St Andrew's Episcopal Church & School

The Celebration & Administration of

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

for

The First Sunday after Christmas Day

31 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 In dulci jubilo Wilbur Held

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.

All stand and sing.

In Procession, a Hymn

THE WORD OF GOD

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Hymnal 92

The Opening Acclamation & Responses BCP 355

A Song of Praise *Gloria*Hymnal 96, vs. 1,4 **The Collect of the Day**: *First Sunday after Christmas Day*BCP 213

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the

unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 61: 10-62:3

All sit.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God;

for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,

so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,

until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory;

and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

At the Gradual, Psalm 147:13-21

Plainsong



- 13 Worship the LORD, O Je/rusalem; * praise your / God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of / your gates; * he has blessed your chil/dren within you.
- 15 He has established peace on your / borders; * he satisfies you / with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the / earth, * and his word runs / very swiftly.
- 17 He gives / snow like wool; * he scatters hoar/frost like ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like / bread crumbs; * who can / stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and / melts them; * he blows with his wind, / and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to / Jacob, * his statutes and his judg/ments to Israel.
- 21 He has not done so to any other / nation; * to them he has not revealed his judgments./ Hallelujah!
- 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

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

At the Sequence, a Hymn

Sixth Night

Hymnal 250

All stand and sing.

The Holy Gospel

John 1: 1-18

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Mo-

ses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Clint Brown

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

All stand.

The Prayers of the People

Emmanuel, God-with-us, we are overwhelmed with your presence, humble yet divine. Our hearts are filled with longing for the day when all people will see your glory, when none of your people will know hunger, loneliness, or fear, when each of us will know the peace of your presence. **We pray for all whom God has made.**

Our hope is for peace for all nations, and leaders whose desire is for justice and equality. We pray for an end to all violence and war, especially in Gaza and Ukraine. We pray for the peace of the world.

Our yearning is for wholeness for those who ache; whose lives are shattered, whose hope is lost. We pray for those on our parish prayer list, including Sarrah, Lynette, Gary, Stacy, Jeanne, Enrique, Vicki, Nell, Jerry, Jade, Michel, Tom, and Lucas. We pray for those who suffer and for the end of their suffering.

Our hope is for those who have died and entered that place where there is no pain or grief; but life eternal. We pray for those who have died.

Our deepest prayer is that we may learn and grow in your love, and bear witness to the world that God is with us. Pray that the One who has given us these desires, give us also the grace and power to work toward their fulfillment.

The priest adds a concluding collect.

The Confession of Sin The Peace

BCP 360

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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

The First Mercy

Ox and ass at Bethlehem On a night, ye know of them. We were only creatures small, Hid by shadows on the wall.

We were swallow, moth and mouse; The Child was born in our house, And the bright eyes of us three Peeped at His nativity.

Hands of peace upon that place Hushed our beings for a space Quiet feet and folded wing, Nor a sound of any thing.

With a moving star we crept Closer when the Baby slept; Men who guarded where He lay Moved to frighten us away.

But the Babe, awakened, laid Love on things that were afraid; With so sweet a gesture He Called us to His company.

Words: Bruce Blunt

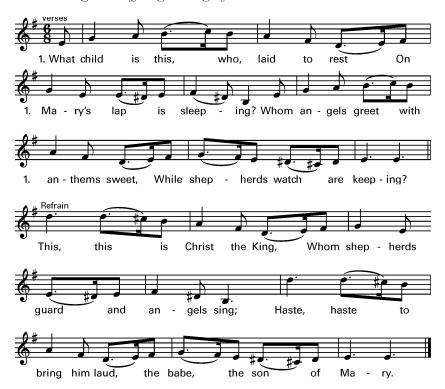
Music: Peter Warlock

Quinton Parmenter, baritone Choral Scholar

At The Presentation, a Hymn

Greensleeves

All stand and sing as the offering is brought forward.



Sanctus et Benedictus Schubert Hymnal	361
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The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem Ambrosian Chant Hymnal S152
Agnus Dei 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.

At the Distribution, an Anthem

An Old Carol

I sing of a maiden That is matchless; King of all kings To her son she chose.

He came all so still
There his mother was,
As dew in April
That falleth on the grass.

He came all so still
To his mother's bower,
As dew in April
That falleth on the flower.

He came all so still
There his mother lay,
As dew in April
That falleth on the spray.

Mother and maiden
Was never none but she;
Well may such a lady
Goddes mother be.

Words: 15th-century English Music: Roger Quilter

At the Distribution, a Hymn Une jeune pucelle \ Hymnal 114

The Post-Communion Prayer & BlessingBCP 365In Procession, a HymnRegeant SquareHymnal 93The DismissalBCP 366

VOLUNTARY In dulci jubilo Johann Sebastian Bach

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 thanksgiving for St. Andrew's Episcopal Church by Mike and Kim Sullivan

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

ST. ANDREW'S PRAYER LIST

"Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family."

Please keep these individuals in your prayers this week:

Sarrah Moseley, parishioner at St. Andrew's
Lynette Edwards, parishioner at St. Andrew's
Gary Moseley, parishioner at St. Andrew's
Stacy Jenkins, parishioner at St. Andrew's
Jeanne Ingraham, parishioner at St. Andrew's
Enrique Carrillo, friend of Susan Peterson
Vicki Bird, friend of Ken and Patti Anderle
Nell and Jerry Roberson, friends of Ken and Patti Anderle
Jade Barger, parishioner at St. Andrew's
Michel Feray, parishioner at St. Andrew's
Tom Pickett, parishioner at St. Andrew's
Lucas Blocher, friend of Dianne Yeomans

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@saecheights.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

Organ Recital: John Kirk, St Andrew's Director of Music & Organist, will be presenting an organ recital at Christ Church Cathedral at 4:15pm on Sunday, January 7. The Cathedral Choir will sing Evensong following in observation of The Feast of the Epiphany. John will present a recital of music by David Ashley White, César Franck, Calvin Hampton, Herbert Howells, and more! The recital is free.

LOTS: Volunteers are needed to join the Cook Team for Lord of the Streets on January 14th. Please contact Joel Ballard, joelbballard@gmail.com, to volunteer.

Rector's Book Club: Beginning January 7th, at 9:30 AM, the Rector's Book Club will be meeting in the Youth Room to read and discuss From Jesus to Christianity: How Four Generations of Visionaries and Storytellers Created the New Testament and Christian Faith by L. Michael White. White is the director of the Institute for the Study of Antiquity and Christian Origins at the University of Texas in Austin. To sign up, please contact Jimmy at jgrace@saecheights.org

Episcopal 101: Whether you're a newcomer, a member, or just someone wanting to reflect on your faith, join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 am beginning January 7th! This class explores the basic beliefs of the Episcopal Church, what makes Episcopalians unique, and what it means to live a life of faith in the Episcopal way. This class also serves as a "confirmation class" for anyone wishing to be confirmed. The text is *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices* by Scott Gunn and Melody Shobe. It is provided free of charge. To sign up please contact Clint at cbrown@saecheights.org.

Sunday Story for Children: Sunday Story will resume on January 7th in the Godly Play Classroom.

Church Nursery: The nursery is open from 8:15 AM to 12:15 PM for infants though 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



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