WELCOME TO SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday, December 1, 2024

11:15 AM



In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, welcome! I am honored and delighted that you have chosen Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church as a place to worship this morning. If this is your first time to visit I encourage you to fill out a **Connect Card** on the back of the pew in front of you, and drop it in one of the offering plates so we can learn about you and thank you for worshiping with us. Please also pick up one of the red folders which includes information about Saint Andrew's life and ministry. I invite you to participate in today's worship service and thank you for joining us this morning.

Daryl T. Hay+ Rector The Rev. Daryl T. Hay, Rector Dr. Linda Patterson, Director of Music The First Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 1, 2024 The Rev. Benjamin Sánchez, Church Planter

The Holy Eucharist: Rite One 11:15 AM

The Word of God

OPENING VOLUNTARY

"Wachet Auf!" (Sleepers, Wake) from Schübler Chorales Bonnie Harris-Reynolds, Organist J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

OPENING HYMN 68 Rejoice, Rejoice Believers

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

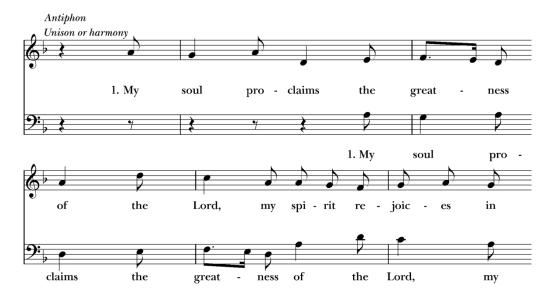
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

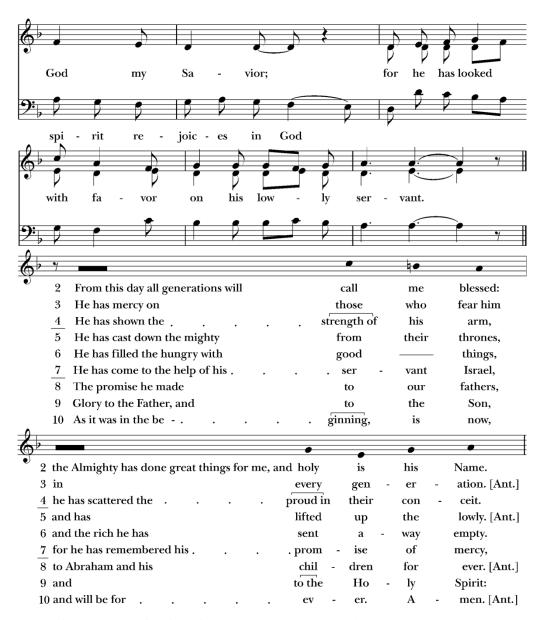
COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE S 247 The Song of Mary (Canticle 15) (Pulkingham) The following is sung, all standing





The antiphon may be sung in unison, with the counter-melody played by an instrument, or it may be sung in three parts.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The people kneel.

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 Lessons

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16 *The people sit.*

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25:1-9 Remain seated.



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¹ To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;

my God, I put my trust in you; *

let me not be humiliated,

nor let my enemies triumph over me.

²Let none who look to you be put to shame; *

let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. ANTIPHON

³ Show me your ways, O LORD, * and teach me your paths.

⁴Lead me in your truth and teach me, *

for you are the God of my salvation;

in you have I trusted all the day long.

ANTIPHON

⁵Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, * for they are from everlasting.

⁶Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; * remember me according to your love

and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

ANTIPHON

⁷Gracious and upright is the LORD; *

therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

⁸ He guides the humble in doing right * and teaches his way to the lowly.

⁹ All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness * to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

ANTIPHON

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN 56 O Come, O Come Emmanuel verses 1 & 2

GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36

All stand.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like

a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Karl Griswold-Kuhn Campus Missioner for Texas A&M University

THE CREED *All stand.*

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

The people kneel.



