

# St Andrew's Episcopal Church & School

*The Celebration & Administration of*  
**The Holy Eucharist: Rite II**  
*for*  
**The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ**  
*Christmas Day*

25 December 2023 at 10 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.

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*Divinum Mysterium*

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.

## THE WORD OF GOD

**In Procession, a Hymn**

*In dulci jubilo*

Hymnal 107

*All stand and sing.*

**The Opening Acclamation & Responses**

BCP 355

**A Song of Praise**

*Gloria*

Hymnal 96, vs. 1,4

**The Collect of the Day:** *The Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Day*

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**The First Lesson**

**Isaiah 9: 2-7**

*All sit.*

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--  
on them light has shined.  
You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.  
For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.  
For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.  
For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**At the Gradual, Psalm 96**

BCP 725

*Said by all.*

**The Second Lesson**

**Titus 2: 1-14**

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**The Holy Gospel**

**Luke 2: 1-20**

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a

Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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

### **The Sermon**

The Rev. Jeff Bohanski

### **The Nicene Creed**

BCP 358

*All stand.*

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

Come let us adore Christ, the Lord. Let us pray, "Glorious Lord, grant us your peace."

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: make joyful our hearts. Strengthen your Church with humility and faith that we might triumph over the power of evil. Glorious Lord, **grant us your peace.**

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: you abhor neither the simple nor the lowly. Shine your light on all the world that the nations may look upon your truth and find their salvation. Glorious Lord, **grant us your peace.**

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: may all of creation burst forth in

songs of praise. May all the works of your hand glorify you. Glorious Lord, **grant us your peace.**

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: summon the people of the city to yourself. May all the distractions and heartache of our lives fade away in the joy of your presence. Glorious Lord, **grant us your peace.**

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: you love us so dearly. Grant your healing grace to the anxious, the depressed, the addicted, and to the broken. May they see their value in your heavenly kingdom. We pray for Sarrah, Lynette, Gary, Stacy, Jeanne, Enrique, Vicki, Nell, Jerry, Jade, and Michel. We pray for St. Andrew's School; our teachers, staff members, students, and families. Glorious Lord, **grant us your peace.**

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: all glory be given to you. You blessed our earthly bodies with your birth; and you promise to raise us to new life by your death and resurrection. We pray for those who have died, including John. Glorious Lord, **grant us your peace.**

*The Priest adds a concluding Collect.*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Confession & Absolution**

BCP 360

*All kneel.*

**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 place your offering in the plate as it is passed down the aisle or scan this QR code to give securely online.



