



SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

December 10, 2023 · 10:30 AM
The Second Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist, Rite I

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

Voluntary

Preludes on Three Advent Hymns

Gerald Near

1. *Savior of the nations, come* 2. *O come, O come Emmanuel* 3. *Creator of the stars of night* (b. 1942)

After the opening announcements, the ringing of the bell signals the people to stand for the beginning of the mass.

Advent Prose (sung by choir)

Antiphon: Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness. *Verse 2 (Cantor).* We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing, and we all do fade as a leaf: and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away: thou hast hid thy face from us: and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities. *Antiphon.*

The Word of God

Opening Hymn, No. 67

Comfort, comfort ye my people

PSALM 42

After the opening procession, as the hymn continues, the Celebrant will asperse the people with holy water.

Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

Celebrant Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kyrie

Hymnal S89

Hassler, arr. James McGregor


All

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison. Christe eleison. Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

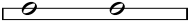
The Collect of the Day (chanted)

Celebrant  *People*  *Celebrant* 

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

Celebrant Merciful God, who sent thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All



A - men.

After the Collect, the people sit.

First Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-11

“Comfort, O comfort my people,” says your God. “Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins.” A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.” A voice says, “Cry out!” And I said, “What shall I cry?” All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!” See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 (choir)

Plainsong

¹ You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

² You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.

⁸ I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

⁹ Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰ Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹ Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

¹² The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³ Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

Second Lesson

2 Peter 3:8-15

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish, and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

Sequence Hymn, No. 65

Prepare the way, O Zion

BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN

The Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

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

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

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Gospeller 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 X of the world to come. Amen.

After the Nicene Creed, the Assisting Minister introduces the prayers as follows.

Prayers of the People, Form I

Minister Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.
The people kneel.

Intercessor With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."
For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop; Gary, our Rector; Tyler, our Curate; Tommy, our Seminarian; and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord;

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For Joseph, our president; Henry, our governor; and Knox, our mayor; for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For Bob, Charlie, Charles, Chuck, Clara, Dick, Duane, Emily, Gordon, Holly, Jacob, Jane, Jim, Jodi, Leigh Ann, Linda, Lucy, Margaret Lee, Marvin, Mary, Mary Beth, Millie, Nancy, Peggy, Sandy, Shawn, Steve, Sylvia, and Weesie, as well as those whom you are invited to name now, either silently or aloud [*pause for people to add names*], let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For all who have died X in the hope of the resurrection, especially those whom you are invited to name now, either silently or aloud [*pause for people to add names*], and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

After any additional prayers of intercession and thanksgiving, the Intercessor continues with the following commendation.

Intercessor In the communion of Blessed Mary, Mother of God; Blessed Joseph, her spouse; Blessed Andrew, our patron; and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People **To thee, O Lord our God.**

After a moment of silence, the Celebrant says a concluding collect before the Assisting Minister introduces the Confession.

Confession and Absolution

Minister Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A period of silence is observed.

All **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon ✠ and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Following the Absolution, the people stand for the Peace.

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 Hymn 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 Hymn (*choir*)

Once again we wait for your appearing

SARAH

John Gilbert (b. 1945)

1. Once again we wait for your appearing, as Your Advent promise is fulfilled.
Come anew to rid our hearts from fearing; grant us strength your kingdom here to build.
2. Child of Bethlehem, the Son of Mary, Son of God and Savior of our race,
Come to us as once you came to Judah: humbly born, the Messenger of grace.
3. 'Til you come in glory to reign o'er us, make our lives the vessels of your Word.
Spirit-led we 'wait the second Advent of our Christ, as trumpet peal is heard.
4. Hope and expectation marks this season; Jesus came and He will come again.
His is love and peace surpassing reason. Come, O Christ, into our hearts and reign.

– John Gilbert, 1977

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. 309

O Food to pilgrims given

O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN

Postcommunion Prayer

Upon the Celebrant's invitation to prayer, the people kneel.

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. 69

What is the crying at Jordan

ST. MARK'S, BERKELEY

Dismissal

Minister Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

Chorale Prelude on *Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding*

Gerald Near

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 to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Tyler's ordination to the priesthood by his parents and grandmother.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Fr. Tyler Proctor's First Eucharist Today | Our Curate Tyler Proctor was ordained a priest this past Wednesday. Today marks his first eucharist as celebrant at both masses. We are delighted to participate in this significant milestone in Fr. Tyler's life and in the life of the Church.

Second Sunday Undesignated Plate Offering to Curate's Discretionary Fund This Month | As is our custom on the Second Sunday of each month, the undesignated plate offering will go to one of our clergy discretionary funds—with this month's offering going to the Curate's Discretionary Fund. These funds allow our clergy to consider and discretely respond to requests from individuals (both parishioners and folks outside the parish) or entities who are in need of financial help for any reason.

Second Sunday Harvest | Today | At Both Masses | As is our custom on the Second Sunday of each month, we will be collecting food, personal hygiene products, and financial donations designated for United Ministries.

Today's Coffee Hour Hosted by Daughters of the King | To find out more about the Order of the Daughters of the King, or if you are interested in joining, visit the Information Table during Coffee Hour today.

Saint Andrew's Book Club | Today | 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.

Thank You to Everyone Who Supported Our 2024 Annual Pledge Campaign - 6 More 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 6 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

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.

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. **Only a few tickets remaining.** Reserve your seat at www.standrewsgreenville.org/tickets

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

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.

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 dedication.

The Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord (Baptismal Opportunity) | January 7 | On January 7, we will celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, where we remember Our Lord's baptism by John in the River Jordan. Anyone desiring to be baptized or to have a child baptized, please speak with or e-mail Father Gary (rector@standrewsgreenville.org).

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