

# ST. ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH

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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

The Family Service at 9:00 a.m.

December 5, 2021



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## **SERVING TODAY**

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# The Second Sunday in Advent

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The Family Service at 9:00 a.m.

## We Gather in the Lord's Name

### Lighting of the Advent Candle

On the Second Sunday in Advent we light this candle and remember John the Baptist and his proclamation of the coming of the Messiah.

### A Reading from the Prophet Malachi

“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers. (Malachi 4:5–6)

Today we hear the voice of one crying in the wilderness, “Prepare the way of the Lord.” In this Season of preparation and expectation, John the calls us to examine our lives and open our hearts to receive the gifts of love, joy and peace from the presence of His Spirit.

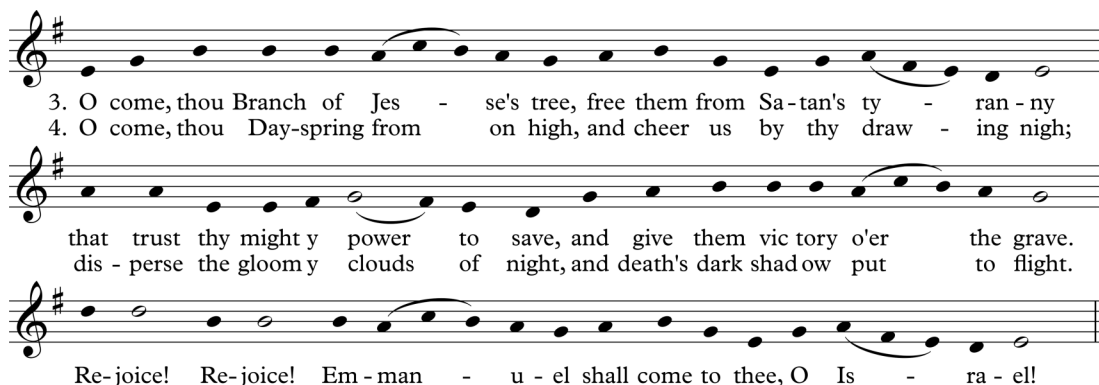
### Let Us Pray.

Almighty God, you sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare the way of the Messiah. Open our minds to understand his teachings and lead us into the holiness of life that bears the fruit of repentance. Cleanse our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that we might be faithful vessels of your grace and love.

### Opening Song, *standing*

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

*Verses 3 & 4*



3. O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from Sa-tan's ty - ran - ny  
4. O come, thou Day-spring from on high, and cheer us by thy draw - ing nigh;  
that trust thy might y power to save, and give them vic tory o'er the grave.  
dis - perse the gloom y clouds of night, and death's dark shad ow put to flight.  
Re-joice! Re-joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Text: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. *Hymnal* 1940, alt.

Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, plainsong, Mode 1, *Processionale*, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890)

## Welcome!

to our historic, living church  
where the saints have  
gathered to worship  
since 1706!

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(located in the envelope rack on  
the back of each pew) and fill out  
the **visitor card**. Please place it in  
the offering plate or leave it with  
an usher.

The liturgy begins with the **Acclamation**, which is an eager expression of praise.

The Acclamation, *standing*

(BCP page 146)

*Leader:* Surely the Lord is coming

*People:* **Amen. Come Lord Jesus!**

Revelation 22:20

The Collect for Purity

(BCP page 124)

*Leader:* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

*People:* **Amen.**

The Summary of the Law

(BCP page 124)

*Leader:* We remember what our Lord Jesus Christ taught us:

*People:* **We should love the Lord our God with all our hearts. We should love our neighbors as ourselves.**

*Leader:* These two commandments explain the way God wants us to live.

**The Collect** is a prayer that touches on the theme of the Scripture readings and transitions us from speaking and singing God's praise to listening to his Holy Scriptures.

