

Order of Worship for Holy Eucharist Rite II

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022



HOPE



Feeding the Hungry + Welcoming the Stranger
Being Transformed by God

Welcome to this morning's worship!

Thank you for joining us today. If you are new to our service, please take a moment to fill out our visitor's card so we can get to know you. Please use this bulletin, the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP), and the blue Hymnal to follow along in worship. Nursery care is available down the stairs at the back of the church. Activity bags are available at the back of the church to keep little hearts and hands engaged.

Prelude

Wachet auf (Sleepers Wake)

arr. Robert Lau

Two Advent Preludes

Robert Lau

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Rose and Wes Hood and Kinlin Gerringer

Reader We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope. May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way to salvation.

All ***O Come, O Come Emmanuel.***

Opening Hymn *(Please stand as you are able.)*

Prepare the way, O Zion

Hymnal 65

The Opening Acclamation

BCP p. 355

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

People ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

Song of Praise and Children's Procession

O come, O come, Emmanuel (vv. 1-2)

Hymnal 56

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!
2. O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go. *Refrain*

Children in kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to process out of the church for Children's Chapel.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant 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.*

The Word of God

The Reading from the Hebrew Bible

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Reader *The Word of the Lord.*

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm *(sung by all)*

Psalm 122, Anglican Chant



- 1 I was glad when they / said to me, *
"Let us go to the / house of the Lord."
- 2 Now our feet are / standing *
within your gates, / O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a / city *
that is at un- / ity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the / Lord, *
the assembly of Israel, to praise the / Name of the Lord.
- 5 For there are the thrones of / judgment, *
the thrones of the / house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Je- / rusalem: *
"May they pros- / per who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your / walls *
and quietness with- / in your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and com- / panions' sake, *
I pray for / your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the / Lord our God, *
I will / seek to do you good."

The Epistle

Romans 13:11–14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader *The Word of the Lord.*

People *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual Hymn

Come, thou long-expected Jesus (vv. 1–2)

Hymnal 66

The Holy Gospel (*standing*)

Matthew 24:36–44

Deacon The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to the disciples, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Gradual Hymn

Come, thou long-expected Jesus (vv. 3–4)

Hymnal 66

The Sermon (*seated*)

The Rev. Ginny Bain Inman

The Nicene Creed (*standing*)

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The Prayers of the People (*standing or kneeling*)

Let us pray.

Reader Creator God, by the mercies of your son, our Lord, Jesus, compel us to turn our hearts to his Way of Love. That we might follow Jesus together as your faithful people, we pause, listen, and respond in prayer, saying:

People ***Jesus, guide us in your way.***
Reader Jesus, your life, death, resurrection, and ascension inspire the church to continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship. Guide your people to learn your Word, that we might see God's story unfolding in our midst. We pray together,
People ***Jesus, guide us in your way.***
Reader Son of God, you responded to your Father in prayer and pleaded that we might all be one. Guide the leaders and faithful citizens of this nation to respond to God and to one another in compassion—in thought and deed, with or without words—that the people of this country might live in unity and peace. We pray together,
People ***Jesus, guide us in your way.***
Reader Light of the World, you taught us to worship in spirit and in truth. Lead us to join with others to acknowledge the holiness of God, that the whole world might be united in the truth of your love. We pray together,
People ***Jesus, guide us in your way.***
Reader Lord, you came not to be served but to serve. Empower us to bless one another and our neighbors in this city, that your spirit of generosity, compassion, and selfless action transform us and the people in our midst. We pray together,
People ***Jesus, guide us in your way.***
Reader Savior, you came into our midst that we might know life. Embolden us to go among those who are weary, burdened, sick, or imprisoned, that we might live like you, crossing the boundaries that divide rich from poor, sick from well, and sinner from saint. We pray together,
People ***Jesus, guide us in your way.***
Reader Lamb of God, in your death you destroyed death and taught us the way to eternal life. Compel us to daily die to self and rest in your grace. May all who have died rest in peace and rise in glory. We pray together,
People ***Jesus, guide us in your way.***
Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, who gave your life for the life of all, we commit our lives to following you. Continually guide us in your way and draw us into live as your Beloved Community in this age and in age to come; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

The Confession and Absolution

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The Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

How Beautiful Upon the Mountains

Andrew Carter

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good tidings, brings words of peace and salvation. Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people, He has redeemed Jerusalem.

At the Presentation

Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP p. 367

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 God thanks and praise.***

Sanctus

Hymnal S-125

The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

We are offering Communion in both kinds. If you do not want to receive Communion but would like to come forward for a blessing, come to either side of the altar rail and place your arms across your chest in the form of an "X" or cross.

