



HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

The First Sunday of Advent (Year A)

November 27, 2022: 10:00 a.m.
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Welcome. We are delighted you've joined us for worship and hope this bulletin is helpful in facilitating your participation. Everything you need for the spoken parts is found here. If you like, however, you may use the page numbers to refer to the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) in the pew rack in front of you. Music is found in the blue 1982 Hymnal (also in the pew rack) and in this bulletin. Service music designated by an "S" is found in the front of the hymnal. Children of all ages are welcome to worship with us at St. Andrew's. Restrooms are downstairs in the undercroft. We invite you to fill out one of our welcome cards and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher or the priest. This will enable us to greet you more fully. May you know God's presence in this place as we worship together.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending

Hymn # 57

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

Please remain standing as you are able.

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

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Please remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant 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 Trisagion

Holy God

Hymn #S-102

Sung three times: men, women, then all. Please remain standing as you are able.

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The Collect

BCP, p. 211

Please remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 2:1-5

NRSV

Please sit.

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

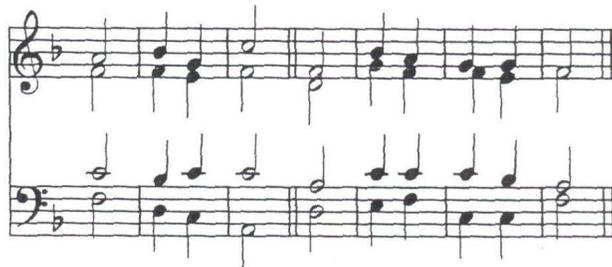
The Response

Psalm 122

Psalter for the Christian People

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.

William Russell
(1777-1813)



1. I was glad when they / said to / me, *
 "Let us go to / the house / of the / Lord."
2. Now our / feet are / standing *
 within your gates, / O Je - / ru - sa - / lem.
3. Jerusalem is built / as a / city *
 that is at / uni - ty / with it - / self;
4. to which the tribes go up, the tribes / of the / Lord, *
 the assembly of Israel, to praise / the name / of the / Lord.
5. For there are the / thrones of / judgment, *
 the thrones / of the / house of / David.
6. Pray for the peace of Je - / ru - sa - / lem: *
 "May they / pros - per / who love / you.
7. Peace be with - / in your / walls *
 and quiet - / ness with - / in your / towers.
8. For the sake of my kindred / and com - / panions, *
 I pray for / your pro - / sper - i - / ty.
9. Because of the house of the / Lord our / God, *
 I will / seek to / do you / good."
 Glory to the Father, and / to the / Son,
 and / to the / Ho-ly / Spirit:
 as it was in the be - / ginning, is / now,
 and / will be for / ever. A - / men.

Please sit.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Come we that love the Lord

Lift Every Voice and Sing II #12

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.



1. Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be known; Join
 2. Let those re - fuse to sing Who nev - er knew our God; But
 3. The hill of Zi - on yields A thou - sand sa - cred sweets Be -
 4. Then let our songs a - bound, And ev - 'ry tear be dry; We're



1. in a song with sweet ac - cord, Join in a song with sweet ac -
 2. chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, But chil - dren of the heav'n - ly
 3. fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, Be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly
 4. march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, We're march - ing thro' Im - man - uel's



1. cord, And thus sur - round the throne, And thus sur - round the throne.—
 2. King, May speak their joys a - broad, May speak their joys a - broad.—
 3. fields, Or walk the gold - en streets, Or walk the gold - en streets.—
 4. ground, To fair - er worlds on high, To fair - er worlds on high.—



We're march - ing to Zi - on, Beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful



Zi - on; We're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on,



The beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

Please remain standing as you are able.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Matthew*.

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

Denise Bennett

Please sit.

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

Said by all. Please stand as you are able.

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

Praying the Scriptures

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Intercessor People of God, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord. Let us pray to the Lord, saying, teach us your ways, O God,

People **That we may walk in your paths.**

Intercessor Wake from sleep, O God, your Church. Let us lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us live honorably as salvation draws ever nearer. Teach us your ways, O God,

People **That we may walk in your paths.**

Intercessor Wake from sleep, O God, this nation. May we beat our swords into plowshares, and our spears into pruning hooks. May we learn war no more. Teach us your ways, O God,

People **That we may walk in your paths.**

Intercessor Wake from sleep, O God, your creation. May the mountains rise to meet you and the crops of the fields burst forth in praise. Teach us your ways, O God,

People **That we may walk in your paths.**

Intercessor Wake from sleep, O God, this city. May there be peace and prosperity within our walls. Make clear our paths that we may walk in your light. Teach us your ways, O God,

