



Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
The Second Sunday of Advent
December 5, 2021: 10:00 a.m.
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome! I'm so thrilled to be worshipping with you today! What a delight it is to be able to be back together, in person, in our beloved sanctuary. I have been blessed to see the many ways that you have lifted each other up and ensured the vitality of our community over the last year and a half. And, even as some of us gather together today, we are blessed by the digital presence and participation of others who are not physically with us at this time.

Yet, even as we gather, the pandemic is not entirely behind us. So out of our desire to show our love for our neighbor, we continue to take precautions. Everyone is required to wear a mask while worshipping here at St. Andrew's. We will continue to fast from sharing the common cup and will only receive bread at communion and we will maintain physical distance from those outside our own households.

As we enter Advent, I pray this can be a season of true gratitude and preparation for each of us. May we be able to fully appreciate the return of familiar traditions and the integration of new patterns and new ways of doing things. Take the time to create space in your hearts and your daily rhythms to invite God in, evaluate what truly feels important to you and offer thanks for all that we have. I look forward to walking through the beauty of this season along the road to the manger with each of you.

Advent Blessings,

Andrew+

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn

Comfort, comfort ye my people

Hymn #67

Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Presider 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.**

Kyrie Eleison

Hymnal S-86

The Collect of the Day (*Please remain standing*)

Common Worship

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succor us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the Book of Baruch.

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Response

The Song of Zechariah

Luke 1:68-79



Blessed be the Lord, the / God of / Israel; *
 he has come to his people / and / set them / free.
 He has raised up for us a / migh-ty / savior, *
 born of the house / of his / ser-vant / David.
 Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
 that he would save us / from our / enemies, *
 from the / hands of / all who hate / us.
 He promised to show mercy / to our / fathers *
 and to remember / his / holy / covenant.
 This was the oath he swore to our / fa-ther / Abraham, *
 to set us / free from the / hands of our / enemies,
 Free to worship him / with-out / fear, *
 holy and righteous in his sight / all the days / of our / life.
 You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the / Möst / High, *
 for you will go before the / Lord to pre- / pare his / way,
 To give his people knowledge / of sal- / vation *
 by the for- / give-ness / of their / sins.
 In the tender compassion / of our / God *
 the dawn from on / high shall / break u- / pon us,
 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the / shadow of / death, *
 and to guide our feet in- / to the / way of / peace.

Glory to the Father, and / to the / Son *
and / to the / Holy / Spirit:
As it was in the be-/ ginning, is / now, *
and / will be for / ever. / Amen.

The Epistle

Philippians 1:3-11

NRSV

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn

There's a voice in the wilderness crying

Hymn #75

The Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

NRSV

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

Andrew Moore

The Nicene Creed (*Said in unison*)

BCP, p. 358

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 of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

from *Praying the Scriptures*

Intercessor I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. Prepare your hearts for his arrival, praying, fill the valleys, make low the hills;

People **Come, great Redeemer, come.**

Intercessor Merciful God, increase our love to overflowing. Make your Church pure and blameless that we may greet with joy the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

People **Come, great Redeemer, come.**

Intercessor Merciful God, we long for the light of hope to break into our world, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide us into the way of peace. Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

People **Come, great Redeemer, come.**

Intercessor Merciful God, give us grace to heed the warnings of those calling us to be better stewards of your creation. We thank you for all you have made, especially those things that sustain and better our lives. Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

People **Come, great Redeemer, come.**

Intercessor Merciful God, you lead us with joy; you delight in our joy. You clothe us in beauty. We give you thanks for your tender care. We pray for all who live, work, and go to school on Oregon Hill; for those who celebrated birthdays last week, including: Bill Butler; and all who are celebrating birthdays this week, including: Denise Bennett, Patrick Getlein, Ramón Vargas, Adam White, Sarah Bridgewater, Allie Geier, Bill Jackson, Ann MacDonald. Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

People **Come, great Redeemer, come.**

Intercessor Merciful God, you remember your children. You do not leave us in sorrow or affliction. Crown your children with glory; clothe them with righteousness. Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

People **Come, great Redeemer, come.**

Intercessor Merciful God, you have raised up for us salvation through your Son. Keep us, with all your saints, in the eternal life of Christ. Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

People **Come, great Redeemer, come.**

Please add your own prayers either silently or aloud.

