

# ST. ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH

Established 1706



THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

The Family Service at 9:00 a.m.

November 28, 2021



# OLD ST. ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH

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## **SERVING TODAY**

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FAMILY OF THE DAY

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**The First Sunday in Advent**  
November 28, 2021  
The Family Service at 9:00 a.m.  
**We Gather in the Lord's Name**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Opening Song, *standing*

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*  
*Verses 1 & 2*

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

2. O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orders all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

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.

*Welcome!*

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

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please take a **welcome brochure**  
(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.



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 Music: Yiddish folk tune, arr. Wayne L. Wold.  
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The Collect of the Day, *standing*

(BCP page 125)

*Leader:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Leader:* Let us pray.

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.**

*Please be seated for the Lessons.*

## We Hear God's Word

The Old Testament Lesson (*will not be read*)

Isaiah 64:1-9

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire cause water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, and the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down and the mountains quaked at your presence. From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? we have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand, Be not so terribly angry, O Lord, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**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.

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

The SPARK Bible Lesson, *seated*

Be Ready

SPARK Bible, pg.346

The Gospel Song, *standing*

*Ancient Words*

1. Ho - ly words, long pre-served for our walk in this world,  
2. Ho - ly words of our faith, hand-ed down to this age,  
they re - sound with God's own heart; let the an - cient words im - part  
came to us through sac - ri - fice; heed the faith - ful words of Christ!  
words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope;  
Ho - ly words, long pre-served for our walk in this world,  
in this world where e're we roam, an - cient words will guide us home.  
they re - sound with God's own heart; let the an - cient words im - part.

*Refrain*  
An - cient words, ev - er true, chang-ing me and chang-ing you;  
we have come with o - pen hearts; let the an - cient words im - part.

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

Jesus said: “But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

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

## 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.

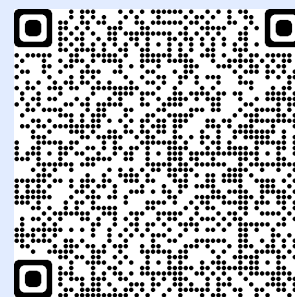
## We Give in Thanksgiving for God's Blessings

The Offertory Song, *seated*

*Even So Come*

Sung by the Family Service Music Team

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The Presentation Song, *standing*

*Doxology*

A musical score for a doxology. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system of lyrics is "Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Him, all crea-tures here be -". The second system of lyrics is "low; praise Him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost." The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C).

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

*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,  
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 away the sins of the world:  
 Have mercy on us, have mercy on us.  
 Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world:  
 Have mercy on us, have mercy on us.  
 Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world:  
 Grant us peace.

