

St Andrew's Episcopal Church & School

The Celebration & Administration of
The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
for
The First Sunday of Advent

3 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

Rorate Coeli
(Drop down, ye heavens)

Jeanne Demmisseaux

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.

In Procession, a Hymn

St. Stephen

Hymnal 73

All stand and sing.

THE WORD OF GOD

The Opening Acclamation & Responses

BCP 355

The Trisagion

Rutter

Hymnal S101

The Collect of the Day: *First Sunday of Advent*

BCP 211

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son

Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Isaiah 64: 1-9

All sit.

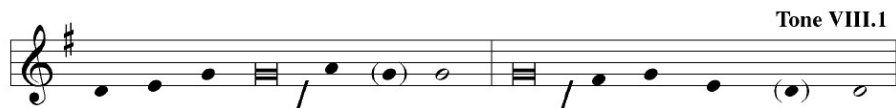
O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil--
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

At the Gradual, Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Plainsong, Tone VIII.I



- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph / like a flock;*
Shine forth, you that are enthroned up/on the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Ma/nasseh.*
stir up your strength and / come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O / God of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, / and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD / God of hosts,*
how long will you be angered despite the prayers / of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the / bread of tears;*
you have given them / bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our / neighbors,*
and our enemies / laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O / God of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, / and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your / right hand,*
the son of man you have made so / strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn a/way from you;*
give us life, that we may call / upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD / God of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, / and we shall be saved.

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

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

At the Sequence, a Hymn

Stuttgart

Hymnal 66

All stand and sing.

The Holy Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

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

Creator of the stars in the sky, the sun, and the moon. You are the light by which we wake and work. **Illumine our darkness, and keep us alert.**

Surround your church, her leaders, and people, with your armor of light. We pray especially for Michael our presiding bishop, Andy, Jeff, Kai, and Hector our bishops, and our parish clergy. Strengthen them as they reach out to you in prayer and hope. Open their hearts to your will. **Illumine our darkness, and keep us alert.**

We pray for our leaders: especially Joe our president; Greg, our governor; and the Congress and courts of this land. Savior of the nations, guide those who govern, and awaken those they lead, that we may all live in the spirit of cooperation and share so that all have enough food, care, and peace. **Illumine our darkness, and keep us alert.**

For people across the world whose spirits bend under the yoke of oppression and struggle, give the people of this community a sense of togetherness and support. Open our eyes to those who fall by the wayside and whose faces and needs remain invisible. **Illumine our darkness, and keep us alert.**

Lover of our souls, you continue to mold us in your image and hold us in

your hands. We ask your blessing on those who struggle with illness, anxiety, grief, or isolation. We pray for those on our prayer list, including Sarrah, Lynette, Gary, Patty, Stacy, Jeanne, Karena, Ron, Father John, Kevin, Leo, and Enrique. **Illumine our darkness, and keep us alert.**

God of us all, we pray for those who have recently returned to your embrace and those who are broken with grief. We pray for those who have died, including Bianca and John. **Illumine our darkness, and keep us alert.**

The priest adds a concluding collect.

The Confession of Sin

BCP 360

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 drop your offering in the plate or scan this QR code to give securely online.



At the Offertory, an Anthem

People, Look East

People, look east. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the rose, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.

People, look east and sing today:
Love, the star, is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Words: Eleanor Farjean

Music: Besançon Carol

At The Presentation, a Hymn

Veni, veni Emmanuel

All stand and sing as the offering is brought forward.

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest

1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge

1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver *Hymnal 1940*, alt. Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. Music: *Veni, Veni, Emmanuel*, plainsong, Mode 1, *Processionale*, 15th cent.; adpt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890); acc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937) Copyright ©1975, G.I.A. Publications, Inc. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A		BCP 361
Sanctus et Benedictus	<i>Missa Marialis</i>	Hymnal S115
The Lord's Prayer		BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread		
Fraction Anthem	Ambrosian Chant	Hymnal S172
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, a Hymn	<i>St. Cecilia</i>	Hymnal 613
	<i>O Heiland, reiss</i>	Hymnal 64

The Post-Communion Prayer & Blessing		BCP 365
In Procession, a Hymn	<i>Helmsley</i>	Hymnal 57
The Dismissal		BCP 365

VOLUNTARY	<i>Wachet auf, BWV 645</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach
	(Sleepers, wake)	

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 our St. Andrew's Youth Group
by Cathey Harrison.