Fraction Anthem

My flesh is food indeed

Hymnal S-169

Communion Music

Creator of the stars of night

Hymnal 60

The King shall come when morning dawns

Hymnal 73

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP p. 365

Advent Blessing

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn

"Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us

Hymnal 61

The Dismissal

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Postlude

Lighting the Advent Candle: Rose and Wes Hood and Kinlin Gerringer. **Acolytes:** Amelia Cooper, Levi Haynes, Sam Inman, Jonathan Spinks. **Readers:** Linda Cummer, Stephen Inman. **Lay Eucharistic Ministers:** Ann Herman, Linda Cummer. **Vergers:** Debbie Dowd. **Ushers:** Tim Fleming, Mark Kaley, Linda Van Ormer, Mike Van Ormer. **Greeters and Newcomer Hosts:** Jonathan Stephens, Nancy Bishop. **Altar Guild:** Beth Berger, Virginia Haskett, Scott Durham, Pat Baker.

*The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God by
Ann Herman in loving memory of her parents, Margaret and Carl Herman.*

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We Pray For

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Communion

Those on our parish prayer list: Mary Stalter, Norma Bullock, Moira Ermentrout, Maria Wilmoth, Johnetta Shablack, Jimmie Olivey, Patrick and Margaret Miller, Ed Morea, Cindy Shane, Julie Dameron, Traci and Erik, Barbara Cernansky, Ella Janssen, Dick Montgomery, Gabriel, Larry and Carol Phillips, Charles Claunch, Libby Eberhard, Gwen Snead, Ali Avery, Brad Stevenson and family, Martha Barrineau, Barbara Van Cleve, Noa Rucker and family, George Ellison, David Heflin, Nixie Coleman, Jeff Cummer, Brenda Ames, Tricia de Beer, Ursula Inman, Charles Kelshaw, the family of Trey and April Brooks, David McGraw

Those serving in our military: Tom Stauffer, Paul Zeigler, Stephen Johnson, Benjamin Phillips, Kenneth Gearhart, Alex Reyes, Raymond Harrison, Catharyn Nosek

Those expecting: Jessie and Richard Girardin, granddaughter and grandson-in-law of Jean and Ed Phelps

Birthdays: Susan Brannan, Ann Herman, Terese Robinette-Hagie, Marion Seaman

Anniversaries: Bob and Kathy Mills

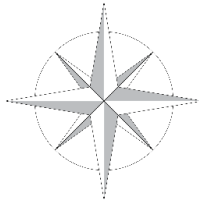
Please send prayer requests to Susan at parish@standrewsgso.org or 336-275-1651, ext. 1. Names remain on our parish prayer list for six weeks. If you would like a name to be on the list for longer, please let Susan know. Please also tell Susan if you know of a birthday or anniversary that was missed in the bulletin.

Look for the Light

St. Andrew's Advent and Christmas Calendar 2022

Throughout Advent: Daily Devotionals Available, Las Posadas

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| Nov. 27, Sun. | First Sunday of Advent with Advent Event
Advent Wreath Making, Blessing of Las Posadas,
and Daily Devotionals (after Church)
Adult Formation (after Church each Sunday) |
| Dec. 3, Sat. | Deck the Halls Event (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.) |
| Dec. 4, Sun. | Second Sunday of Advent with St. Nicholas Visit
Parents' Coffee with Mother Ginny (after Church)
Hope for the Holidays Gift Drive |
| Dec. 11, Sun. | Third Sunday of Advent, Lessons & Carols Service
Service of Remembrance (Chapel at 3 p.m.) |
| Dec. 18, Sun. | Fourth Sunday of Advent
Birthday Party for Jesus (after Church) |
| Dec. 24, Sat. | Christmas Eve Services
4 p.m. Family Service with Christmas Pageant
7 p.m. Traditional Service with Special Music |
| Dec. 25, Sun. | "Come as You Are" Christmas Service |



Come Celebrate Advent with Us

Beginning Today, November 27

Come to Our Advent Event after Worship

Wreath Making and Fellowship, Blessing of Las Posadas, Daily Devotionals

Advent is the special season of the church year when we prepare for the coming of Christ. We will host an Advent Event in the Parish Hall after today's service. Everything you need to make your own Advent wreath will be provided, and we'll enjoy fellowship and conversation while we build our wreaths together. A donation of \$10 per wreath-making kit is suggested but not required.