People **That we may walk in your paths.**

Intercessor Wake from sleep, O God, those in pain and sadness. Deliver them from their darkness that they may rejoice in your light. May all those waiting for healing find your salvation is near. We give thanks for all who are celebrating birthdays this week, especially, Marta Powers, Naomi Vickers, T.C. Carter III, Jack Marshall, Jenny Jones, Thomas Sims, Garry Land, Chuck Baur, Bill Butler. Teach us your ways, O God,

People **That we may walk in your paths.**

Intercessor Wake all your people from sleep, O God. Prepare your saints for that day when the Son of Man will return, with the saints at rest, to reign with us forever and ever. We pray for those who have died. Teach us your ways, O God,

People **That we may walk in your paths.**

All **Holy Spirit, guide us as we seek a new priest for our church. Assist us in living hopefully into the future and open our hearts to You so that our journey to this unknown place continues as a journey of trust. In the face of change, help us to set unnecessary fears aside and to recognize our potential for creative response. Help us to develop a reasonable optimism when confronted by “the new” and to guard against our own defensiveness. Be with us as we remember and celebrate former times, and keep us from unreasonable yearning for them, which takes us from the work you have set before us in our time. And we further pray, O Lord, that in this time of waiting we may all devote ourselves afresh to your service, so that nothing be lost of the faithful work of the past, but rather that it may be brought to a rich harvest in the years to come. All this we ask in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The celebrant adds a concluding collect.

The Confession

BCP, p. 360

Please remain standing or kneeling as you are able.

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

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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

BCP, p. 360

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Offertory Anthem

Please sit.

Presentation Hymn

Rejoice! rejoice believers

Hymn #68

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Please remain standing or kneeling as you are able.

Fraction Anthem

Agnus Dei

Enriching Our Music #57

Sung by all.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace." The piano accompaniment features a steady, rhythmic pattern of chords and single notes, providing a harmonic foundation for the vocal line.

Welcome to the Lord's Table. The ushers assist people in approaching the altar rail for Holy Communion. We will be offering communion in both kinds. We will offer two chalices: one for those who wish to sip from the cup, and one for those who wish to dip their communion wafer in the wine. Those who do not receive the Eucharist but would like a blessing may come forward and simply cross their hands over their chests. You may offer silent prayers in your pew both before and after communion. Some suggestions are found in the BCP, pp. 834 and 337. In order to share the Body of Christ with those who have dietary limitations, we also consecrate rice-flour wafers. When you approach the altar rail, simply tell the Celebrant that you are wheat- or gluten-free.

Communion Hymn

Wait for the Lord

Taizé chant

Sung by all.

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP, p. 365

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Celebrant 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

Please remain standing or kneeling as you are able.

Closing Hymn

“Sleepers, Wake!” a voice astounds us

Hymn # 61

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.

The Dismissal

Please remain standing as you are able.

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude



Worship Participants

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Denise Bennett *Deacon:* The Rev. Deacon Barbara Ambrose
Organist & Choirmaster: Demas Boudreaux *Reader:* Pat Bridgewater *Intercessor:* Belinda Brugh
Altar Guild: Dale Holcomb *Crucifer:* Paula Harper *Lead Usher:* Wayne Clark

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and
in memory of Emil and Katherine Uzel by Jeannine and Jim Uzel

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THE SUNDAY SALTIRE

The First Sunday of Advent (Year A)

November 27, 2022: 10:00 a.m.
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

The Prayers of the People

- Pat Bridgewater, Sarah Bridgewater, Dwayne Briggs, Annie Campbell, Wayne Clark, David Clegg, Tom Davis, Shirley Dolan, Brent Farber, Cyrus Field, Ellen Field, Ana Forti-Vargas, Jo Forti-Vargas, Gwen Foster, Carlton Green, Todd Harper, Holly Harris, Otis McKay, Crystal Munnings, Carol Oppel, Audrey Rowe, Greg Rowe, Lizzy Schrass, Cookie Seibel, the Rev. Marshall Taylor, Joe Yates.
- Pray for those who live and work and go to school on Oregon Hill and for the ministry of the Soup Kitchen with St. Mark's.
- Pray for the families of Metropolitan Richmond: For families going through divorce; and for all in the midst of life transitions; for peace, reconciliation, and forgiveness among family members, whatever the distance, and however old the hurt or grievance.
- Pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week Marta Powers (11/27), Naomi Vickers (11/28), T.C. Carter III (11/29), Jack Marshall (11/30), Jenny Jones (12/1), Thomas Sims (12/1), Garry Land (12/2), Chuck Baur (12/3), Bill Butler (12/3).

