

SAINT ANDREW'S

Episcopal Church

December 31, 2023 · 10:30 AM The First Sunday after Christmas Day 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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Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Voluntary

Fantasy on Greensleeves

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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

The Word of God

Opening Hymn, No. 82

Of the Father's love begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

After the opening procession, as the hymn continues, the Celebrant will asperge the people with holy water.

Opening Acclamation

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen. People

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.

Song of Praise, Hymn No. 96

Angels, we have heard on high

GLORIA

The Collect of the Day (chanted)



The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit. Let us pray.

Celebrant Almighty God, who hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word: Grant that the same light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

ΑII

A - men.

After the Collect, the people sit.

First Lesson Isaiah 61:10-62:3

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.

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

Gradual, Hymn No. 89

It came upon the midnight clear

CAROL

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

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.

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

Sequence Hymn, No. 99

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

The Gospel John 1:1-18

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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 Moses; 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.

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

The Sermon The Rev'd Fr. Tyler Proctor

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

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 \maltese of the world to come. Amen.

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

The Prayers of the People for Christmastide

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

The people kneel.

Intercessor Almighty and ever living God, who shines the light of Christ on all creation, grant us grace so that we might join with the angels and shepherds as we celebrate with joy the birth of thy Son Jesus Christ. We beseech

thee to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy divine Majesty. Lord, in thy mercy;

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor For the Church in all places, remembering especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop; Gary, our Rector; Tyler, our Curate; Tommy, our Seminarian; John,

our Nominee; that our worship and praise may give glory to thee, and that our witness and ministry may

promote peace on earth. Lord, in thy mercy;

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor For this Parish Family, that by the grace of Christ's coming among us we may live upright and godly lives, and bear witness to thy love. Lord, in thy mercy;

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor For all who live in Bethlehem and the hill country of Judah, for Christians throughout the Holy Lands, and for all those who live and work in places of trouble and violence, that thy Holy Spirit will open pathways of peace and bring forth hope to all who live in danger and fear. Lord, in thy mercy;

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor For all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, that the Prince of Peace will ever guide their hearts to serve justice, seek reconciliation, and promote the dignity of every human being. Lord, in thy mercy;

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor For all who find the Christmas season difficult due to pain, loss, or brokenness, for those whose lives are touched by fear, anxiety or depression, and for the sick and the suffering, remembering especially Bob, Charlie, Charles, Chuck, Clara, Dick, Duane, Emily, Gordon, Holly, Jacob, Jane, Jim, Jodi, Leigh Ann, Linda, Lucy, Margaret Lee, Marvin, Mary, Mary Beth, Millie, Nancy, Patt, Peggy, Sandy, Shawn, Steve, Sylvia, and Weesie, as well as those whom you are invited to name now, either silently of aloud [pause for people to add names], that the light of Christ will ease their suffering so that they may live in joy, peace, and health. Lord, in thy mercy;

People Hear our prayer.

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

Intercessor And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed \$\mathbb{H}\$ this life in thy faith and fear, especially those whom we now name [pause for people to add names], beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Blessed Mary, Mother of God; Blessed Joseph, her spouse; Blessed Andrew, our patron, and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

People Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A period of silence is observed.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And 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 sanctuary. Then, after the people's offering of bread and wine are brought forward, the people sit during the Offertory Hymn 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 www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving.)

Offertory Hymn, No. 98

Unto us a boy is born

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

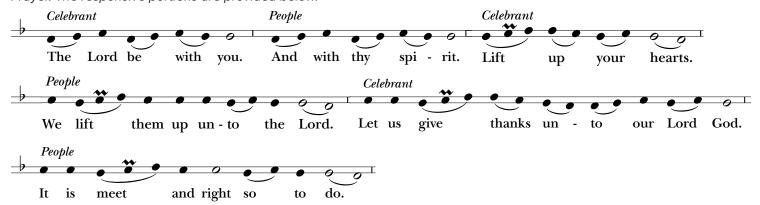
After the Offertory Hymn, the choir is censed. Then the people stand, are censed, and remain standing as the other offerings are brought forward and received with the following words.

