



The Third Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:00 am

Welcome to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church!

At St. Andrew's, we believe that God's love is always expanding and calling us to love one another in new and deeper ways. The love of Christ welcomes us all to fully participate in the life and leadership of the Church, regardless of gender, identity, race, age, culture, ethnic background, sexual orientation, economic circumstances, family configuration, or difference of ability. All are truly welcome to participate in worship and we believe our community is made stronger by your unique presence as we join in prayer and communion.

Be still, and know that I am God ~ Psalm 46:10
Please enter in silence and prepare your heart for worship.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Processional Hymn

Hark! the glad sound!

The Hymnal 1982 #72

Hark! The glad sound! The Savior comes, the Savior promised long;
let every heart prepare a throne and every voice a song.
He comes, the prisoners to release in Satan's bondage held:
the gates of brass before him burst, the iron fetters yield.

He comes, the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure;
and with the treasures of his grace to enrich the human poor.
Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, thy welcome shall proclaim;
and heaven's eternal arches ring with thy beloved Name.

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People **You come to your people and set them free.**

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

Celebrant and People

God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

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

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

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Reader A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 126

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The LORD has done great things for them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

The Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Reader A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

The Hymnal 1982 #56

vs. 5,6

*O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home,
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.*

Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

*O Come, thy Dayspring from on high and cheer us by thy drawing nigh,
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight.*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

The Gospel

John 1:6-8,18-28

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

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

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. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Bridget Coffey

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
who 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

Leader As witnesses to your light and truth, we come to you in prayer O Lord saying;
Leader God has done great things for us,
People **and we are glad indeed.**

Leader Infuse the heart of your church with your Spirit and focus it on your mission.
Renew your people and their leaders as they serve your purpose. In the Anglican
cycle of prayer we pray for The Anglican Church of Papua, New Guinea. In the
Diocese of Ohio, we pray for the Southeast Mission Area, St. James, Boardman, St.
Stephen's, East Liverpool, Holy Trinity, Lisbon, St. Luke's, Niles, and St. Paul's,
Steubenville. Remind us continually who we are

Leader God has done great things for us,
People **and we are glad indeed.**

Leader Turn the hearts and actions of all the world's leaders to justice and peace. We pray
for Joe, our President, Mike, our Governor, the Congress and the courts of this
land.

Leader God has done great things for us,
People **and we are glad indeed.**

Leader Open our eyes to what is going on around us. Open our hearts to our brothers and
sisters throughout the world. Move us to open our hands in love when they are in
need and to stand up for them when they are oppressed. We pray for those in war
torn countries especially Israel, Palestine and Ukraine. We pay for those suffering
from natural disasters, from unjust economies, from hunger and want.

Leader God has done great things for us,
People **and we are glad indeed.**

Leader For Marian Walters and those celebrating birthdays this week, and those celebrating wedding anniversaries,
Leader God has done great things for us,
People **and we are glad indeed.**

Leader We know people around us who are suffering from anxiety, scarcity, illness, and loneliness. Some of them we know and most are unknown to us. We pray for those on our prayer list, Sarah Bell, Doris Dvorack, Jordan, Sherri, Karen & Brett Holden, Chris Roaker, Lisa Miyara, Wendy Pittman, and we name now, silently or aloud.
Silence

We ask that you assure them of your presence and sustain them with your grace.
Leader God has done great things for us,
People **and we are glad indeed.**

Leader Our hearts break when someone who we love dies. Today we mourn Don Davis, and Nancy Priebe for whom the flowers are given and those we name now silently or aloud.
Silence

May we be a comfort as we walk with our grieving loved ones
Leader God has done great things for us,
People **and we are glad indeed.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings The Hymnal 1982 #380
vs.3

Enriching our Worship: Eucharistic Prayer 2

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

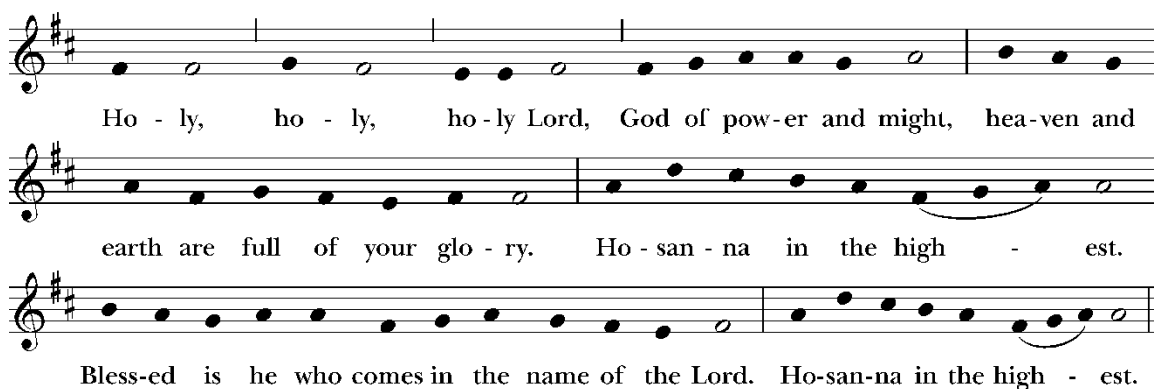
And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing;

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy

The Hymnal 1982 #S-124



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed the good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified to by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me". As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, and gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the

new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified, and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with St. Andrew and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

1 Watch-man, tell us of the night, what its signs of prom - ise
 2 Watch-man, tell us of the night; high - er yet that star a -
 3 Watch-man, tell us of the night, for the morn - ing seems to

are. Trav - eler, o'er yon moun-tain's height, see that glo - ry -
 scends. Trav - eler, bless - ed - ness and light, peace and truth its
 dawn. Trav - eler, dark - ness takes its flight, doubt and ter - ror

beam - ing star. Watch-man, does its beau - teous ray
 course por - tends. Watch-man, will its beams a - lone
 are with - drawn. Watch-man, let thy wan - derings cease;

aught of joy or hope fore - tell? Trav-eler, yes; it
 gild the spot that gave them birth? Trav-eler, a - ges
 hie thee to thy qui - et home. Trav-eler, lo! the

brings the day, prom - ised day of Is - ra - el.
 are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.
 Prince of Peacc, lo! the Son of God is come!

