

SAINT ANDREW'S Episcopal Church

December 11, 2022 · 10:30 AM The Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Called to Worship. Sent to Witness. Led to Welcome.

A special welcome to all visitors. We are delighted you have joined us for worship!



Saint Andrew's is a parish of the **Episcopal Church within the Diocese of Upper South Carolina.** Over time, our identity as a parish has come to be defined by our commitment to **worship** in the distinctive splendor of Anglo-Catholic tradition, to **witness** through word and deed to the life changing implications of Jesus Christ's reconciling love, and to **welcome** unreservedly all God's children into Christ's Body, the Church.



If you are not familiar with Episcopal Church worship, we have tried to make our worship bulletin easy to follow. All of the prayers and responses for the congregation are printed in the bulletin. Page numbers that are prefaced by **"BCP"** reference pages in the **red Book of Common Prayer** found in the rack on the back of the pew in front of you. Hymns are referenced by hymn number and can be found in the **blue Hymnal** also in the pew rack.



As you depart worship, we hope you will enter your name and contact information in our **visitor's book** located on a stand in the narthex (the little room that you pass through on your way in and out of the main doors of the church). We would also love to have you join us for **coffee hour** in the Parish Hall immediately after the 10:30 AM mass. Thank you for blessing us with your presence!

Restrooms

are located on the first floor of the Parish House. Use the door to the left of the church, closest to the parking lot.

Nursery

is available during the 10:30 AM Mass on the second floor of the Parish House.

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Erin Culbertson, Senior Warden (2022); Scott Chastain, Junior Warden (2023); John Rhodes, Clerk (2023); Cheryl Banks and Ethan Cashwell (2022); Charles Shields (2023); Allison Giambrone-Wilson, Riley Owens, and Kelly Proffitt (2024) Vestry elect: Phil Buck, Lee Gray, Jenny Peer (2025)

Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Voluntary

Chorale Fantasia on Come now, Savior of the nations

Nicolaus Bruhns (1665-1697)

After the opening announcements, the ringing of the bell signals the people to stand for the beginning of the mass.

Advent Prose (sung by choir)

Antiphon: Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness. *Verse 3 (Cantor):* Ye are my witness, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen; that ye may know me and believe me: I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no Savior: and there is none that can deliver out of my hand. *Antiphon.*

The Word of God

Opening Hymn, No. 54Savior of the nations, come!NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILANDAfter the opening procession, as the hymn continues, the Celebrant will asperge the people with holy water.

Opening Acclamation

Collect for Purity

Celebrant Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

KyrieHymnal S89AllKyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.
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 The Collect of the Day (chanted)

 Celebrant
 People

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit. Let us pray.

Celebrant Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end.

Celebrant

All 0

A - men.

After the Collect, the people sit.

First Lesson

Isaiah 35:1-10

Hassler, arr. James McGregor

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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My soul doth magnify the Lord, * He hath showed strength with his arm; * and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. For he hath regarded * the lowliness of his handmaiden. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, * and hath exalted the humble and meek. For behold from henceforth * all generations shall call me blessed. He hath filled the hungry with good things, * and the rich he hath sent empty away. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, * and holy is his Name. as he promised to our forefathers, And his mercy is on them that fear him * Abraham and his seed for ever. throughout all generations.

Second Lesson

Be patient, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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

The people stand.

Sequence Hymn, No. 68

Rejoice! rejoice, believers

The Gospel

Glory be to thee, O Lord. People

Canticle 3 The Song of Mary (Luke 1:46-58) (sung by the choir)

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord. Praise be to thee, O Christ. People

The Sermon

After the Sermon, all stand and say together the words of the Creed.

The Rev'd Fr. Gary Eichelberger

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James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, *

The Nicene Creed

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 Φ of the world to come. Amen.

After the Nicene Creed, the Celebrant introduces the prayers as follows.

Prayers of the People, Form I

Celebrant Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world. The people kneel.

Intercessor With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop; Gary, our Rector; Tommy, our Seminarian; and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord;

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For Joseph, our president; Henry, our governor; and Knox, our mayor; for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For Ari, Barbara, Bella, Bill, Dick, Didi, Duane, Frances, Emily, Ginger, Jane, Jean, Jodi, Joyce, Kathy, Ken, Kurt, Leigh Ann, Lucy, Margaret Lee, Marvin, Mary, Nancy, Patt, PK, Robert, Sandy, Shawn, Stacy, Steve, Sylvia, Theresa, Weesie, and Winnie, as well as those whom you are invited to name now, either silently or aloud [pause for people to add names], let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

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Intercessor For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. *People* **Lord, have mercy.**

After any additional prayers of intercession and thanksgiving, the Intercessor continues with the following commendation.