**At the Offertory, a Voluntary**

*Es ist ein Ros*

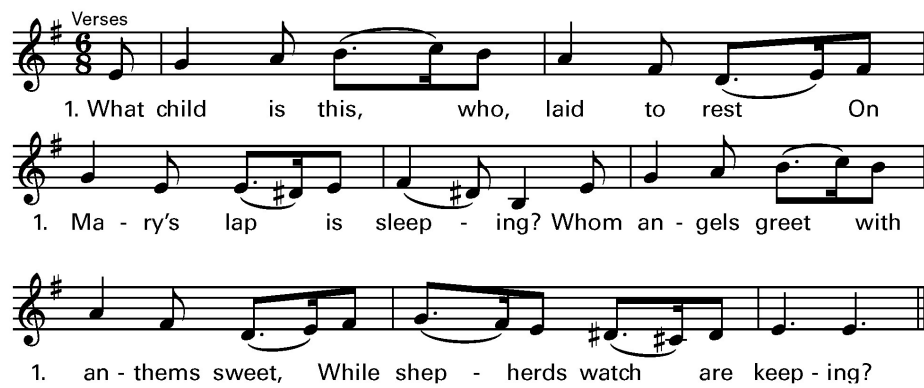
Johannes Brahms

**At The Presentation, a Hymn**

*Greensleeves*

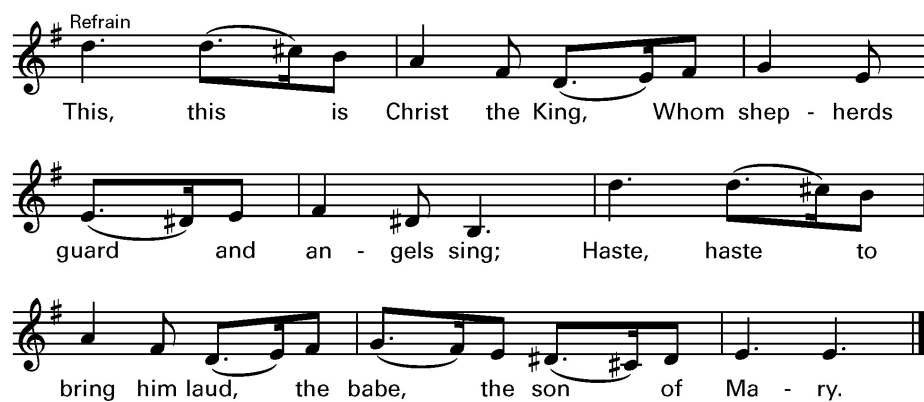
*All stand and sing as the offering is brought forward.*

Verses



1. What child is this, who, laid to rest On  
 1. Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with  
 1. an - thems sweet, While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?

Refrain



This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep - herds  
 guard and an - gels sing; Haste, haste to  
 bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

<b>The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B</b>		BCP 367
Sursum Corda	Plainsong	Hymnal S120
Sanctus et Benedictus	Schubert	Hymnal S130
The Lord's Prayer		BCP 364
<b>The Breaking of the Bread</b>		
Fraction Anthem	Plainsong	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.

## The Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 366

*All stand.*

## The Blessing

### In Procession, a Hymn

*Adeste fideles*



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
2. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
3. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth le - hem.  
sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven - a - bove;  
Je - sus, to thee be glo - ry given;



Come and be - hold him born, the King of an - gels,  
glo - ry to God him glo - ry in the high - est;  
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -



dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!

Words: John Frances Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others  
Music: *Adeste fideles*, present form of melody att. John Frances Wade (1711-1786); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

## The Dismissal

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*God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*

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## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

### GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Elaine "Sissy" Massey by Cathey Harrison  
The Rev. Haskin V Little and the Rev. John E. Binford by John Lanier  
Harry Baxter, Jackie Baxter, Dick Baxter, and Ray Wallace  
by Kipp Wallace Baxter  
Our departed loved ones by Paul and Laurie Hardwick  
Xian Biao Zhang by the Rev. Clint Brown and Cavan Zhang  
Sara Lewis by Pam Lewis  
Victoria Conti by Carrie Conti  
Jean Lykes Grace and R. Randall Grace, Jr.  
by the Rev. Jimmy and Marla Grace  
Mary Frances and Bill Jarrett, Martha and Forrest Liger  
by Alli Jarrett and Karin Farquhar  
Lynnae Thompson by Craig Thompson  
Betty and Ernest F. Simpson, and Gertie Williams  
by Nancy and Shannon Simpson

### GIVEN IN THANKSGIVING FOR

Family and Friends by Cathey Harrison  
The St. Andrew's Staff by the Rev. Clint Brown and Cavan Zhang  
Our many blessings by Paul and Laurie Hardwick  
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church by the Rev. Jimmy and Marla Grace  
Diane and Win Farquhar, Ann Weeks, Nancy and Tony Jarrett  
by Alli Jarrett and Karin Farquhar  
J.D. and Michael Alexander by John and Julie Alexander  
Mr. John Kirk and the Music Ministry of St. Andrew's in the Heights  
by Stacy and Kay Lynn Jenkins  
The grandchildren of Lynnae Thompson, Elle Williams, Parker and Preston  
Simmons by Craig Thompson  
Gary Burton by Diana Burton  
St. Andrew's by Stephanie Wells

### GIVEN IN HONOR OF

Dr. Michael J. King by Ken and Patti Anderle

## 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*  
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*

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

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@saecheights.org](mailto: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

*The Church Offices will be closed from  
December 25, 2023—January 2, 2024*

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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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The Reverend Bob Merrill, *Assisting Priest*  
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