The Scriptures teach that much of our spiritual renewal is by the washing of the Word of God, which cleanses our minds and purifies our hearts. This portion of the service is known as the **Liturgy of the Word**, and it consists of the readings, the sermon, the creed, and the prayers of the people.

Song of Praise, *standing*

*Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah*



1. Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
2. Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills his prom - ise.  
He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home - ward.

Text: Wayne L. Wold (b. 1954)  
Music: Yiddish folk tune, arr. Wayne L. Wold.  
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*Leader:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with your spirit.**

*Leader:* Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the Lessons.*

## **We Hear God's Word**

The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: "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. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

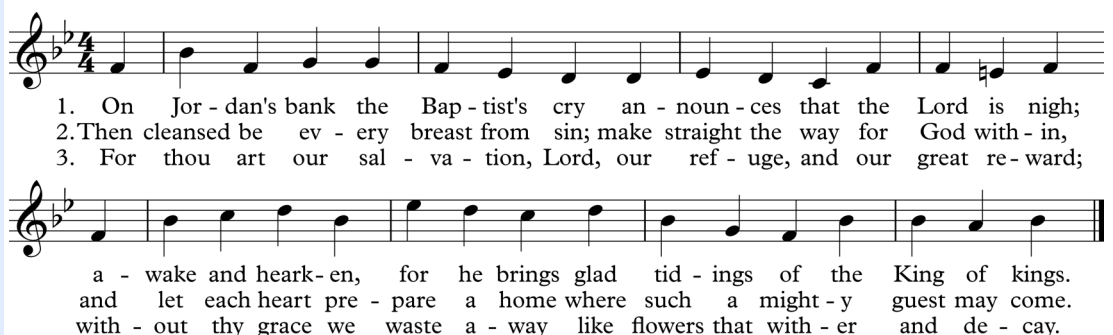
Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures. You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.      People: Thanks be to God.

The SPARK Bible Lesson, *seated*

John the Baptist  
SPARK Bible, pg. 234

The Gospel Song, *standing**On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry*


1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - noun - ces that the Lord is nigh;  
 2. Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make straight the way for God with - in,  
 3. For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our ref - uge, and our great re - ward;  
 a - wake and heark - en, for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
 and let each heart pre - pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
 with - out thy grace we waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.

Text: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); rt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)  
 Music: WINCHESTER NEW, melody from *Musicalisches Hand-Buch*, 1690

*Gospeller:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark.  
*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

*Gospeller:* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily, *seated*

The Reverend Joseph Vella

## We Respond to God

The Nicene Creed, *standing*

(BCP page 127)

*Celebrant:* Let us stand and confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

*People:* **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.**

**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 from the Holy Spirit and 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, 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 **Nicene Creed** is a statement of what the Christian community believes to be true about God. It was born of rigorous intellectual debate in the fourth century, culminating in councils of the whole church at Nicaea in 325 and at Constantinople in 381. The word "creed" comes from the Latin word "credo" which means "I believe."



About the “posture” of prayer:  
It has been commonly said that Anglicans kneel for prayer, but that is not the rule for posture in any edition of the Prayer Book. Various editions have assumed that standing is the normal posture for public prayer and have directed the people to kneel only for confessions, for reciting the Commandments, etc. However, in this parish it is the traditional discipline to kneel for the prayers. It is a posture of humility, which is something always worth cultivating in ourselves.

The Prayers of the People, *standing*

(BCP page 128)

*Reader:* Let us offer our prayers to God.

Lord God, we thank you for the leaders of our Church, especially Archbishop Beach, Bishop Lawrence; Bishop-elect, Chip Edgar; Bishop Skilton, Father Marshall, Father Joe, Father David, Deacon Lee, and our staff, and we ask you to bless them. We also pray for St. Andrew’s Mission and their Vicar, Fr. Jimmy Gallant.

