
Saint Andrew's

episcopal church

**Second Sunday
After Christmas
January 5, 2025**



welcome!

Thank you for joining us today! **Everything you need for worship can be found in this booklet;** the congregation says the text in **bold**. At Saint Andrew's, **children are included in all aspects of our worship service;** we welcome their presence and all the sounds that come with it! There is a **changing table available** in our nursery; exit the sanctuary at the front and proceed down the hallway. **ALL are invited to the Lord's table,** regardless of where you come from, what you believe, or who you love. **Ushers** are in the narthex at the back of the sanctuary and are happy to answer any questions. **WELCOME!**

Masks are optional, but please **be considerate** of those who choose to mask. **Maintain social distancing** as appropriate. **Stay home if you are sick** or have recently tested positive for or been around others who have Covid-19; and get **vaccinated** ASAP!

Gathering Hymn – How Brightly Beams *All stand as able*

Nicolai and Schlegel
Tr. C. Winkworth

German (P. Nicolai?)
(harm. F. Mendelssohn-Bartholdy)

Rather slow

SOPRANO
ALTO

1. How bright-ly beams the morn-ing star! What sud-den ra-diance
Bright-ness of God, that breaks our night And fills the dark-ened

TENOR
BASS

from a - far Doth glad us with its shi - - ning?
souls with light Who long for truth were pi - - ning!

Thy word, Je - sus, in - ly feeds us, Right - ly leads us,

Life be - stow - ing. Praise, oh praise such love o'er - flow - - ing!

Remain standing as able

Priest Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.

Gloria *Remain standing as able*

An-gels we have heard on high Sweetly sing-ing o'er the plains, Glo -
And the mountains in re-ply E - choing their joy - ous strains.

- ri-a in ex-cel-sis De - o! De - o!

Collect of the Day *Remain standing as able*

Priest God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Priest Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

First Reading -Jeremiah 31:7-14 *All may be seated.*

Reader A reading from the book of Jeremiah

Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,

"Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and
those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,

I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,

says the Lord.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 84 *All remain seated, text is read in unison.*

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *

**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

The sparrow has found her a house

**and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.**

Happy are they who dwell in your house! *

they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *

whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

**Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

They will climb from height to height, *

and the God of gods will reveal Godself in Zion.

Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *

hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold our defender, O God; *

and look upon the face of your Anointed.

For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *

**and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

For the Lord God is both sun and shield; *

the Lord will give grace and glory;

No good thing will the Lord withhold *

from those who walk with integrity.

O Lord of hosts, * happy are they who put their trust in you!

Second Reading – Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a *All remain seated.*

Reader A reading from the book of Ephesians

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation *All stand as able*

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -
lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! _____

Holy Gospel – Luke 2:41-52 *All stand as able*

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

The parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Sermon

Eric Rucker

Nicene Creed - *All stand as 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

Prayers of the People *All stand as able*

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;

People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;

People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;

People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Betsey, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

People For all who serve God in the Church.

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We also pray for our companion dioceses of Brechin, Eswatini, and Nzara. We pray for Trinity Cush Episcopal Church and the Darfur Community of Iowa. We pray for the people of the Nuba Mountains, Blue Nile, Darfur, and South Sudan. May peace come upon them. Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, naming aloud or silently those printed on the prayer list in the bulletin insert.

Silence.

The people may add their own petitions.

Leader Hear us Lord
People **For your mercy is great.**

Leader. We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence.

The people may add their own thanksgivings.

Leader We will exalt you, O God;
People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence.

The people may add their own petitions.

Leader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People **Who put their trust in you.**

Confession and Absolution *All stand or kneel as able*

Priest We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence

All **Have mercy upon us, most merciful God;
in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Priest 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.

People **Amen.**

The Peace *The people are welcome to leave their seats to pass the peace.*

Priest The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
(Ephesians 5:2)

Offertory – Our Father [Mother] by whose Name

1 Our Mo - ther, by whose Name all mo - ther-hood is known,
2 O Christ, thy - self a child with - in an earth - ly home,
3 O Spi - rit, who dost bind our hearts in u - ni - ty,

who dost in love pro - claim each fam - i - ly thine own,
with heart still un - de - filed, thou didst to man-hood come;
who teach - est us to find the love from self set free,

bless thou all par - ents, guard - ing well, with con - stant love as
our chil - dren bless, in ev - ery place, that they may all be -
in all our hearts such love in - crease, that ev - ery home, by

sen - ti - nel, the homes in which thy peo - ple dwell.
hold thy face, and know - ing thee may grow in grace.
this re - lease, may be the dwell - ing place of peace.

