

SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

December 3, 2023 · 10:30 AM
The First Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist, Rite I, with Great Litany

Called to **Worship**. Sent to **Witness**. Led to **Welcome**.

A special welcome to all visitors. We are delighted you have joined us for worship!



Saint Andrew's is a parish of the **Episcopal Church within the Diocese of Upper South Carolina**. Over time, our identity as a parish has come to be defined by our commitment to **worship** in the distinctive splendor of Anglo-Catholic tradition, to **witness** through word and deed to the life changing implications of Jesus Christ's reconciling love, and to **welcome** unreservedly all God's children into Christ's Body, the Church.

If you are not familiar with Episcopal Church worship, we have tried to make our worship bulletin easy to follow. All of the prayers and responses for the congregation are printed in the bulletin. Page numbers that are prefaced by "**BCP**" reference pages in the **red Book of Common Prayer** found in the rack on the back of the pew in front of you. Hymns are referenced by hymn number and can be found in the **blue Hymnal** also in the pew rack.

As you depart worship, we hope you will enter your name and contact information in our **visitor's book** located on a stand in the narthex (the little room that you pass through on your way in and out of the main doors of the church). We would also love to have you join us for **coffee hour** in the Parish Hall immediately after the 10:30 AM mass. Thank you for blessing us with your presence!

Restrooms

are located on the first floor of the Parish House.

Use the door to the left of the church, closest to the parking lot.

Nursery

is available during the 10:30 AM Mass on the second floor of the Parish House.

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Holy Eucharist, Rite I, with Great Litany

Voluntary

Two Chorale Preludes on *Come now, Savior of the Nations*
1. (S. 659) 2. (S. 660)




J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

After the opening announcements, the Celebrant will ring the bell, and the people stand for the Great Litany.

The Great Litany (*see insert*)

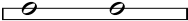
The Word of God

The Collect of the Day (*chanted*)

Celebrant  *People*  *Celebrant* 

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit. Let us pray.

Celebrant Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever.

All 

A - men.

After the Collect, the people sit.

First Lesson

Isaiah 64:1-9

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 (*choir*)

Plainsong: Tone I.2

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

Second Lesson

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

Sequence: Advent Prose (*sung by the choir*)

Antiphon: Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.

Verse 1: Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity forever: thy holy cities are a wilderness, Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation: our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee. *Antiphon.*

The Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev'd Fr. Gary Eichelberger

After the Sermon, all stand and say together the words of the Creed.

The Nicene Creed

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 Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Then the ministers and people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

After the exchange of the Peace, the Celebrant invites those celebrating their birthdays or anniversaries to come forward. If anyone comes forward, the Celebrant invites the people to join in the following prayer.

All **Almighty and gracious God, we give thee thanks for each of these thy servants as they celebrate their special day. Watch over them as they begin another year, and give them grace to keep the vows and promises they have made. Bless and guide them wherever they may be; strengthen them when they stand; raise them up if they fall; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; and may thy peace which passes all understanding abide in their hearts all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Holy Communion

After the opportunity for Birthday and Anniversary Blessings, the Celebrant says an Offertory Sentence and returns to the sanctuary. Then, after the people's offering of bread and wine are brought forward, the people sit during the Offertory Anthem as the altar is set and other offerings are collected from the people. (An offering can also be made by placing it in the offering plate located on the table in the aisle by the font or online at www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving.)

Offertory Anthem

Savior of the Nations, Come

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND
Setting by Carl Schalk (1929-2021)

1. Savior of the nations, come, Virgin's Son, make here thy home!
Marvel now, O heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
2. Not by human flesh and blood, by the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh—woman's off-spring pure and fresh.
3. From the Father forth He came and returneth to the same,
Captive leading death and hell, high the song of triumph swell
4. Praise to God the Father sing, praise to God the Son, our King,
Praise to God the Spirit be ever and eternally. – St. Ambrose (397)

German version: Martin Luther (1524)
Trans. by Wm. M. Reynolds (1860)

After the Offertory Anthem, the choir is censed. Then the people stand, are censed, and remain standing as the other offerings are brought forward and received with the following words.

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving Rite I, Prayer II

The people remain standing for the opening of the Eucharistic Prayer, which can be found on page 340 in the Book of Common Prayer. The responsive portions are provided below.

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And with thy spirit. *Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up un - to the Lord. *Celebrant* Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant continues

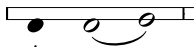
It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and
earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo-ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people kneel or stand as the Celebrant continues, speaking the Eucharistic prayer on behalf of the people (full text found on page 340 of the prayer book). As the prayer is concluding, the Celebrant chants the following, and the people respond with the Great Amen.

Celebrant By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

All 
A - men.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal S119

Plainsong



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept before the following is sung.

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S155

Gerald Near



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass-o-ver is
sac-ri- ficed for us; there-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of Humble Access

All **We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God ✠ for the People of God.

After the Blessed Sacrament has been distributed to the altar party and the choir, all are welcome to come forward to the altar rail at the direction of the ushers. At the altar rail, all baptized Christians are invited to receive the Blessed Sacrament, and those who are not yet baptized are invited to indicate a desire to receive a blessing by crossing their arms upon arrival at the altar rail. (Our rector is always eager to speak with anyone who is not yet baptized about preparing for and receiving the sacrament of Baptism.)