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 give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children.

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 S114 Healey Willan

All 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 H 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.

All A-men.

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

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal S119 Plainsong

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 S158 Healey Willan

All O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God ₱ 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. 81

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

ES IST EIN ROS

Postcommunion Prayer

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

ΑII

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.

Christmas Season Blessing

Celebrant May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and

remain with you always.

People Amen.

After the Blessing, the people stand.

Retiring Processional Hymn, No. 105 God rest you merry, gentlemen

GOD REST YOU MERRY

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary Toccata on *God Rest You Merry*

John Rutter

(b. 1945)

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 presence candle is given by Father Gary to the glory of God, and in honor of his wife, Kacey, in celebration of her birthday later this week.

The Christmas Poinsettias are given to the Glory of God by:

Jessica Adkins, in memory of Joe and Elizabeth Adkins, and Robert and Trudy Hawkins,

Joe and Shawn Simpkins-Arganbright, in honor of Shawn's mother, Bobbie Simpkins-Parrish,

Doug Barrett, in memory of Lucille B. Smith,

Nancy Barutio, Mike & Shawn Barutio, and Michele Barutio Stephens & Dickie Newman, in memory of Bill Barutio.

Paul and Sidney Brunson, in honor of Haven and West Brunson,

Scott Chastain, in memory of Bernice Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Houston Stancil, Lois Davis, and William Garrison,

Erin Culbertson and JJ Andriéhetti, in memory of Nancy Culbertson,

Anne Marie Currier, in thankséiviné for the love and support of family and friends,

Virģinia, Jack, Eliza, & Newman Eichelberģer, in thanksģivinģ for our beloved priest and dad;

The Eichelberger family, in thanksgiving for our Saint Andrew's family;

Virģinia, Jack, & Eliza Eichelberger, for their grandparents, Mimi, Granddude, Guggah, & Doc Doc,

Fr. Gary, in thankséiviné for the éift of the ministry of our curate, Fr. Tyler Proctor,

Steve and Cheryl Fairley, in honor of Doreen Fairley and Lynn Mason, and in memory of Eugene and Michael Fairley, Sue Mason, and Woody Edwards,

Lee Gray, in honor of Carl Headley, and Debra, Brooks, and Rosemary, in memory of Jim and Mary Lou Gray, in thanksgiving for the music ministry of Saint Andrew's,

Mikki Harşrave, in memory of Jeanette Greşory, Marcia Everett, and Virşinia Haşood,

Liz and Jenna Henderson, in memory of Bobbie Dawkins,

Terry and Donna Kinş, in thanksşivinş for God's şift of his only Son, Jesus Christ,

Jean and Tony Knox, in thankspivinp for their children and prandchildren,

Tim Lewis and the Lewis Family, in memory of Rev'd Canon Elvet Lewis & Mrs. Jean Lewis,

Bill and Mary Lou Merkt, in memory of Lloyd and Doris Linkous,

James and Leona Muhleman, in memory of their parents and all the lives lost in the conflict between Ukraine & Russia, and Israel & Hamas,

Riley Owens, in honor of W. Donald Owens, and in memory of Stella G. Owens,

Kelly Proffitt, in memory of N.L. & Frankie H. Proffitt,

Edmund and Carolyn Prosio, in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Edmund Prosio, Sr.,

Lucy Quinn, in memory of Curtis Quinn Casteel,

Dan and Leigh Randall, in memory of Leigh's father, Lee Jackson Furtick, III,

Davis and Jackie Roeske, in honor of their family, and in memory of their parents,

Jeff and Marla Thorburn, in memory of Dean Thorburn, Georgena Huhman, and Geralyn Bizjak,

Kate Townsend and Brian Connaughton, in honor of Michael and Linda Riley, and in memory of James and Kay Connaughton.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Fr. Tyler Proctor Celebrating at Both Masses Today | Fr. Gary is away with his family this weekend. Fr. Tyler will preside and preach at both masses with no assisting priest. Fr. Gary will return to the office on Wednesday.