Two groups may sing antiphonally, alternating by sentences.

Words: John Bowring (1792-1872). Music: *Aberystwyth*, Joseph Parry (1841-1903).

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

People God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Celebrant blesses the people.

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.**

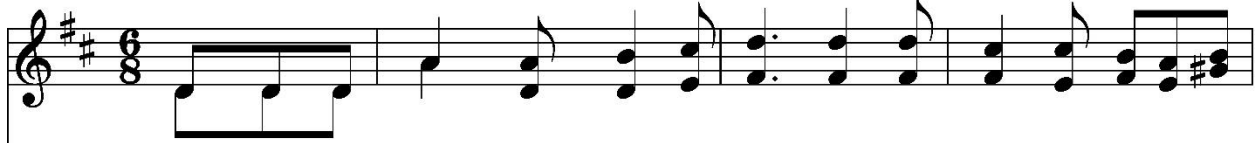
May you who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

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

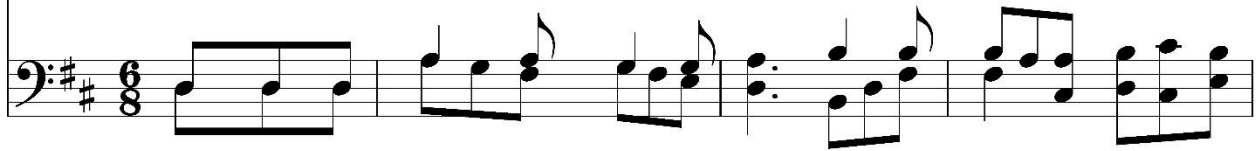
Final Hymn

People, look East

Wonder, Love & Praise #724



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may
3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has
4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum-ming with the word, the Lord is



1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
5. com-ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.



Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965). Music: *Besançon Carol*, harm. John L. Hooker (b. 1944).

Postlude

Announcements

Longest Night Service of Hope and Healing – Wednesday, December 20 at 7:00 pm

In Advent many churches hold a worship service for those who find the Christmas season a sad, complicated, and difficult time. During the winter months the days become short and nights become long, and people can often find themselves deeply impacted by the darkness of the season. The Longest Night or Blue Christmas service focuses on Christ, who is the Light of the world overcoming the darkness of loss, suffering, and loneliness. This special service provides hope and healing for those who are experiencing any kind of difficulty, but particularly loss and grief. They provide people with opportunities for remembering, releasing, and sharing hope. The tone of the service is one of meditation and reflection, and anointing will be offered for anyone in need of any kind of healing.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers this morning are given by Ed Priebe in loving memory of Nancy Priebe.

Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to gift a poinsettia in memory, thanksgiving, or in honor of someone special to adorn our worship spaces for Christmas, please sign up in the Narthex or online by December 14. The cost is \$20 each. You'll be able to take them home following services on January 1.

Reverse Advent Calendars

This year's Reverse Advent Calendars are in the Narthex. Each day there is an item listed to gather for the food pantries of St. Paul's and St. Andrew's. Please bring your items by January 7.



PARISH PRAYER LIST

George Akers	Carole & Richard Hayes	Rose
Alan Barnabas	Carol Hesselbach	Olivia
Elery Baum	Barbara & Rick Hemstreet	Erik P
Sarah Bell	John Hertzod	Ron P
Joe Boyle	Karen & Brett Holden	Pat Patton
Brandon	Keith	Gene Pearson & Family
Carrie	Jordan	Ellen Pittman
Chuck	Keith & Carol J	Wendy Pittman
Cindy	Diane K	Lurlene Quan
Judy Collins	Lanie Kackmeister	Carol Ratino
Macy Crowell	Carol Kanfield	Gemma R
Darlene	Andrea K	Chris Roaker
Doris Dvorack	Lorna Keeton	Delores Ross
Emily	Pat Errington King	Al S
Eve	Kyle	Bernard Schmidt
Evelyn	The Lam Family	Donna Schmidt
Janice Flood	Brandon L	Sherri
Jane Fotoples	Carol Lewis	Stanley
Carole Forte	Mary Margaret	Kathy Steitz
Kimberlyn Forte	Maureen	Winnie Stewart
Gail	Michael	Tandra
Suzanne G	Marsha Manon	Thomas
Vicki Gilley	Tim McManus & Family	Lori Tomblin
The Greene Family	Lisa Miyara	Ron W
John & Vivian Gumpf	Kelly Norwood	Jennifer W
	Ron & Ronnie Ohm, Jr.	Brenda Wojtowicz

Serving in the Military

John Petcoff, Craig Overmyer, The Rev. Joshua Janko, Sam Stickels

Those who have recently died: Don Davis

PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Bridget E. Coffey
Celebrant & Preacher

Heidi Clausius
Musician

Sallye Miyara & Lori Tomblin
Eucharistic Ministers

Jennifer Roach & Clayton Roach
Lectors

Lori Tomblin & Family
Coffee Hour