



The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 24, 2021
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome! I'm so thrilled to be worshipping with you this morning! None of us could ever have anticipated that we would still be worshipping virtually in the Epiphany season, but I'm so grateful for all of you that are worshipping with us on Facebook or YouTube or just praying in your homes. This time of physical distancing has made it more clear than ever that the church is resilient and that the Body of Christ remains strong even when we can't be together in person.

As we continue to fast from in-person worship, we give thanks for the hope provided by the rollout of the vaccine. Though this has certainly been a difficult time for all of us, I am encouraged by the ways that members of the St. Andrew's community care for one another and our community. And I remain incredibly grateful for the grace, love and flexibility which you have all demonstrated throughout this pandemic.

May this Epiphany season be a time of joy and gratitude for you and your families. May the joy of God's light shining in our dark world fill your heart to overflowing. And may the peace of God, which passes all understanding, be with you and those you love, now and always.

Grace & Peace,

Andrew+

Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Common Worship

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

NRSV

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jonah.

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

People The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

6. For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
truly, my hope is in God.
7. God alone is my rock and my salvation, *
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.
8. In God is my safety and my honor; *
God is my strong rock and my refuge.
9. Put your trust in God always, O people, *
pour out your hearts before God, who is our refuge.
10. Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, *
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.
11. On the scales they are lighter than a breath, *
all of them together.
12. Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; *
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.
13. God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, *
that power belongs to God.
14. Steadfast love is yours, O LORD, *
for you repay all people according to their deeds.

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 Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

NRSV

Deacon A reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Andrew Moore

The Apostles' Creed (said in unison)

BCP, p. 96

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the

dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Confession

BCP, p. 360

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

Officiant 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.

Officiant 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 PRAYERS

The Prayers of the People

from *Praying the Scriptures*

Intercessor Put your trust in God always, O people. With humble hearts let us pray to God: steadfast love is yours, O Lord;

People **Show us mercy.**

Intercessor O God, you have called your Church to be merciful. May your Church be known by the love we show and the grace we speak. Our souls in silence wait for you. Steadfast love is yours, O Lord;

People **Show us mercy.**

Intercessor O God, you love those we call enemy. Transform our hearts that we might not wish for the destruction of any but instead hope for the salvation of all people. Our souls in silence wait for you. Steadfast love is yours, O Lord;

People **Show us mercy.**

Intercessor O God, we recognize that we take your creation for granted. Forgive us and teach us to be good stewards. Our souls in silence wait for you. Steadfast love is yours, O Lord;

People **Show us mercy.**

Intercessor O God, we lift you the hungry and poor of our region. We ask you to be for them a strong rock and refuge. Our souls in silence wait for you. Steadfast love is yours, O Lord;

People **Show us mercy.**

Intercessor O God, in you is our safety and honor. Bless those who are sick and those who are brokenhearted. Give to all the comfort of your peace. We pray for all who live, work, and go to school on Oregon Hill; for all who are celebrating birthdays this week, including Bob Edwards and Marsden Marundé. Our souls in silence wait for you. Steadfast love is yours, O Lord;

People **Show us mercy.**

Intercessor O God, even while this life is passing away, you are faithful. Receive into your heavenly kingdom the dying and the dead. Continue to bless them with your love. Our souls in silence wait for you. Steadfast love is yours, O Lord;

People **Show us mercy.**

Intercessor I invite you to offer your own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Please add your own prayers either silently or aloud.

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 for ever. Amen

Concluding Collect

Officiant God of all humanity, you call us to bring about healing and wholeness for the whole world – for people of all races and cultures and creeds. Help us to respond to a world that is groaning under the weight of injustice and broken relationships. Remind us that differences are a gift, and interdependence a strength from the same creative God. Strengthen us to resist the forces that encourage polarization and competition rather than understanding and cooperation. We know that your reign is not built on injustice and oppression, but on the transformation of hearts – new life, not just reordered life. Teach us forgiveness, O God. Bring us reconciliation. Give us hope for the future. We pray in Jesus' love. **Amen.**

The Blessing

The Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God!**

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Worship Participants

Officiant & Preacher: The Rev. Andrew Moore

Deacon: The Rev. Deacon Barbara Ambrose

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The Prayers of the People:

- Phyllis Bailey, Richard Bowen, Pat Bridgewater, Sarah Bridgewater, Dwayne Briggs, Rob Burger, Davison Chapman, Wayne Clark, James Conway, Cathy Creamer, Tom Davis, Shirley Dolan, Sarah Dowles, Jim Evans, Renee Ferrucci, Cyrus Field, Ellen Field, Susan Goff, Carlton Green, Jack Greener, Melissa Groome, Van Haywood, Herbert Hubbel, Georgia Jonkman, Jeeha Kamran, Diane Klisavage, Elaine Kriskus, Eileen LoSasso, Shawna Methaney, Lillian Miller, Craig Millward, Crystal Munnings, Ann Olliff, Henry Randolph, Jerrie Richardson, Audrey Rowe, Greg Rowe, Karen Salter, Lizzy Schrass, Donnie Thomas, Ramon Torres.
- Pray for those who live and work and go to school on Oregon Hill and for the ministry of Anna Julia Cooper Middle School.
- Pray to overcome in Christ's name the heritage of racism: To overcome ignorance, indifference, resentment, and bitterness with regard to race in both private and public life.
- Pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Bob Edwards (1/25), Marsden Marundé (1/27).

News and Upcoming Events:

- **Noonday Prayer:** Each weekday, join us in praying Noonday Prayer at 12:00 noon on Facebook Live at www.facebook.com/standrewsrva. You can follow along in the Book of Common Prayer on page 103 or online at www.bcponline.org. Click on The Daily Office and then an Order of Service for Noonday.
- **Digital Coffee Hour:** Join us on Sundays at 10:45 a.m. on Zoom! You can join by going to <https://zoom.us/j/97623461393> and entering the password 067460. You can also call (929) 205-6099 and entering the meeting ID: 976 2346 1393 and the password 067460. This has been a fantastic time to visit virtually and catch up with one another.
- **Annual Meeting:** Join us for Annual Meeting, which will be held on Sunday, January 31, at 11:00 a.m. on [Zoom](#). We'll elect new Vestry members, hear reports on 2020, and more. New to Zoom? [You can investigate these helpful articles and videos on how to use Zoom](#), or contact [Britton](#) or [Andrew](#) for assistance.
- **Are You Interested in Lay Reading for Our Online services?** It's an easy way to be active in our online services! Britton will send you the readings or prayers ahead of time, you use your phone to record yourself, and then upload the file. Please contact Britton at office@standrewsoregonhill.org or 804-322-9183 to volunteer and find out more.
- **UGK Community First Update & Volunteer Opportunities:** UGK Community First has established a partnership with the City of Richmond and moved its kitchen operations to The Annie Giles Center at 1400 Oliver Hill Way. Many of you may remember serving meals to homeless people when this facility was called the Conrad Center. This partnership with the City will place Community First in closer proximity to areas of food insecurity in the City and creates opportunity to develop educational programs on topics such as nutrition, food preparation and health benefits of healthy eating to vulnerable populations. The new year is a great time to consider volunteer opportunities at UGK Community First. For more information and to sign up to volunteer, visit [Volunteer UGK Community First](#).
- **Sunday Paper Junior Bulletins:** While we cannot gather to worship in person, we encourage you to share these Sunday Paper Junior bulletins with your children. These are the same bulletins we have been offering in church each Sunday. Linked here are the Sunday Paper Junior bulletins [Sunday, January 17](#), and [Sunday, January 24](#). Email Britton at office@standrewsoregonhill.org if you'd like her to mail paper copies to you.
- **Connect at Digital Coffee Hour:** Like most of you, I dearly miss Sunday morning worship services at St Andrew's. But mostly I miss our community which is a big part of our service. I appreciate the effort that Andrew and others have done to put together great online worship experiences, either Noonday Prayer or our Sunday service. And while I'm so happy to continue with this type of worship it doesn't fulfill my longing for connection. What fills me up is our [Digital Coffee Hour](#). It's so great to see familiar faces, to laugh or exchanges stories of our trials and tribulations in dealing with the pandemic. Only then do I feel like it's Sunday! It's really quite simple to log in. If you need help please call me at 804-548-5956 or ask a child or grandchild for help, LOL. 😊 – Sue Barrett
- **Options for Giving:** While we are unable to gather in person and offer our collective offering to God, it is critically important that we all continue to give as we are able. Even though we are not meeting in person, the expenses of the church remain. If you are already accustomed to giving online, thank you! If it is your practice to place your offering in the plate on Sundays, we invite you to consider either mailing your offering to the church or giving through our secure site. Simply visit the [Giving page of our website](#). Choose from a drop-down menu whether this is a pledge payment or if it is just a gift, select Give Now. You can choose to make this a recurring gift online as well. If you do choose to give online, please consider adding an additional 2-3% to your pledge to cover the service fees the church is charged for each gift. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Andrew or a member of the Vestry.