The Great Thanksgiving *All stand as able*

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

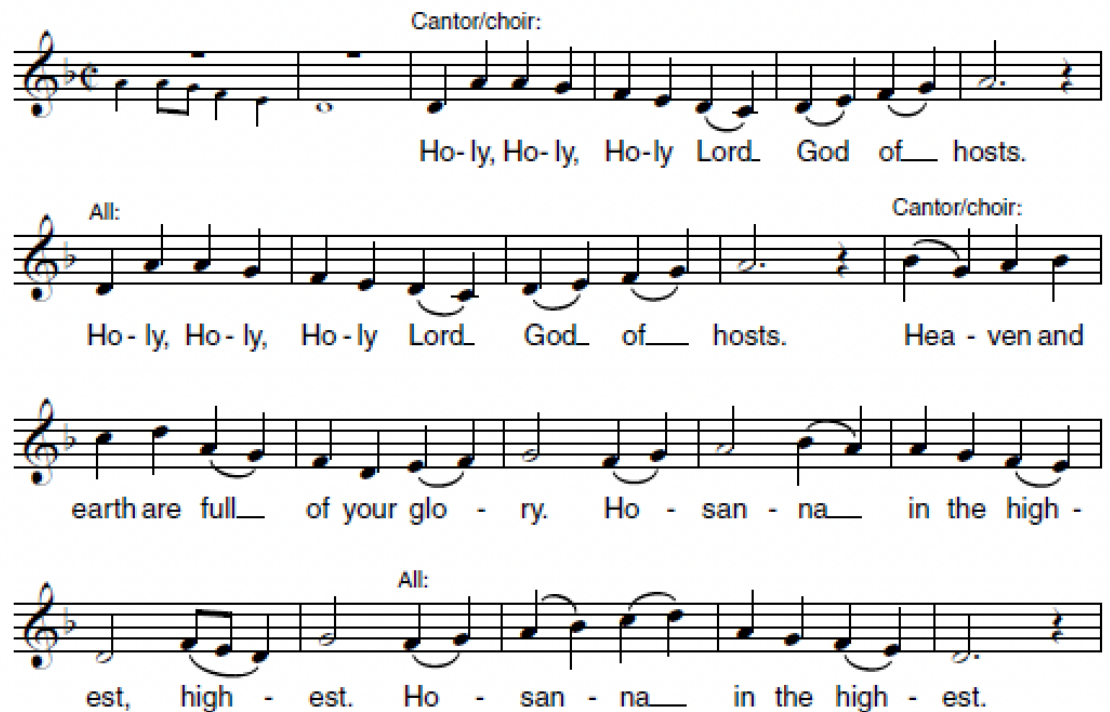
Priest We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus



Cantor/choir:
Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts.

All: Cantor/choir:
Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts. Hea-ven and

earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-

All:
est, high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The Priest continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with Andrew and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

*All say loudly: **AMEN.***

Priest And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All then pray preferred translation of the Lord's Prayer:

