

SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

December 26, 2021 · 10:30 AM
The First Sunday after Christmas
Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Everyone is Welcome at Saint Andrew's

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.

Link for Online Donations:

www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving

Your donations can also be mailed to the Parish Office
at 1002 S. Main St. Greenville, SC 29601

Link for 2022 Annual Pledge:

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Members of the Vestry

Erin Culbertson, Senior Warden (2022);

Scott Chastain, Junior Warden (2023);

John Rhodes, Clerk (2023);

Cheryl Banks and Ethan Cashwell (2022);

Charles Shields (2023);

Allison Giambrone-Wilson,

Riley Owens, and Kelly Proffitt (2024)

Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Voluntary

Bright and Glorious is the Sky
Christmas Medley
The Heavens are Telling

arr. Winston Cassler
Marilyn Rinehart
Ludwig van Beethoven

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

The Word of God

Opening Hymn, No. 109 (vv. 1-3)

The first Nowell the angel did say

THE FIRST NOWELL

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.**

Song of Praise, No. 96

Angels, we have heard on high


GLORIA

The Collect of the Day (chanted)

<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>	<i>Celebrant</i>

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

Celebrant Almighty God, who hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word: Grant that the same light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All 

A - men.

After the Collect, the people sit.

First Lesson

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn, No. 89

It came upon the midnight clear

CAROL

Second Lesson

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

Sequence Hymn, No. 107

Good Christian friends, rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

The Gospel

John 1:1-18

Gospeller The Holy Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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 ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People for Christmastide

Celebrant Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

The people kneel.

Intercessor Almighty and ever living God, who shines the light of Christ on all creation, grant us grace so that we might join with the angels and shepherds as we celebrate with joy the birth of thy Son Jesus Christ. We beseech thee to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy divine Majesty. Lord, in thy mercy;

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For the Church in all places, remembering especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andrew, our Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop-elect; Gary, our Rector; Tommy, our Seminarian; that our worship and praise may give glory to thee, and that our witness and ministry may promote peace on earth. Lord, in thy mercy;

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For this Parish Family, that by the grace of Christ's coming among us we may live upright and godly lives, and bear witness to thy love. Lord, in thy mercy;

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For all who live in Bethlehem and the hill country of Judah, for Christians throughout the Holy Lands, and for all those who live and work in places of trouble and violence, that thy Holy Spirit will open pathways of peace and bring forth hope to all who live in danger and fear. Lord, in thy mercy;

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, that the Prince of Peace will ever guide their hearts to serve justice, seek reconciliation, and promote the dignity of every human being. Lord, in thy mercy;

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For all who find the Christmas season difficult due to pain, loss, or brokenness, for those whose lives are touched by fear, anxiety or depression, and for the sick and the suffering, remembering especially Barbara, Bella, Bill, Brett, Charles, Dan, Debbie, Dick, Ephraim, Ginger, Jahnyah, Jane, Jennie, Jim, Jodi, Ken, Leigh Ann, Levi, Lori, Margaret Lee, Marvin, Mary, Meredith, Mike, Miles, Nancy, Parker, Patt, Peter, Ray, Raymond, Sandy, Sheila, Steve, Susan, Theresa, Weesie, and Winnie, as well as those whom you are invited to name now, either silently or aloud [*pause for people to add names*], that the light of Christ will ease their suffering so that they may live in joy, peace, and health. Lord, in thy mercy;

People **Hear our prayer.**

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

Intercessor And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed ✠ this life in thy faith and fear, especially those whom we now name [*pause for people to add names*], beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Blessed Mary, Mother of God; Blessed Joseph, her spouse; Blessed Andrew, our patron, and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

People **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A period of silence is observed.

All **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.**

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 with words of Peace and/or a slight bow.

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 altar. 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, No. 81

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

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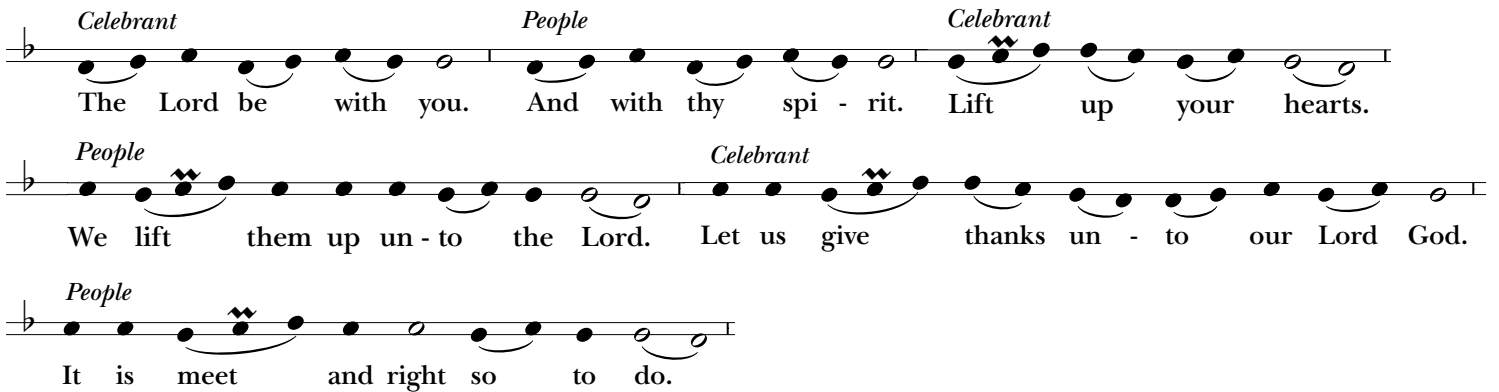
After the Offertory Hymn, the choir is censed. Then the people stand, are censed, and remain standing as the other offerings are brought forward and received with the following words.