The Confession

BCP, p. 360

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Presider and People

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

Presider 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. **Amen.**

The Peace *(Please stand)*

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Choir Anthem

Presentation Hymn
(Please stand)

From all that dwell below the skies

Hymn #380, v.3

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, p. 367

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your 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 we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Hymnal S-124

The people may stand or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

All **We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Andrew and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Communion will be distributed at the foot of the Chancel steps.

As we continue to fast from sharing the common cup, we will receive the sacrament in one kind, bread, only.

Please wait to remove your mask to consume the sacrament until you have moved away from the Presider and promptly replace your mask.

Please let an usher know if you would prefer to have communion brought to you in your seat.

Communion Hymn

Come and find the quiet center

Shirley Erena Murray

1. Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
 2. Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heart and slows the pace,
 3. In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,
 find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
 God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches grace,
 let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain.
 Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see
 making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,
 There's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,
 all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.
 raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.
 in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare.

Presider Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Hymn #76

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Worship Participants

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Andrew Moore *Deacon:* The Rev. Deacon Barbara Ambrose
Reader: Elaine Baur *Intercessor:* Pat Bridgewater *Crucifer:* Chuck Baur
Organist & Choirmaster: Demas Boudreaux

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The Prayers of the People:

- Richard Bowen, Sarah Bridgewater, Dwayne Briggs, Rob Burger, Davison Chapman, Wayne Clark, James Conway, Tom Davis, Shirley Dolan, Sarah Dowles, Erik Durbas, Cyrus Field, Ellen Field, Carlton Green, Jack Greener, Melissa Groome, Van Haywood, Derek Hubbel, Dorothy Jackson, Georgia Jonkman, Jeeha Kamran, Diane Klisavage, Elaine Kriskus, Tommy MacDonald, Shawna Methaney, Lillian Miller, Crystal Munnings, Ann Olliff, Richard Plunkett, Walter Quinn, Henry Randolph, Jerrie Richardson, Greg Robinson, Audrey Rowe, Greg Rowe, Lizzy Schrass, Donnie Thomas, Ramon Torres, Joe Velliers.
- Pray for those who have died and those who mourn.
- Pray for those who live and work and go to school on Oregon Hill and for the ministry of Anna Julia Cooper Middle School.
- We pray for persons in financial need in Metropolitan Richmond: For the unemployed and underemployed, for suitable work, living wages, and fair benefits for all workers in this metropolitan city; and for sufficient employment to make healthy family life possible.
- Pray for those celebrating birthdays: Bill Butler (12/3), Denise Bennett (12/5), Patrick Getlein (12/6), Ramón Vargas (12/6), Adam White (12/7), Sarah Bridgewater (12/8), Allie Geier (12/8), Bill Jackson (12/8), Ann MacDonald (12/9).

This Week at St. Andrew's:

Sunday, December 5, The Second Sunday of Advent

- Coffee Hour, 11:15 a.m., Chapel
- Advent Unbound, 11:15 a.m., Chapel

Tuesday, December 7

- Noonday Prayer: 12:00 p.m., Facebook

Wednesday, December 8

- Compline: 8:00 p.m., Facebook

Thursday, December 9

- Noonday Prayer: 12:00 p.m., Facebook

Sunday, December 12, The Third Sunday of Advent

- Holy Eucharist, Rite II: 10:00 a.m., Church and on Facebook
- Coffee Hour, 11:15 a.m., Chapel
- Advent Unbound, 11:15 a.m., Chapel