## The Invitation to Communion

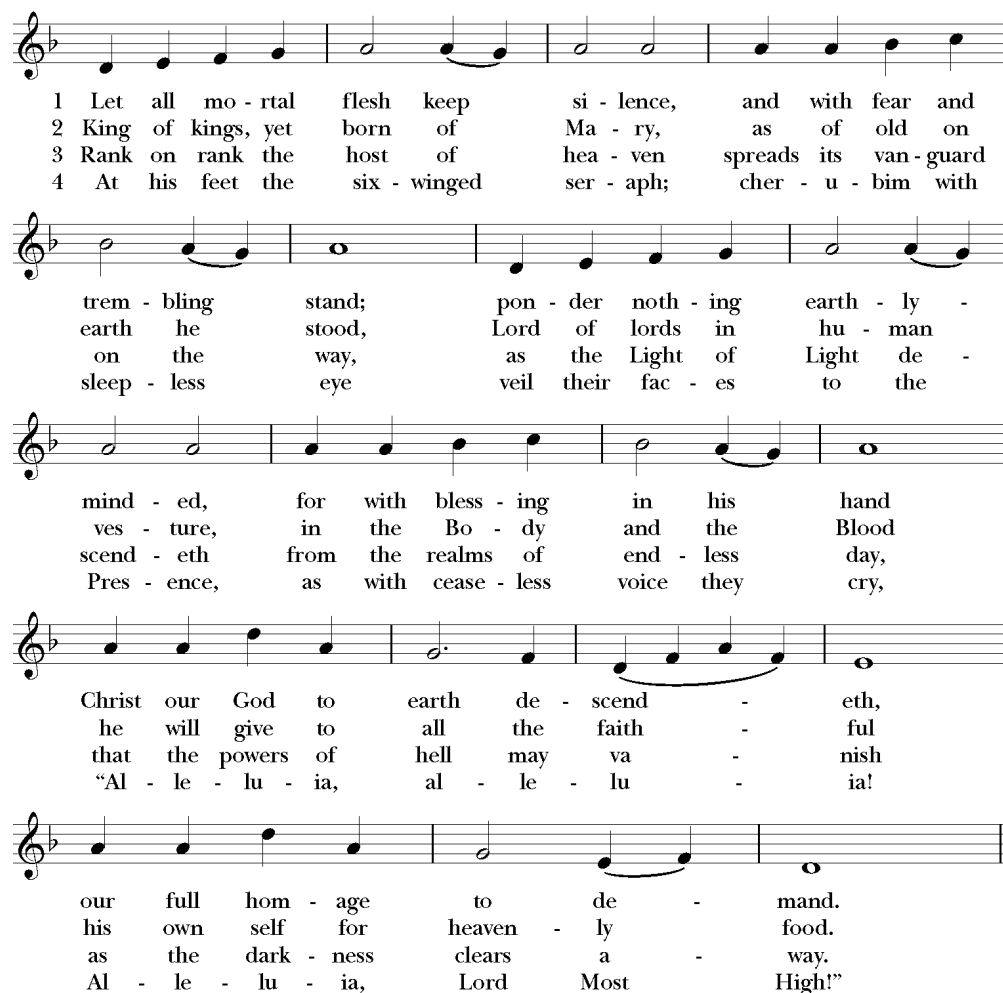
(BCP page 136)

*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*

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent*



1 Let all mo - rtal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and  
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on  
 3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard  
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -  
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man  
 on the way, as the Light of Light de -  
 sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the

mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand  
 ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood  
 scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,  
 Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,

Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,  
 he will give to all the faith - ful  
 that the powers of hell may va - nish  
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"


our full hom - age to de - mand.  
 his own self for heaven - ly food.  
 as the dark - ness clears a way.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Words: Liturgy of St. James, para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885) Music: Picardy, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860; harm. after *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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

*Shepherd of souls, Refresh and Bless*



1. Shep-herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho-sen pil - grim flock  
 2. We would not live by bread a - lone, but by the word of grace,  
 3. Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not then de - part;  
 4. Lord, sup with us in love di - vine, thy Bo - dy and thy Blood,

with man - na in the wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.  
 in strength of which we trav - el on to our a - bid - ing place.  
 Sa - vior, a - bide with us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.  
 that liv - ing bread, that heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

Text: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt.

Music: ST. AGNES, melody John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

## 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



1. In Christ a-lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;  
 2. In Christ a-lone, who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help-less babe!  
 3. There in the ground His bo-dy lay, light of the world by dark-ness slain;  
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death this is the pow'r of Christ in me;

this cor-nerstone, this so-lid ground, firm through the fier-cest drought and storm.  
 This gift of love and right-eous ness, scorned by the ones He came to save:  
 Then burst ing forth in glo-rious day, up from the grave He rose a-gain!  
 from life's first cry to fin-al breath, Je-sus commands my des-tin-y.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings cease!  
 till on that cross as Je-sus died, the power of death was cri-ci-fied;  
 And as He stands in vic-to-ry, sins's curse has lost its grip on me;  
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev-er pluck me from His hand;

My com-for-ter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.  
 for ev-ry sin on Him was laid: here in the death of Christ I live.  
 for I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ.  
 till He re-turns or calls me home: here in the pow'r of Christ I stand.

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## We Go Out to Serve God

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.**

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 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**