Year End Giving to Saint Andrew's | As you wrap up your charitable giving for the calendar year 2023, please consider a year-end gift to Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church. Through midnight tonight, you may record a one-time online gift for 2023 via the "Donate" link found on our website. You can also make a 2023 tax year donation by placing it in the offering plate today.

The Feast of Epiphany | Saturday, January 6 | Sung High Mass | 4:00 PM | The Feast of Epiphany, one of the Principal Feasts of the Church Year, is when we remember the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child. At our afternoon mass, we will include the Blessing of the Chalk, an Epiphany tradition.

The Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord (Baptismal Opportunity) | Sunday, January 7 | On January 7, we will celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, where we remember Our Lord's baptism by John in the River Jordan. Anyone desiring to be baptized or to have a child baptized, please speak with or e-mail Father Gary (rector@standrewsgreenville.org).

Clergy-Led Weekly Bible Study: Book of Romans | Tuesdays at 4 PM | Sign up here: www.tinyurl.com/clergyledbiblestudy

Parish Office Will Be Closed Tomorrow, January 1, in Observance of New Year's Day.

West End Association Meeting | Tuesday, January 2 | 6:30 PM | Parish Hall | Saint Andrew's will host the monthly West End Neighborhood Association meeting. They will discuss numerous topics that relate to the neighborhood, downtown and our surrounding community. All are invited.

Saint Andrew's Book Club | Sunday, January 7 | Following the 10:30 AM Mass | At Kay Friddle and Lucy Walter's Home (4 Phillips Trail 29609) | We will discuss Somebody's Fool by Richard Russo. Please RSVP to Anne Marie Currier at mapetite1932@yahoo.com.

Daughter of the King Meeting | Sunday January 14 | Following Coffee Hour | Parish Hall | This meeting is for current Daughters of the King members, for those who have expressed an interest in entering the discernment period, and for those who would just like to learn more about the Order and their life of prayer and service. Study guides will be distributed and a meeting schedule for the study will be determined. If you have any questions please email Nancy Barutio at nbarutiodok@gmail.com.

Opportunity for House Blessings on Wednesday Nights in Epiphany Season | While our clergy are available to perform House Blessings through out the year, Epiphany Season is considered an especially appropriate time. Since we will not have a Wednesday Night Supper Class during Epiphany Season, we have created a sign up list for those who might be interested in having their house blessed on a Wednesday evening. If you sign up, either Fr. Gary or Fr. Tyler will plan to come to your home immediately following the 5:30 PM Healing Mass that evening. Feel free to contact Father Gary with questions—or if you would like to arrange a blessing for another time. Please sign up for an upcoming Wednesday evening at www.standrewsgreenville.org/signup

Save the Date! Low-Country Shrimp Boil Fundraiser | Friday, January 26 | 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM | Our ECW will be hosting an "all you can eat" shrimp boil fundraiser. Advance tickets are required. Cost is \$30 per person. Non-seafood options will be available. BYO-cooler with beverages. For more information, email Patty Slay at pattyslay99@gmail.com. More details on how to purchase tickets coming soon!

Youth Group | Sunday, January 28 | 4-6 PM | Continuing this month, Saint Andrew's youth and their friends in elementary through high school will have the opportunity to gather for a time of fun and fellowship on the fourth Sunday evening of the month. More details to come.

Ordo Kalendars Available | The 2024 Ordo Kalendars are available in the Parish Office for \$5 each. Reserve yours today by emailing office@standrewsgreenville.org or calling 864-235-5884.

Weekly Schedule

Sundays

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

Tuesdays

8:30 AM Morning Prayer, Rite I

Wednesdays

5:30 PM, Healing Mass, Rite II

Thursdays

8:30 AM Morning Prayer, Rite I

Every Third Wednesday of the Month 5:00 PM Rosary in Church

Every Fourth Wednesday of the Month

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament follows Healing Mass