For those receiving the Blessed Sacrament, a wafer will be placed in the palm of your hand or upon your tongue after which the chalice is offered. If you need a gluten-free wafer, you may request one from the priest at the altar rail. Should you wish to receive wine by intinction (dipping), allow the chalice bearer to take the wafer from your open palm and intinct for you. Should you be unable to manage the steps, please notify one of the ushers so that Holy Communion can be administered at your pew.

Communion Hymn, No. 615

“Thy kingdom come!” on bended knee

ST. STEPHEN

Sending Forth of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Upon the Celebrant’s invitation, the people kneel for the Sending Forth followed by the Postcommunion Prayer.

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

Advent Blessing

Celebrant May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father ✠, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

After the Blessing, the people stand.

Retiring Processional Hymn, No. 57

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending

HELMSLEY

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

Chorale Prelude on Savior of the nations, come (S. 661)

J. S. Bach
(b. 1942)

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. You are invited to either take your bulletin home or to place it in the recycle bin in the narthex.

Given the penitential nature of the season, we do not have flowers on the altar during Advent with the exception of the Third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday.

The presence candle is given by the Eichelbergers to the glory of God,
in thanksgiving for the diaconal ministry of Tyler Proctor and in anticipation of his ordination to the priesthood.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Thank You to Everyone Who Supported Our 2024 Annual Pledge Campaign - Less Than 10 Pledges needed! | If you have not turned in your pledge yet, please place your completed pledge card in the offering plate or turn it into the Parish Office as soon as possible. **We have exceeded our pledge goal of \$320,000 but are shy just 8 pledges of our goal of 120 pledges!** Thank you to all who have already submitted their pledges! The pledge card can be found online at www.standrewsgreenville.org/pledge

Deacon Tyler Proctor's Service of Ordination to the Priesthood | Wednesday, December 6 | 6 PM | Join us at the church for an historic occasion in the life of Saint Andrew's as Bishop Richards ordains Deacon Tyler Proctor, our curate, to the priesthood. Reception to follow in the parish hall.

Project Host Non-Profit Holiday Market | Thursday, December 7 | 5-7 PM | At Project Host (525 S. Academy Street) | Project Host's Nonprofit Holiday Market is designed to help customers find unique holiday gifts while supporting local nonprofits and the clients they serve. Vendors at this nontraditional market represent Greenville-area agencies that serve the community through various avenues, including by providing hunger relief, child and youth development services, health services, and economic development support. Tickets are available in advance and at the door for \$5 and beverages, including beer, wine, and hot chocolate, are complimentary as you peruse our vendors' offerings. More info at www.projecthost.org

Saint Andrew's Book Club | Sunday, December 10 | At the Home of Kay Friddle and Lucy Walters (4 Phillips Trail 29609) | Following the 10:30 service | We will be discussing *Briefly, A Delicious Life* by Nell Stevens. Please RSVP to Anne Marie Currier at mapetite1932@yahoo.com.

Clergy-Led Weekly Bible Study: Book of Romans | Tuesdays at 4 PM | Sign up here: www.tinyurl.com/clergyledbiblestudy

Advent and Christmas Service Schedule | See poinsettia form for full schedule. Note that on the Fourth Sunday of Advent (December 24) there will a single morning service at 9:30 AM (Low Mass, Rite I, with Hymns).

Music at Saint Andrew's Concert: An English Carol Christmas | Friday, December 15 | 7 PM | Chicora Voices presents a concert celebrating the humble Christmas carol, from medieval origins to cathedral standards to Benjamin Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols*. Beloved classics, sing-a-longs, and something for everyone! The concert is open to the public free of charge. Reception to follow in the parish hall. There is an optional suggested donation of \$20 that will benefit Canterbury Counseling. **Reservations are filling up fast, do not delay in reserving a seat if you plan to attend. We are expecting a full house!** Reserve your seat at www.standrewsgreenville.org/tickets

ECW Drive for Greenville's Gift | As their Christmas project, ECW is sponsoring a donation drive for Greenville's Gift, seeking clothing and/or money for newborns in need. A collection box is in the church narthex. Items (all seasons) needed: clothing (size 0-12 months), baby blankets, socks, hats, bibs, and burp cloths.

Ordo Kalendars Available | The 2024 Ordo Kalendars are available in the Parish Office for \$5 each. Reserve yours today by emailing office@standrewsgreenville.org or calling 864-235-5884.

Poinsettias for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day | Poinsettia dedication forms can be found in your bulletins this week. Deadline for orders is Thursday, December 14. Suggested donation for each plant is \$15. You can also email the Parish Office with your order and dedication.

Weekly Schedule

Sundays

8:30 AM, Low Mass, Rite II
10:30 AM, Sung High Mass, Rite I (also via livestream)

Tuesdays

8:30 AM Morning Prayer, Rite I

Wednesdays

5:30 PM, Healing Mass, Rite II

Thursdays

8:30 AM Morning Prayer, Rite I

Every Third Wednesday of the Month

5:00 PM Rosary in Church

Every Fourth Wednesday of the Month

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
follows Healing Mass



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