children are invited to be a part of the Christmas Play - an easy, no speaking parts pageant - during the 3 PM family service on Christmas Eve. Sign up begins this Sunday. Look for sign up sheets on the bulletin board and in the Parish Hall or email Lisa Puccio at [lpuccio@saecheights.org](mailto:lpuccio@saecheights.org).

**Cookie Festival:** Our annual cookie exchange and sharing event is on Sunday, December 17 during the 9:30 hour and following the 10:30 AM service in the Parish Hall. Bring two or three dozen of your favorite homemade cookies. Email your recipe to [lpuccio@saecheights.org](mailto:lpuccio@saecheights.org) to be included in the 2023 cookie book. We'll also be decorating cookie houses and enjoying good fellowship on this 3rd Sunday of Advent!

**Men of St. Andrew's BBQ:** The Men of St. Andrew's will be taking care of your Christmas Eve and Christmas dinner needs! We will be smoking briskets, ribs, salmon, and pork loins. Meat pick-up will be on Christmas Eve following the morning and afternoon services. Scan the QR code to order. If you would like to come out and barbecue with us on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, email us at [menofsaec@gmail.com](mailto:menofsaec@gmail.com) or talk with Ben Gibbs at church.



**Church Nursery:** The nursery is open from 8:15 AM to 12:15 PM for infants through 3 years.

**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA):** Meetings are offered at St. Andrew's every week. Primary Purposes Group meets Tuesday nights at 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Tradition 5 Group meets Wednesday nights at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. Friday Night Survivors Group meets at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. Al-Anon Group meets at 11 AM Saturday mornings in the Parish Hall. We are Not Saints Group meets at 7 PM Saturday nights in St. Andrew's House. For questions about these groups, contact the Rector at [jgrace@saecheights.org](mailto:jgrace@saecheights.org)





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