Lord God, we pray for all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others, in particular for All Saints’ Church in Florence, their Rector, Fr. Jason Hamshaw, Chelsea and their family; for San José Church in the Dominican Republic, their Rector, Fr. Sandino Sanchez and their Bishop, Moises Quezada; and for Fr. Rob Sturdy, Anglican Chaplain at The Citadel.

Lord God, we pray for the leaders of our country, especially President Biden, Governor McMaster, Mayor Tecklenburg, and we ask you to bless them.

Lord God, we thank you for all our blessings, especially for people who love and care for us. (*intercessions may be spoken aloud*)

Lord God, we ask you to take care of everyone who is sick or sad. (*intercessions may be spoken aloud*)

Lord God, we know you hear us when we pray. We ask that you answer our prayers as may be best for us.

## We Ask for God’s Forgiveness

The Confession of Sins

(BCP page 130)

*Celebrant:* Kneeling, let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God. (*Silence*)

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



The Absolution, *kneeling*

*The Bishop when present, or 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

(BCP page 131)

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And with your spirit.**

In the **Confession of Sin and Absolution**, our sins, both individual and corporate, have been confessed, and we have been powerfully reassured of God's complete forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

**The Peace** is a particularly good time to welcome visitors and newcomers. Please take a moment to extend God's peace to those around you. That peace, which the world cannot give, comes only through the forgiving of Jesus Christ. This peace is not rooted in our circumstances but in the presence, promise and power of God and Christ's redeeming work.

## We Give in Thanksgiving for God's Blessings

The Offertory Song, *seated*

*We Are Waiting*

Sung by the Family Service Music Team

The Presentation Song, *standing*

*Doxology*

The image shows a musical score for two songs. The first song, 'We Give in Thanksgiving for God's Blessings', is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here be - low; praise Him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.' The second song, 'The Presentation Song', is also in G major and 4/4 time. The melody is similar to the first. The lyrics are: 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here be - low; praise Him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.'

Text: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)  
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

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*Celebrant:*

(BCP page 131)

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

*People:* **And of your own have we given you.**

## We Share God's Holy Communion

The Sursum Corda, *remain standing*

(BCP page 132)

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues:*

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your 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 glory to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### The Sanctus and Benedictus

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, Ho  
2. Bless - ed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho

Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
san - na in the high - est, Ho san - na in the high - est.

Text: International Consultation on English Texts  
Music: LAND OF REST American; arr. Emily R. Brink (b. 1940)

Our altar is The Lord's Table and all baptized Christians (baptized in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) are welcome to receive Holy Communion here.

In the Anglican tradition, Communion is received in two kinds: in the Bread and in the Wine.

The **Sanctus** is the song of the seraphim contained in the great vision that the prophet Isaiah experienced while worshipping in the Temple in Jerusalem. This vision is recorded in the 6th chapter of Isaiah. It is inspired by Isaiah's vision of the heavenly court "Holy, holy, holy" acknowledging the transcendence of God.

*Celebrant:*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you have made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke 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, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People:*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ has risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant:*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

When we gather together, we remember the presence of Jesus. By repeating the words and actions of Jesus' last meal with His disciples, we join the story and make it our own. We don't just watch the drama or listen to it unfold, we enter into the story as we, too, take the bread and wine and eat and drink.

This **AMEN** is often called the "Great Amen" because it is the apex of our liturgy, the powerful ending to the Eucharist Prayer.

The **Lord's Prayer**, so called because Jesus gave this prayer to His disciples as an example of how to pray, has been a part of Eucharistic liturgies since the fourth century. The link between "our daily bread" and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is very ancient. In the Lord's Prayer, we ask for daily bread, meaning the things we need to get through each day. But as a part of that, the sacramental bread is Jesus Christ. When we eat of this bread, we most certainly receive our daily bread.