The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God. *Silence may be kept.*

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

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.**

THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

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

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: E'en So Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him

Who freed us from our sins

Who loved us all and shed his blood

That we might saved be

sing Holy, Holy to our Lord

The Lord, Almighty God

Who was, and is, and is to come

Sing Holy, Holy Lord

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell within

Rejoice on earth, ye saints below

For Christ is coming, is coming soon

For Christ is coming soon

E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come

And night shall be no more

They need no light nor lamp nor sun

For Christ will be their All.

DOXOLOGY

The people stand.

Hymn 380, verse 3

The Celebrant says

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd with thy spirit.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People It is meet and right so to do.

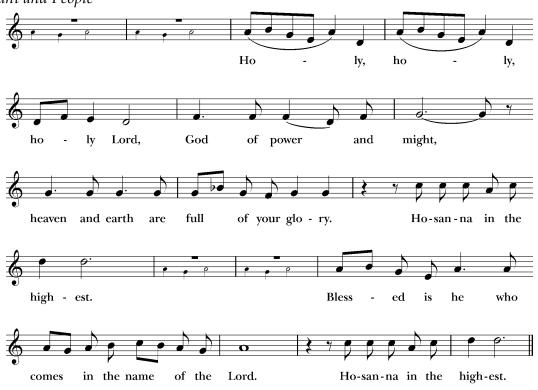
Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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.

Here a proper preface is said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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

SANCTUS S 128 Holy, holy, holy (Mathias) Celebrant and People



The people kneel.

The Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our

redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

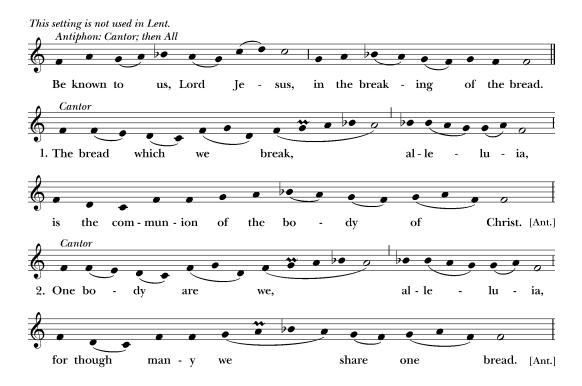
People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM S 171 Be known to us (Martens)



INVITATION

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS

Reprise (Reflections on "E'en So Lord Jesus, Quickly Come") Paul Manz HYMN 61 Sleepers, Wake

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray. *Celebrant and People*

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

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION HYMN 59 Hark! A Thrilling Voice

DISMISSAL

CLOSING VOLUNTARY: "Wachet Auf" arr. Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

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LONG TERM PRAYER LIST: Sharon, Suzan, Beth, Elaine, Joshua, Penni, Tia, Barbara, Carmen, Gary, Kevin, Ginger, and Stu.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God in celebration of Zach's birthday by Ben and Lori Smith and in memory of Helen Lacey by Mark Lacey.

NOTES ABOUT THE MUSIC: Today's shift from the end of the green Pentecost season to the beginning of the new Church Year, Year C, will bring changes to the service music, the tone of our worship, and the focus of the music. We will be singing new-to-Saint Andrew's Magnificat this season as our Song of Praise, as well as a new-to-Saint Andrew's Sanctus by William Mathias, a 20th-century British composer. The 1979 Prayer Book gives us options of speaking or singing a Kyrie, Gloria, or Hymn of Praise at the beginning of the service, as well as an option to chant the Prayers of the People, as we are doing during Advent at 11:15. Another option to be sung is the Fraction Anthem, which takes place at the breaking of the bread after the Eucharistic Prayer and Lord's Prayer. We will sing the Fraction Anthem this season, repeating the antiphon after the Cantor or Priest chants it and again twice more as indicated.