Announcements for
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News and Upcoming Events:

- **Adult Formation – Advent Unbound:** We're so excited to welcome back Adult Formation! It will take place *after* the worship service. It will also be held in the church so that we can better maintain distance than we can in St. Andrew's House. Throughout Advent, join us after church for a time of reflection based in poet Pádraig Ó Tuama's *Poetry Unbound* podcast. By exploring specific poets and their poetry, we learn more about our own journey through this season of preparation. Pick up a copy of the companion devotional at church to pray at home throughout the week or just come and join us on Sundays, no preparation required!
- **Christmas Poinsettias:** Order your poinsettias to decorate the church on Christmas Eve. The plants are \$20 and may be given in memory of or in thanksgiving for someone. Order forms are in the narthex and online at <https://tinyurl.com/PoinsettiaOrder2021>. The deadline to order is Thursday, December 16.
- **Help Decorate St. Andrew's for Christmas:** Don't you just *love* decorating for Christmas? Come join your Saint Andrew's friends as we decorate the sanctuary and chapel for the season. We will put on the festive after the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, December 19. It won't take long if we have many hands on the job. If you have fresh greens you'd like us to use, bring them with you.
- **A Future with Hope:** This year's stewardship theme, A Future with Hope, is taken from the book of Jeremiah. Jeremiah was called by God to be a prophet. During his life he saw the siege of Jerusalem and the Israelites' exile in Babylon. Those times were difficult indeed, filled with separation and exile. Can we relate in our everyday lives?
The season of stewardship poses an opportunity to examine how we are being called by God. Can we gain new insight and perspective about serving God during difficult times? Despite our challenges, may we be thankful for all that we have been given in so many ways. As we are called to follow God, may we discern how we will provide for the future mission of St. Andrew's.
We encourage all of those who are part of our Church family to give—not out of obligation, but out of a spirit of worship, gratitude, and hope. We especially invite you to pledge for 2022, so that we can effectively budget for the upcoming year. Your gifts allow God's work to be done in our midst, in our community, and in the world around us. You can fill out and return the 2022 pledge card (extras are available in the Narthex) or pledge online at standrewsoregonhill.org/connect/give-now/.
- **Advent Socks & Gloves Collection:** This Advent I invite you to join in giving to our neighbors. Our sister church, Grace and Holy Trinity, has a [Red Door Ministry](#), which provides food, fellowship, and faith to those in need. They are most in need of new or gently used socks and gloves for adults. A box to collect donations will be located at the back of the church, just to the right of the Narthex doors, through Sunday, December 19. Thank you in advance for your generosity in serving our neighbors.
Join me in praying for those who have no permanent shelter and have to weather the cold both day and night: *Most Merciful God, as we gather, preparing our hearts and minds for the coming of God among us, let us remember those who need, those who are cold, those without the shelter of a warm house. May God be merciful. May the work of our hands provide some comfort, and the prayers of our hearts enfold all in your love. Amen.*
Dawn McNamara, Deacon Intern

- **Compline on Facebook:** Join us for Compline on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 p.m. on [St. Andrew's Facebook Page](#). You can follow along by turning to page 127 in the Book of Common Prayer, or at <https://www.bcponline.org/DailyOffice/compline.html>.
- **Noonday Prayer on Facebook:** Join us for Noonday Prayer on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:00 noon on [St. Andrew's Facebook Page](#)!
- **Sunday Paper Junior Bulletins:** We encourage you to share these Sunday Paper Junior bulletins with your children. Pick up a copy in the narthex of the church, or download one! Linked here are the Sunday Paper Junior bulletins for [last Sunday](#) and [today](#).
- **UPDATED Cell Phone Number for Andrew:** We are slowly returning to working from the office, but the best way to reach Andrew continues to be via email or on his cell phone. If you need to reach him, please call him at 804-251-0363 or email him at amoore@standrewsoregonhill.org.