- **Help St. Andrew's with Kroger Community Rewards:** Help St. Andrew's by increasing donations every time you shop at Kroger! Thanks to their Community Rewards program, it's easy. Create or log into your digital account at kroger.com. In the Community Rewards section of your account, link your Kroger Plus Card to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Oregon Hill (organization ID AF019). Scan your Kroger Plus Card every time you check out at Kroger. St. Andrew's receives a periodic donation check from Kroger based on a percentage of designated transactions, all at no cost to you. Questions? Contact Chris Catanzaro at 804-922-1288 or Kroger Customer Service at 800-KROGERS (800-576-4377).
- **Children's Worship Videos:** Each week we will have a worship video designed specifically for families with children. They will include a reading from the Jesus Storybook Bible, a time for prayers, and a new segment called "Ask Andrew." This will be a chance for our young people to ask their questions about God and the world and Andrew will (attempt) to answer them! [Email Andrew](#) to submit questions for inclusion. The videos will be posted on our [YouTube channel](#) and links will be included in our weekly worship emails.
- **Free Digital Publications for Advent, Christmas, & Epiphany:** Church Publishing Incorporated has updated their selection of free digital publications with resources for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany, [which you can browse by clicking here](#). These include *The Book of Common Prayer* in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#), and books, activity packs, and more for children, teens, and adults!
- **UPDATED Cell Phone Number for Andrew:** Andrew has a new cell phone number, which was previously advertised incorrectly! If you need to reach him, please call him at 804-251-0363. You can also email him at amoore@standrewsoregonhill.org



Who in the world would ever have guessed we'd have a year like the one we've just been through? Who in the world would have guessed that St. Andrew's would have come through it so beautifully and with such creativity? We hope you'll join us in giving thanks to God for the flexibility and creativity that already existed within our community. You so quickly adapted to digital worship and fellowship. Your Vestry completed the first digital Mutual Ministry Review with the diocese and called Andrew to serve as our Rector, all within the first weeks of the pandemic. You've joined in virtual book groups and film conversations, EFM is meeting again this year, all via Zoom, a technology most of us had never even heard of before March. And when we saw the increasing need for feeding ministries, you gave selflessly of your time and your dollars to support FeedMore and the new Underground Kitchen Community First initiative.

And as every organization you're a part of has already said to you, your financial support means more now than ever to keep this flexibility, creativity, and faithfulness alive and thriving in the year to come. Thanks to your continued generosity, we've been able to weather the financial challenges of 2020. As we look toward 2021, none of us knows what the coming year will bring. But we can say with great confidence that we still find joy together, in whatever ways we are able to come together. So as we enter this season of gratitude and turn our attention to stewardship, we take our inspiration from Psalm 98 and the confidence that we are indeed together for joy.

We hope that you will join us in giving thanks for the sources of joy in our lives, particularly the joy that comes from our life together at St. Andrew's. A huge thank you to those of you who have discerned and submitted your pledges already. So far, we have received 41 pledges totaling nearly \$120,000. We're so very grateful for your support.

Between now and then, we hope you will prayerfully discern your pledge for 2021. As you discern, consider praying this prayer:

*Great One, for you the floods clap, for you the hills sing.
You know my situation better than anyone.
Take my credits and debits, ins and outs, my pluses and minuses,
surpluses and lacks, and show me
how to use them to join the great chorus of Creation.
Amen.*

[We invite you to submit your pledge safely and securely online on the St. Andrew's website, or return the pledge card on the back of this page.](#)

For all that we've already accomplished together during this challenging season, for all that we will accomplish together in the future, thank God, and thank YOU. See you soon and until then, let us be together for joy.

Faithfully,

The Rev. Andrew Y. Moore
Rector

Chris Catanzaro
Stewardship Chair



TOGETHER
FOR JOY

"Together for Joy" Pledge Card

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

I/We plan to give \$ _____ each week month
for an annual total of \$ _____.

I/We understand that this pledge will 1) help our church sing "together with joy," and 2) can be changed at any time.

Signature _____ Date _____



TOGETHER
FOR JOY

"Sing to God a new song,
for God has done marvelous things.
Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy."
+ Psalm 98

GIVING CHART

WEEKLY GIVING IF THE PERCENTAGE IS...

Annual Income	Monthly Income	Weekly Income	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%	15%
\$16,000	\$1,333	\$308	\$6	\$12	\$18	\$25	\$31	\$46
20,000	1,667	385	8	15	23	31	39	58
25,000	2,083	481	10	19	29	38	48	72
30,000	2,500	577	12	23	35	46	58	87
35,000	2,917	673	13	27	40	54	67	101
40,000	3,333	769	15	31	46	62	77	115
45,000	3,750	865	17	35	52	69	87	130
50,000	4,167	962	19	38	58	77	96	144
60,000	5,000	1,154	23	46	69	92	115	173
75,000	6,250	1,442	29	58	87	115	144	216
100,000	8,333	1,923	38	77	115	154	192	288
125,000	10,417	2,404	48	96	144	192	240	361