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

Advent at St. Andrew's

Sunday morning Education Hour offerings for all ages

Advent Wreath Making

Sunday, December 3
9:30 - 10:30 AM



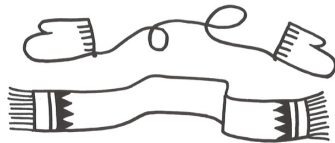
The Christmas Market

Sunday, December 10
9:30 AM - 1 PM



Christmas Cookie Festival

Sunday, December 17
9:30 - 10:30 AM



Events for all ages during the
9:30 Education Hour

Advent, Christmas & Epiphany at St. Andrew's



LESSONS & CAROLS FOR ADVENT

Sunday, December 10 at 5 PM

ADVENT IV DECEMBER 24

9AM The Holy Eucharist: Rite I

CHRISTMAS EVE DECEMBER 24

1 PM Rhythms of Grace

A joyful inclusive service for all ages and abilities in our Parish Hall

3 PM The Holy Eucharist Rite II with Children's Pageant

A family-friendly service with a pageant & Christmas carols.

5 PM A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

*A festive service of Christmas Carols and choral music
from the Choristers, St. Andrew's Choir,
and Choral Scholars with harp.*

10:30 PM The Holy Eucharist: Rite II with Candlelight

*A candlelight service with Christmas Carols and choral music from the St. Andrew's
Choir & Choral Scholars with harp.*

CHRISTMAS DAY DECEMBER 25

10 AM Holy Eucharist

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY JANUARY 6

7 PM A Feast of Lights

*Observe the arrival of the Magi with this candlelight service and carols about the three
kings. This liturgy concludes with the burning of the Christmas greenery.*

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS AT ST. ANDREW'S

Each Christmas Eve, St. Andrew's decorates the church with fresh greenery, poinsettias, and altar flowers. If you would like to contribute by offering a monetary donation, please complete the form below and place it in the alms basin along with a check during the Offertory. You may also donate online through your Realm account or at saccheights.org/giving.

Poinsettias are \$20 each and altar arrangements are \$50 each, but gifts in all amounts are appreciated and will be recognized.

Please print clearly.

FLOWER DEDICATION

(please select 1 or more category)



Your Name:

In Memory of:

In Thanksgiving for:

In Honor of:

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*
Patty Mejia, *spouse of Frank Guevara*
Stacy Jenkins, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*
Jeanne Ingraham, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*
Karena Kelly, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*
Ron Sparks, *friend of Jerry and Martha Gallagher*
Father John Pitts, *friend of Mike Sullivan*
Kevin Gipson, *father of Kandace Gipson*
Leo Russell, *nephew of Father Clint Brown*
Enrique Carrillo, *friend of Susan Peterson*

We pray for the repose of the soul of:

Bianca Currie, *mother-in-law of Jamie Martin-Currie*
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. 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

Loose Plate Collections: Today's loose plate collection will go to the Heights Interfaith Ministries Food Pantry. You may also donate by scanning the QR Code.



Advent Wreath Making: Join us today, December 3 for Advent Wreath Making in the Parish Hall. There will be fresh greenery, candles, wreaths and prayers to make your own Advent wreath to observe the season at home. There will also be children's holiday crafts. If you have a wreath form from last year, please bring it to decorate again. Donations to offset the cost of wreath materials will be accepted.

Youth Group: Join us this evening at 5 PM for our annual Christmas Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange. Salad bar! Cookies! Hot chocolate!

Houston Seafarer's Boxes: Many thanks to all those who donated items. It's now time to pack boxes! Join us this Saturday, December 9th at 1 PM in the Oak Table Room. Boxes will be ready for wrapping at the Christmas Market on December 10th.

MAM Toy Drive: MAM's Annual Christmas Share Program spreads the joy of the holidays by providing toys, gift cards, and blankets to hundreds of children in our community. We will be collecting items today, December 3rd. Please visit the following website to view the MAM wishlist or make a monetary donation: mamhouston.org/christmaslist.

Food Drive: The youth are collecting non-perishable food items ending today for the HIM Food Pantry. Please put the following items in a bag and bring to church today, Sunday, December 3: peanut butter, canned vegetables, canned soups and stews, canned meats, pasta, rice, beans, canned tomatoes/pasta sauce, diapers size 3-6. "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

Men of St. Andrew's BBQ: The Men of St. Andrew's will be taking care of your Christmas Eve and Christmas dinner needs! We will be smoking briskets, ribs, salmon, and pork loins. Meat pick-up will be on Christmas Eve following the morning and afternoon services. Scan the QR code to order. If you would like to come out and barbecue with us on December 23rd, email us at



menofsaec@gmail.com or talk with Ben Gibbs at church.

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



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