"Sleepers, Wake" is a great classic German hymn tune, set by many composers, from J. S. Bach, in his chorales and cantatas as we will hear today, to Mendelssohn in his oratorio St. Paul, to Jacques Berthier in the Closing Voluntary. The text and tune come from Philipp Nicholai, a pastor in Unna, Westphalia, during a terrible epidemic from July 1597 to January 1598. During that time, more than 1300 people died, and his parsonage overlooked the churchyard where, on some days, 30 people would be interred. He wrote out meditations to comfort those suffering from the pestilence. Parts of the tune may have been borrowed from earlier works, but Nicholai wrote the tune, commonly known as the King of Chorales.

Today's Anthem is the best-known choral work by Lutheran composer Paul Manz (1919-2009). It was written as a gift to those who prayed for Manz's young son, John, during his critical illness. John recovered, became a Lutheran pastor, and sang this piece to his father, along with his family, as Manz was dying in 2009. The text and music, like Nicholai's, reflect deep faith.

LOOKING AHEAD

To receive "The Line," our weekly e-newsletter, please email: office@standrewsbcs.org
Morning Prayer is offered Monday through Friday, 8 AM in the church.
Evening Prayer is offered Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 5 PM in the church.
The 9:00 AM & 11:15 AM Sunday services are also live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube and found on our website: www.standrewsbcs.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 1	Advent Wreath Workshop, 10:15 AM in the Parish Hall
December 4	Installation of "Look for the Light" Art Exhibit by Emily Putman
December 5	AGO Noontime Advent Recital, 12 PM in the Church
December 6	First Friday Open Doors, doors open at 6 PM CWR Preview Sale, from 6 PM to 8 PM in Parlor and Courtyard Blinn Bryan Theatre Troupe presents songs from "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" at 6:30 PM and 7:30 PM in the Church Choral Compline by Candlelight, 8:30 PM
December 7	Celebrate with Relish – Home for the Holidays! Sale and Luncheon, doors open at 11 AM
December 8	Introduction to the Episcopal Church, 10:15 AM in the Sharp Room Decorate the Holiday Parade Float, 12:30 PM in the Parking Lot Second Sunday Lunch, 12:30 PM at Cilantro Mexican Grill
December 12	Potluck & Program: "Look for the Light" Art Exhibit by Emily Putman, 5:30 PM Handbell Choir performance, 6:30 PM in the Courtyard Downtown Bryan Lighted Parade, 7 PM
December 13	Rudder High School Chorale Holiday Concert, 12 PM in the Church
December 14	Acolyte Training, 10 AM
December 15	Children Nativity Play, 10:15 AM Family Caroling & Cocoa, 3 PM Plass Recital Series: St. Cecilia's Christmas Cantare, 7 PM
December 17	Bach's Lunch, 12:15 PM
December 18	The Holy Eucharist at Arbor Oaks, 1:30 PM Public Service of Healing with Holy Communion, 5:30 PM
December 19	Card Committee, 1 PM
December 20	Third Friday Compline, 8:30 PM

December 21 Brazos Church Pantry, 10 AM

December 24 Christmas Eve Services:

The Holy Eucharist: Rite I, 3 PM

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II (Family Friendly), 5 PM

The Holy Eucharist: Rite I with Choral Eucharist and Incense, 10:30 PM

Dec 24-26 Church Office Closed

December 29 Lesson & Carols with Holy Communion, 9 AM and 11:15 AM

WEEKLY MINISTRIES

Sunday The Holy Eucharist, 7:30 AM, 9 AM & 11:15 AM

Faith Formation for all ages, 10:15 AM

Monday Brotherhood of St. Andrew Bible Study, 6 PM at St. Francis Church

Tuesday Good Grief Group, 10 AM in the Parlor

Wednesday Choir Practice, 3 PM & 7 PM in the Music Room

Bell Choir, 6 PM in the Sharp Room (except the First Wednesday of the month)

20/30 Vision, 6 PM in the Upper Room

Thursday Men's Breakfast, 7:00 AM in the Parish Hall

Ladies Breakfast, 8:30 AM at Toasted Yolk

Friday Music Play with Ms. Patty, 9:30 AM in the Parish Hall



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