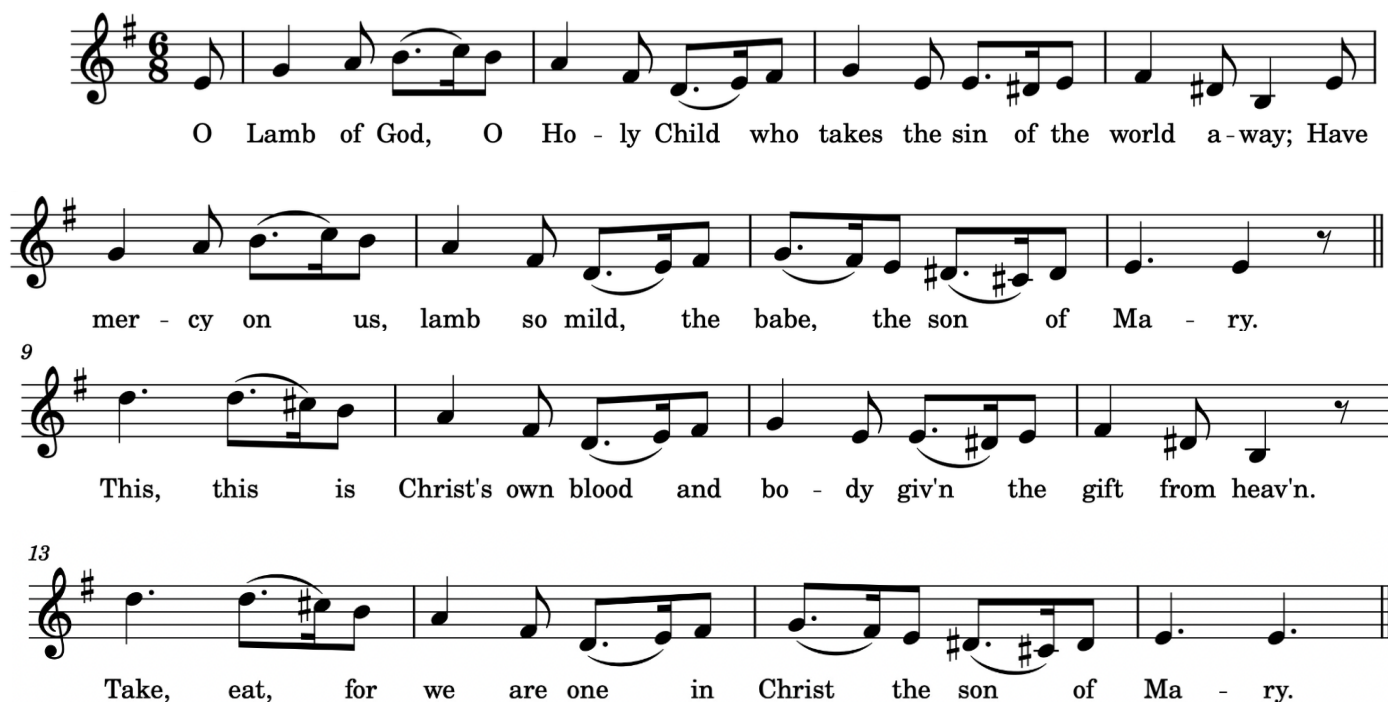
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)



O Lamb of God, O Ho - ly Child who takes the sin of the world a-way; Have
mer - cy on us, lamb so mild, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.
9
This, this is Christ's own blood and bo - dy giv'n the gift from heav'n.
13
Take, eat, for we are one in Christ the son of Ma - ry.

Priest We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share one bread, one cup.**

Priest Beloved, the Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are invited to come forward for communion, sanitizing hands, forming a line. The **wine will be offered in the common cup** (wiping and turning after each use). **Intinction will also be available using a separate bowl and non-alcoholic wine.** The **fullness of communion** is available by receiving both or either the bread and wine. **If you would like a blessing** instead of bread and wine, please cross your arms over your chest. Individuals at a higher risk of Covid infection are encouraged to participate (or not!) in the way that makes them **most comfortable**.

Communion Music – The Holly and the Ivy

Traditional English carol

1. The hol-ly and the i - vy, when they are both full grown, Of__ all__ trees that are
in the wood, the__ hol - ly bears the crown. Oh the ris - ing of the sun,__ and the
run-ning of the deer. The__ play-ing of the mer - ry or - gan, Sweet sing - ing in the choir.

2. The holly bears a blossom as white as lily flower,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to be our sweet Savior *Refrain*
3. The holly bears a berry as red as any blood,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to do poor sinners good. *Refrain*
4. The holly bears a prickle as sharp as any thorn,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ on Christmas Day in the morn. *Refrain*
5. The holly bears a bark as bitter as any gall,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ for to redeem us all. *Refrain*

Sending Out of Eucharistic Visitors *All stand as able*

Priest In the name of Saint Andrew's, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People We, who are many, are one body, for we all share one bread, one cup.

Post Communion Prayer *All stand as able*

Priest Let us pray.

People God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Announcements

Blessing – All standing, a priest may offer this or another blessing:

Priest Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always.

People Amen.

Closing Hymn – Good Christian friends, rejoice

1 Good Chris-tian friends, re-joice with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re-joice with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re-joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je-sus Christ is born to-day.
 now ye hear of end-less bliss: Je-sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je-sus Christ was born to save!

Ox and ass be-fore him bow, and he is in the man-ger now.
 He has o-pened heav-en's door, and we are blest for-ev-er-more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev-er-last-ing hall.

Christ is born to-day! Christ is born to-day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

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