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. And with thy spi - rit. Lift up your hearts.

People
We lift them up un - to the Lord. 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 chants the Preface and Proper Preface followed by

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/Benedictus

Hymnal S114

Healey Willan

All **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he ☩ that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Christmas Season Blessing

Celebrant May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

After the Blessing, the people stand.

Retiring Processional Hymn, No. 105

God rest you merry, gentlemen

GOD REST YOU MERRY

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

Johann Gottfried Walther

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.

Please see insert for list of poinsettia dedications.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Coffee Hour with Tommy Watson | Today we welcome back our Seminarian, Dr. Tommy Watson, who is on break from his studies at Yale. Stop by Parish Hall after mass for coffee and refreshments and a opportunity to chat with Tommy.

Guest Organist Today | This morning, we welcome guest organist Joyce Thompson, who is serving in John Gilbert's stead while he is out of town visiting family. We are grateful for Joyce's participation in our worship life!

Thank You to Everyone Who Supported Our 2022 Annual Pledge Campaign! We Have Reached Our Goals!! | Even after our formal campaign concluded, we have gratefully continued to receive pledges, and, as of earlier this week, **we exceeded our goals with 102 pledges (including 10 new pledges!) and over \$300,000 in dollars pledged.** Thank you to all who have already submitted their pledges--for helping to make this **the highest number of pledged dollars ever in a Saint Andrew's Annual Pledge Campaign!** If you have yet to make your pledge, the pledge card can be found online at

www.standrewsgreenville.org/pledge

2022 Ordo Kalendars Available | Reserve yours today! \$5 each. Email: office@standrewsgreenville.org

Year End Giving to Saint Andrew's | As you wrap up your charitable giving for the calendar year 2021, please consider a year-end gift to Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church. You may record a one-time online gift via the "Donate" link found on our website. You can also make a 2021 tax year donation by placing it in the offering plate today, by sending it by U.S. mail with a 2021 postmark, or by hand-delivering it to the parish office before the end of the year. *(Note that the office will be closed on December 31.)*

Weekly Schedule

Sundays

8:30 AM, Low Mass, Rite II

(no 8:30 AM Mass on 12/26)

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

Wednesdays

6:30 PM, Healing Mass, Rite I

Every Third Wednesday of the Month

5:30 PM Rosary in Church

Every Fourth Wednesday of the Month

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament follows the 6:30 PM Mass

Parish Office Schedule | The Parish Office will be closed Monday, December 27, and Friday, December 31. Please also note that Father Gary will be out of the office this week. Fr. Bolle will preside at our Wednesday evening Healing Mass this week.

The Feast of Epiphany | Thursday, January 6 | 6:30 PM

The Feast of Epiphany, one of the Principal Feasts of the Church Year, is when we remember the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child. At our evening mass, we will include the Blessing of the Chalk, an Epiphany tradition.

The Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord (Baptismal Sunday) | January 9

Anyone desiring to be baptized or to have a child baptized, please speak with or e-mail Father Gary (rector@standrewsgreenville.org).

Coffee Hour Is Back! | After the 10:30 AM Mass

Please sign up to provide refreshments and set up in the weeks ahead. We currently need volunteers for January 23, and 30. A sign up sheet can be found in the Parish Hall or via online at www.standrewsgreenville.org/signup

Nursery During Worship to Reopen

We are hoping to reopen our nursery in the near future. While we plan to have one staff member in the nursery during the 10:30 AM Mass, we will need at least one parish volunteer each Sunday to serve as our second nursery caregiver. If you have gifts for working with infants and young children – and have "Safe Church" training (and are fully vaccinated), we could use your help! If you are interested, please e-mail office@standrewsgreenville.org. More details to come!

Sunday Altar Flower and Presence Candle Dedications

On Sundays, we have the opportunity to offer a special dedication of the altar flowers or presence candle in honor, memory, or celebration of loved ones. If you would like to sign up for a Sunday, please call or email the office, or sign up online at www.standrewsgreenville.org/signup, by the preceding Tuesday. You may mail or place a check in the offering plate with "Altar Flowers" or "Presence Candle" noted in the memo. Alternatively, you can pay online at www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving and note that it is for altar flowers or presence candle. (\$50-\$100 for altar flowers, \$10 for presence candle.)



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