## The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant:* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Our Fa-ther who art in heav-en, hall-ow-ed be thy Name, thy  
king-dom come thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav-en. Give us this day our  
dai-ly bread and for-give us our tres-pass-es 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 pow-er, and the glo-ry,  
for ev-er and ev-er. A-men. A-men. A-men.

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## The Fraction

*Celebrant:* *Alleluia.* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

The **Prayer of Humble Access** is a very distinctive element of worship in the Anglican Tradition. Assembled in the earliest prayer books by Thomas Cranmer, it includes phrases and concepts from Mark 7:28, the Liturgy of St. Basil, a Gregorian collect, John 6:56, and some ideas of Thomas Aquinas.

## The Prayer of Humble Access

(BCP page 135)

*Celebrant and People;*

**We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

## The Agnus Dei (*Lamb of God*)

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

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

Lamb of God, You take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Setting: Eric Wyse (b. 1959).

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## The Invitation to Communion

(BCP page 136)

*Celebrant:*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## The First Communion Song, *seated*

*Lamb of God*

1. Your on - ly Son no sin to hide, but You have sent Him from Your  
2. Your gift of Love they cru - ci - fied, they laughed and scorned Him as He  
3. I was so lost, I should have died, but You have brought me to Your

side to walk up - on this guilt - y sod and to be - come the Lamb of God. (to vs. 2)  
died. The hum - ble King they named a fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.  
side to be led by Your staff and rod and to be called a lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God. I love the Ho - ly Lamb of God.

O wash me in His pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.  
'til I am just a lamb of God.

Words & Music: Twila Paris (b. 1958)

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The Christian life is deeply personal yet is essentially corporate by nature, not private. Every act of worship is intended not only to glorify God for His own sake, but to lift up and build up one another in Christ for His sake as well. The word "liturgy" literally means "the work of the people." A central function of liturgy is to send the message that in a worship community there are no bystanders. It is corporate through and through and from one end to the other. Singing is also a form of prayer that can help carry the heart to God not only in the words being sung but beyond the reach of words. At Old St. Andrew's, we encourage you to continue to pray by singing both before and after Communion. In this way all of us are helping each other to lift our hearts continuously in the midst of receiving the greatest gift ever given: the life of Jesus Christ.

# The Second Communion Song

Breathe on me, Breath of God

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,  
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,  
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.  
 un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.  
 till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.  
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889), alt. Music: *Nova Vita*, Lister R. Peace (1885-1969)

## The Post Communion Prayer, *kneeling*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People:*

**Heavenly Father,**

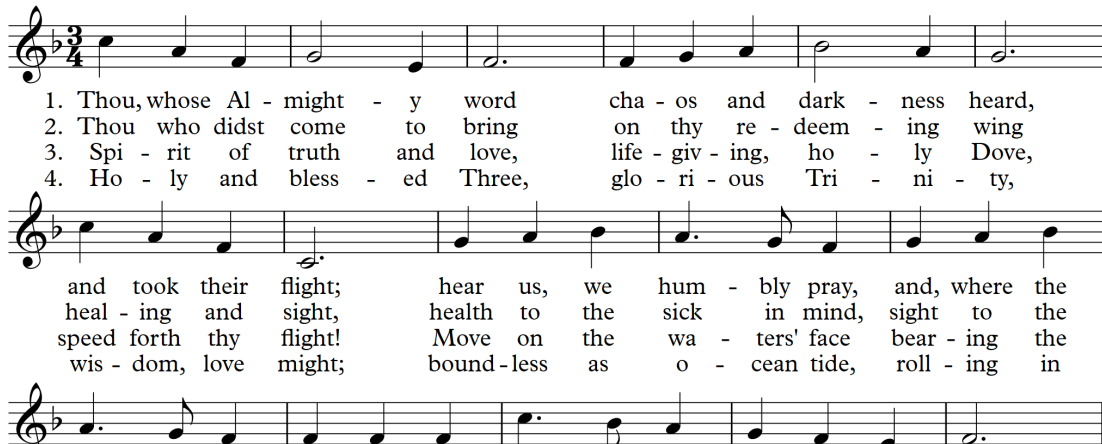
**We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

We have been blessed by being here. Now, at the end of the service, we are reminded that God takes loving delight in blessing us abundantly. We leave in peace, forgiven, fed, and sent out with a purpose to make Christ known in the world.

