



Morning Prayer: Rite Two
The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 23, 2022: 10:00 a.m.
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome! I'm so thrilled to be worshipping with you today! While the high levels of community transmission of the Omicron variant of the coronavirus keep us from worshipping in person for a time, I know that the love of this community still binds us strongly together. I am very hopeful that this surge in cases will pass quickly, allowing us to gather together again soon. And we have certainly learned throughout the pandemic that we are a community that cares for each other and lifts one another up even when we are not in the building together.

In the meantime, I pray that the light of the Epiphany season bathes you and your loved ones in God's love, never forgetting that you are God's beloved and you are very pleasing to God's sight. Stay safe and healthy. Get vaccinated or boosted if you are eligible. And take care of those you love so that we might all be together again soon.

Grace & Peace,

Andrew+

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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.**

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.

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

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

NRSV

A reading from the Book of the prophet Nehemiah.

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Response

Psalm 19

Psalter for the Christian People

1. The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows forth the work of God's hands.
2. One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
3. Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
4. Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
5. In the deep has God set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
6. It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
7. The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
8. The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
9. The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.
10. More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
11. By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
12. Can people tell how often they offend? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
13. Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.
14. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.
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.

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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

The Sermon

Andrew Moore

The Nicene Creed *(Said in unison)*

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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 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. Empowered by the Spirit, let us pray together, saying, we bless you, Lord our God.

People **Amen, amen.**

Intercessor Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer. We bless you, Lord our God.

People **Amen, amen.**

Intercessor By the spirit of the Lord, may we, your Church carry on the work of Jesus. Open our hearts to the poor and the captives, to the blind and the oppressed. We bless you, Lord our God.

People **Amen, amen.**

Intercessor The heavens declare your glory, Great Creator, and the firmament shows your handiwork. We pray you and we thank you for the beauty and majesty of your creation. 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. We bless you, Lord our God.

People **Amen, amen.**

Intercessor We thank you, O God, for the many members that make up our body; for the gifts, the work, and the prayers that we share. We ask you to bless especially our leaders, lay and ordained. Give us wisdom and guide us by your Spirit. We bless you, Lord our God.

People **Amen, amen.**

Intercessor We pray for those who are sick or sorrowful. When they suffer, we suffer with them. Revive and heal them, we pray. May your joy be their strength. We bless you, Lord our God.

People Amen, amen.

Intercessor O God, you have formed an eternal bond with us in baptism. Whether living or dead, bless and keep your children, especially Eddie Griffith, forever. We bless you, Lord our God.

People Amen, amen.

Please add your own prayers either silently or aloud.

The Confession

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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 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
Reader: Britton Trimble *Intercessor:* Pat Bridgewater

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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.
- We pray for all those who have died, especially Edwin W. Griffith, and pray for all those who mourn.
- Pray for those who live and work and go to school on Oregon Hill and for the Soup Kitchen with St. Mark's.
- Pray to overcome in Christ's name the heritage of racism: To overcome ignorance, indifference, resentment, and bitterness with regards to race in both private and public life.
- Pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week: Bob Edwards (1/25), Marsden Marundé (1/27).

This Week at St. Andrew's:

Sunday, January 23, The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

- [Virtual Coffee Hour on Zoom: 11:00 a.m., Zoom](#)

Tuesday, January 25

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

Wednesday, January 26

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

Thursday, January 27

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

Sunday, January 30, The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

- Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m., Facebook
- [Virtual Coffee Hour on Zoom: 11:00 a.m., Zoom](#)

News and Upcoming Events:

- **Worship in January:** On Thursday, December 30, our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Susan Goff, sent a letter to the clergy of the diocese urging all parishes to consider returning to virtual worship until the worst of the Omicron surge has passed. After conversation with the Vestry, clergy, and health experts in the parish, we decided to move this worship service online. We will continue to re-evaluate in the coming weeks as we monitor the situation and work to gather together in person again soon.
- **Thanks from Wayne Clark:** Wayne would like to thank everyone for their visits, calls, and “goodies” that they brought him since he has been under the weather. He's happily back at home, and feeling better.
- **Blessings Fence:** Preparations are underway for the St. Andrew's Blessings Fence. Thank you to those who have already provided hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves for this annual offering. If you have items to donate you can drop them off at St. Andrew's House on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., or on Friday, January 28, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. Please contact Barbara Ambrose for more information.

- **12 Days of Christmas Food Drive:** There is still time to contribute to our 12 Days of Christmas Food Drive. You can drop your donations off at St. Andrew's House from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays; or on Friday, January 28, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. We will bless the ingathering of gifts that will be donated to the Oregon Hill Baptist Center (OHBC) Food Pantry located at Pine Street Baptist Church. Please contact Barbara Ambrose for more information. Your twelve days of Christmas list:

1. Canned Tuna	7. Canned Fruit
2. Canned Salmon	8. Pork & Beans
3. Canned Chicken	9. Instant Potatoes
4. Canned Spaghetti & Meatballs	10. Canned Vegetables (assorted)
5. Spaghetti Sauce	11. Peanut Butter
6. Spaghetti Noodles	12. Jelly
- **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 when we return to in-person worship, 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