Intercessor In the communion of Blessed Mary, Mother of God; Blessed Joseph, her spouse; Blessed Andrew, our

patron; and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People To thee, O Lord our God.

After a moment of silence, the Celebrant says a concluding collect before introducing the Confession.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

- A period of silence is observed.
- All Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon ₱ and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Following the Absolution, the people stand for the Peace.

The Peace

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd with thy spirit.

Then the ministers and people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

After the exchange of the Peace, the Celebrant invites those celebrating their birthdays or anniversaries to come forward. If anyone comes forward, the Celebrant invites the people to join in the following prayer.

All Almighty and gracious God, we give thee thanks for each of these thy servants as they celebrate their special day. Watch over them as they begin another year, and give them grace to keep the vows and promises they have made. Bless and guide them wherever they may be; strengthen them when they stand; raise them up if they fall; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; and may thy peace which passes all understanding abide in their hearts all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy Communion

After the opportunity for birthday and anniversary blessings, the Celebrant says an Offertory Sentence and returns to the altar. Then, after the people's offering of bread and wine are brought forward, the people sit during the Offertory Anthem as the altar is set and other offerings are collected from the people. (An offering can also be made by placing it in the offering plate located on the table in the aisle by the font or online at <u>www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving</u>.)

Offertory Anthem

Rejoice in the Lord Alway

Anonymous, 16th cent.

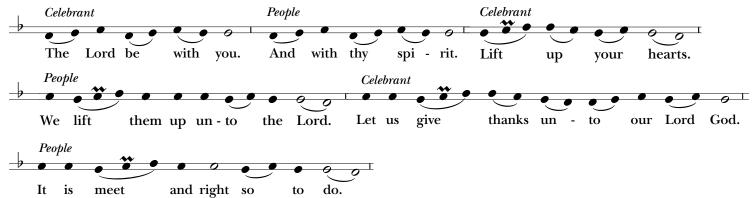
Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice. Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is e'en at hand. Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication, let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen. – Philippians 4:4-7

After the Offertory Anthem, the choir is censed. Then the people stand, are censed, and remain standing as the other offerings are brought forward and received with the following words.

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.*People* And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving Rite I, Prayer II

The people remain standing for the opening of the Eucharistic Prayer, which can be found on page 340 in the Book of Common Prayer. The responsive portions are provided below.



Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant continues

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, because thou didst send thy 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 with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus/Benedictus

Hymnal S117

James McGregor

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he A that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand as the Celebrant continues, speaking the Eucharistic prayer on behalf of the people (full text found on page 340 of the prayer book). As the prayer is concluding, the Celebrant chants the following, and the people respond with the Great Amen.

Celebrant By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal S119

Plainsong

All 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 before the following is sung.

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S169

Ray W. Urwin

Traction Anthem Flynnar 5105	
Cantor	My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.
All	My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.
Cantor	Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me, and I in them.
All	My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.

Prayer of Humble Access

All We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God $mathbf{H}$ for the People of God.

After the Blessed Sacrament has been distributed to the altar party and the choir, all are welcome to come forward to the altar rail at the direction of the ushers. At the altar rail, all baptized Christians are invited to receive the Blessed Sacrament, and those who are not yet baptized are invited to indicate a desire to receive a blessing by crossing their arms upon arrival at the altar rail. (Our rector is always eager to speak with anyone who is not yet baptized about preparing for and receiving the sacrament of Baptism.)

For those receiving the Blessed Sacrament, a wafer will be placed in the palm of your hand or upon your tongue after which the chalice is offered. If you need a gluten-free wafer, you may request one from the priest at the altar rail. Should you wish to receive wine by intinction (dipping), allow the chalice bearer to take the wafer from your open palm and intinct for you. Should you be unable to manage the steps, please notify one of the ushers so that Holy Communion can be administered at your pew.

Communion Hymn, No. 272

The great forerunner of the morn

THE TRUTH FROM ABOVE

Postcommunion Prayer

Upon the Celebrant's invitation to prayer, the people kneel. Celebrant Let us pray.

All Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Advent Blessing

Celebrant May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father ₱, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

After the Blessing, the people stand.

Retiring Processional Hymn, No. 70 Herald, sound the note of judgment

Dismissal

CelebrantLet us go forth in the name of Christ.PeopleThanks be to God.