## The Blessing

### The Recessional Song, *standing*

*Thou Whose Almighty Word*



1. Thou, whose Al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,  
2. Thou who didst come to bring on thy re - deem - ing wing  
3. Spi - rit of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,  
4. Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, glo - ri - ous Tri - ni - ty,

and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the  
heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the  
speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the  
wis - dom, love might; bound - less as o - cean tide, roll - ing in

Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light!  
in - ly blind, now to all hu - man-kind, let there be light!  
gifts of grace, and, in earth's dark - est place, let there be light!  
full - est pride, through the world, far and wide, let there be light!

Text: John Marriott (1780-1825), alt.  
Music: MOSCOW, Felice de Giardini (1716-1796)

## We Go Out to Serve God

As the service ends, we are charged to "go forth," a challenge to reach out beyond our own church to the world around us.

### The Dismissal

(BCP page 138)

*Priest or Deacon:*

Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People:*

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Scripture quotations are from the English Standard Version of the Bible.



## A Brief History of Saint Andrew's Parish Church

Built in 1706, this simple, elegant church is the oldest surviving structure used for worship south of Virginia. It is South Carolina's only remaining colonial cruciform church.

Our historic church holds a full schedule of worship services every Sunday. Some other early colonial churches in South Carolina are still used, but less often. (None is older.) Others have been replaced or augmented by newer buildings, some centuries old themselves, some modern. Still others have vanished, or their ruins stand in silence to ages past. Visitors to our national treasure see a beautifully restored building, but the church hides a past that left it for dead many times.

St. Andrew's Parish Church (commonly known as Old St. Andrew's) was one of ten Anglican churches in South Carolina established in 1706 by the Church Act. It was built to serve the Anglican planters along the Ashley River, a thriving tidal waterway that connected them to the city of Charles Town and to each other.

Rice, indigo, and slaves brought prosperity to the lands along the Ashley, where some of the wealthiest plantations in British North America were located. The church was expanded to the shape of a cross in 1723 to accommodate a growing population. It survived a major fire in the 1760s but was quickly rebuilt inside its existing walls. But the parish declined before the Revolution and into the antebellum era. Ministering to the slaves, at the church and three plantation chapels, became the focus of the clergy. From 1851 to 1891, the Rev. John Grimké Drayton, the renowned horticulturalist at Magnolia-on-the-Ashley just north of St. Andrew's, was rector.

The church was one of the few buildings along the Ashley that Union troops did not burn to the ground during the Civil War. It became a polling place and did not reopen until 1876, eleven years after the war ended. The parish found itself at the epicenter of two of the most important events of late nineteenth century Charleston: the phosphate mining boom along the Ashley and the Great Earthquake of 1886, which caused significant damage to the church. After Rev. Drayton died in 1891, St. Andrew's lay dormant for the next fifty-seven years.

In 1948 Episcopalians moving to the West Ashley suburbs reopened the dilapidated church, even though it was far away from new residential developments. Dogged perseverance brought slow but continual improvements. A parish house was built, and then expanded twice in quick succession. Hurricane Hugo (1989) caused major damage to the graveyard. Into the twenty-first century, the church undertook the most extensive restoration in its history and celebrated its tercentennial.

In 2013, the Parish left The Episcopal Church and aligned with the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina and later with the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA).

For more than 300 years, St. Andrew's has survived, indeed has thrived, against all odds.

Paul Porwoll, author of *Against All Odds: History of Saint Andrew's Parish Church, Charleston, 1706-2013*



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**Saturday, 18th December at 7:00pm**