This Week at St. Andrew's

Sunday, November 27: The First Sunday of Advent

- **Holy Eucharist Rite II:** 10:00 a.m., church and on Facebook Live
- **Coffee Hour:** directly following the service, chapel
- **Adult Formation:** following the service, chapel

Saturday, December 3:

- **Ordination and Consecration of the 14th Bishop Diocesan:** 11:00 a.m., The Saint Paul's Baptist Church, 4247 Creighton Road, Henrico

Sunday, December 4: The Second Sunday of Advent

- **Holy Eucharist Rite II:** 10:00 a.m., church and on Facebook Live
- **Coffee Hour:** directly following the service, chapel
- **Adult Formation:** following the service, chapel

News and Upcoming Events

- **Fellowship & Formation:** Join us on Sundays in the chapel, right after the 10:00 a.m. service. We'll enjoy Advent storytelling with Denise and Belinda on Sundays from November 27 through December 18.
- **Readers Needed on Christmas Morning:** We hope you'll join us for our beautiful service of Christmas Lessons & Carols at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 25. If you are willing to read a lesson or two during that service, even if you don't normally serve as a lay reader, please email Britton in the office. Thanks!
- **Contact Information Needed:** Have you moved, or have you changed your email address or phone number? We need your help! Christine Baur-Millward is updating our directory, and needs your updated address, email, and phone number(s). Please email Christine at baurmillward@gmail.com with your updated contact information.
- **The Blessings Fence:** It's time to knit, crochet, and prepare to stock our Blessings Fence! There is a whole set of cubbies, full of a variety of yarn, located across from the choir rehearsal area in the undercroft. Please help yourself! Donations may be dropped off in St. Andrew's House on Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays. Thank you for your help with this beloved ministry!

- **Stewardship 2023 Campaign – Pledge online** at <http://standrewsoregonhill.org/connect/pledge/>: Although our stewardship campaign has officially ended and pledges are still being tabulated, pledging is down from last year. If you have not turned in your pledge, it is never too late to do so. Pledging sustains our church and its programs, and is a key component of our budgeting process. Even our search for a new rector is related to our financial standing. Please be aware that we need greater participation in order to realize our goal of improved financial standing (one of our goals that was mentioned repeatedly in the responses from our mid-year survey). Remember: *It takes a village*. Be assured that no pledge is too small, and pledges can be changed at any time. Every dollar that you contribute, every minute of volunteerism, every plan comes from the heart and goes toward our mission of being Christ in the world. To those who have pledged, thank you, thank you, thank you! Many thanks also to all who volunteer your time and talents. We have so much to celebrate *Out of Abundance*.

And God who is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.
2 Corinthians 3:20

- **Discernment Survey:** Thank you to all the good folks who have filled out our *Time, Treasure and Talent* survey — we are grateful! For those who haven't had a chance to fill out the survey, it's not a lengthy process. The survey was designed to be quick and easy, and it is. You can finish either the printed version (copies are located in the narthex) or the online version (<https://tinyurl.com/yesm9r46>) in five minutes. Please take five minutes before **tomorrow, November 28**, to let us know how you want to be involved in our church's ministry over the next 3-6 months. With much love and gratitude, Your Discernment Committee
- **Poinsettias:** It's time to order your poinsettias to decorate the church for Christmas! The plants are \$20 each and may be given in memory of or in thanksgiving for someone. Order forms are available in the narthex and standrewsoregonhill.org/christmaspoinsettia/. Orders must be placed by **Thursday, December 8**.
- **Sunday Altar Flowers:** A sign-up sheet for altar flowers is in the narthex. Please sign up at least a week ahead of time. Altar flower orders placed through the church will be purchased from Coleman Brothers Flowers, and **currently cost \$76 (including delivery)**. Or, you can bring your own flowers instead of placing an order through the church. If you do bring your own, remember: ***you need two bouquets and you must arrive no later than 9:30 a.m.*** on your Sunday so you and the altar guild have time to place your flowers in the vases and on the altar. Whether you bring your own altar flowers or order them, what a wonderful way to memorialize or to give thanks for a loved one!
- **COVID Update:** Based on the current COVID levels in the community, wearing a mask is optional at St. Andrew's for those who are fully vaccinated. Out of respect for the younger and immunocompromised in our community, we ask that those who have not been vaccinated continue to wear a medical-grade mask.
- **Worship Volunteer Opportunities:** Have you thought about serving as a lay reader, intercessor, crucifer, or torch bearer? Serving as a worship volunteer during our services is a great way to get more involved at St. Andrew's! If you'd like to learn more, please call or email Britton at office@standrewsoregonhill.org. We will organize some short training sessions for those who are interested.



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Santa Breakfast

Saturday, December 10th, 9 - 11 a.m.

Baldwin Hall, St. Andrew's School

227 S. Cherry St., Richmond, VA

\$2.00 per child, \$5.00 per adult