Voluntary Chorale Prelude: O Savior, rend the heavens wide Helmut Walcha (1907-1991)

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. You are invited to either take your bulletin home or to place it in the recycle bin in the narthex.

The altar flowers are given by Fr. Gary

to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the faithful service of our outgoing vestry members, Cheryl Banks, Ethan Cashwell, and Erin Culbertson.

The presence candle is give by Jeff and Jenny Peer to the glory of God and in celebration of Holly Zack's birthday.

HERALD, SOUND

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Gaudete Sunday Today I This is the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday, which is one of two Sundays in the church year when we use rosecolored vestments in the Mass. The name "Gaudete" is derived from the Latin opening words of an introit antiphon, "Rejoice [Gaudete] in the Lord always," which was traditionally used on this Sunday. The theme, the vestments, and the flowers on the altar help express the joy of anticipation at the approach of the Christmas celebration and reflect a lifting of the penitential tone of our Advent observance.

Second Sunday Harvest | **Today** | **At Both Masses** | As is our custom on the Second Sunday of each month, we will be collecting food and personal hygiene products as well as financial donations designated to United Ministries.

Vestry Meeting | Today | 12:30 PM | Our monthly vestry meeting will take place in the upstairs of the Parish House following today's 10:30 AM Sung High Mass. The outgoing and incoming members will participate in today's meeting as we offer gratitude for the faithful service of our outgoing members, Cheryl Banks, Ethan Cashwell, and Erin Culbertson.

ECW (Episcopal Church Women) Christmas Social Tuesday, December 13 | 5:30 PM | Parish Hall | Please bring a small plate of a sweet or savory Hors d'oeuvres and your preferred beverage. Also, bring a small wrapped gift (under \$5) to be distributed to our Feed Thy Neighbor friends on December 17. Reminder: Our Outreach Project for Greenville's Gifts is continuing through Christmas. Boxes for donations are in the Parish Hall and in the Narthex.

Poinsettias for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Deadline for orders is this Thursday, December 15 Poinsettia dedication forms, which also include the Advent & Christmas worship schedule, can be found in your bulletins this week. Suggested donation for each plant is \$15. You can also email the Parish Office with your order and dedication.

ECW Teaming with Greenville's Gift for Newborns In Need | ECW is sponsoring a donation drive as their fall project. Our congregation is asked to donate clothing and/or money for newborns in need that will be distributed through Greenville's Gift. A box is in the church narthex. Items needed: clothing (size 0-12 months), baby blankets, socks, hats, bibs, and burp cloths. All seasons needed. **The Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord (Baptismal Sunday)** | **January 8** | Anyone interested in baptism, please contact Father Gary.

Fourth Sunday of Advent with Bishop's Visitation and Confirmation | December 18 | 10:30 AM Mass | We are looking forward to welcoming our new bishop, The Rt. Rev. Daniel Richards, for his first visit to Saint Andrew's. At our 10:30 AM Mass, we are currently planning to present the following individuals to Bishop Richards for confirmation or reception: Johnny Buck, Phil Buck, Larie Buck, Anne Culbreath, Emily Culbreath, Grace Culbreath, Andrew Culbreath, Virginia Eichelberger, Gilberto Huerta-King, Mary Mays, and Delaney Townsend. If there are others desiring to be confirmed or received who are not listed here - or if anyone is desiring to come forward for reaffirmation of their baptismal vows, please speak with Father Gary as soon as possible so that we can prepare accordingly. Following the mass, we will have a special extended coffee hour with a time for the Bishop to offer some thoughts and answer questions from parishioners.

Choir Has Returned to Regular Rehearsal Schedule Wednesdays at 7:30 PM | We are always seeking additional volunteers for the Saint Andrew's choir, which has returned to our regular weekly rehearsal schedule of Wednesday evening rehearsals at 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall. If you know of any prospective new choir members, bring them along with you! If you need transportation to rehearsal and or church, or if you have questions, please e-mail office@standrewsgreenville.org.

Nursery Volunteers Needed | If you have gifts for working with infants and young children — and have "Safe Church" training (and are fully vaccinated), we could use your help! Please sign up for an upcoming Sunday at www.standrewsgreenville.org/signup

Weekly Schedule -

Sundays 8:30 AM, Low Mass, Rite II 10:30 AM, Sung High Mass, Rite I (also via livestream)

> Wednesdays 5:30 PM, Healing Mass, Rite II

Every Third Wednesday of the Month 5:00 PM, Rosary

Every Fourth Wednesday of the Month Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament follows Healing Mass



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