New Adult Formation Begins Today, Meets Weekly, Today through December 18

The Church Cracked Open: New Hope for the Beloved Community

Sometimes it takes disruption and loss to break us open and call us home to God. It's not surprising that a global pandemic and once-in-a-generation reckoning with white supremacy—on top of decades of systemic decline—have spurred Christians everywhere to ask who we are, why God placed us here and what difference that makes to the world. *The Church Cracked Open: Disruption, Decline, and New Hope for the Beloved Community*, written by the Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers, invites us to redefine church, not just for the sake of others, but for our own salvation and liberation. Join Rev. John de Beer and Rev. Pam Haynes in discussion on how this critical exploration of the American Christian story and the Episcopal Church opens us up to love Jesus and others, walk humbly with the most vulnerable, and embody beloved community. We suggest that you read the book before we begin. *The Church Cracked Open* can be found on Amazon and Kindle. Join us in the Cloister after Sunday service. We look forward to sharing this awesome experience with all of you!

Children Begin Advent with Children's Chapel Today

We invite all of our children to join us for Children's Chapel in celebration of the First Sunday of Advent. Children will process out of the sanctuary after the anthem as usual, but instead of heading to the Godly Play room or playground, will be led downstairs to our Children's Chapel for a special story, thanksgiving, and communion just for the little ones.

Sign Up for Las Posadas—An Opportunity to Welcome the Holy Family (all of Advent)

Each night of Advent, a carved holy family will travel from parish household to parish household recreating Mary and Joseph's search for a place to stay as they traveled to Bethlehem. The requirements are simple: be willing to open your home to the holy family, care for them for 48 hours, and deliver them to the next household. This is an opportunity to practice hospitality, to reflect on the meaning of the season, and to make space for Jesus to be born anew. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b49a9a92fa02-lasposadas1>.

Daily Advent Devotional Available as Booklet and Online

How can we practice simplicity as we wait the coming of Christ and new life this season? *Living Well Through Advent* is a daily devotional with the theme "Practicing Simplicity With All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind." Copies of the booklet will be available in the Parish Hall for our Advent Event today. You can receive these devotions as daily emails, if you prefer, at <https://www.livingcompass.org/advent>. Additional online offerings include AdventWord daily meditations from Forward Movement (subscribe at <https://adventword.org/en/home/>) and *Advent: The Season of Waiting (And Waiting... And Waiting)* by Kate Bowler (download at <https://katebowler.com/advent2022/>).

Saint Nicholas' Visit and Parents' Time with Mother Ginny, December 4

During our worship next Sunday, we will welcome Saint Nicholas, complete with his traditional gift of chocolate coins, ahead of his traditional feast day on December 6. After worship, parents are invited to join Mother Ginny in the Library for coffee and informal conversation. December, with its multiple demands and expectations, can be a particularly tough month for parents. Please join us, whether you are feeling jolly or not! Youth can hang out in Herman Hall, while children are welcome to explore the playroom and nursery. Our nursery staff will stay over that day to give parents time to chat.

Hope for the Holidays December 4 (and December 6)

Sign Up to Donate Gifts for Children's Home Society

Once again, we are joining with Hope for the Holidays, an annual gift drive for children in foster care, sponsored by the Children's Home Society. For many years we have engaged in this ministry in conjunction with our celebration of St. Nicholas who blesses the gifts we send off for these children. **Please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A48ABA72BAB9-hope1>** to bring a gift. We ask that unwrapped presents be delivered to the church on **Sunday, December 4**, for the blessing. If you can't come to church that day, please deliver to the church office on **December 6, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.** Thank you in advance for your generosity and for helping to provide a joyful holiday season to children in need. Please contact [Martha Chaires](#) if you have questions or need to arrange for an alternate drop off time.

Lift Every Voice and Sing—Children's Choir Practices December 4, 11, 18

We are excited to bring back our Children's Choir, a beloved tradition of St. Andrew's, for pre-k through 5th grade children. We will rehearse December 4, 11, and 18, in preparation for singing at the early Christmas Eve Service, December 24 at 4 p.m. Join us in the Kids of the Kingdom room (upstairs on the yellow hall) directly after church for our 20-minute practices. Contact [Ann Doyle](#) to learn more.

Announcements

We Are Being the Light in Our Pledging and Giving

Thank you for your faithful participation in our **Be the Light Giving Campaign for 2023**. Everything we do is through your generosity. If you haven't yet, please send in your pledge. You can do so online at <https://bit.ly/btlPledgeForm2023> or using a pledge card. Email Susan Frye at parish@standrewsgso.org if you need a pledge card. Every pledge matters.

This Is (Really) the Last Day to Order from the Deck the Halls Online Store!

Now's the time to order fresh **wreaths** in four designs, greenery **centerpieces**, **gingerbread house kits**, seasonal **cookie sets**, family friendly **chili**, and **honor cards** supporting community service organizations. You can place your order at <https://standrewsfundraisers.square.site/>—but the deadline is today!

Advent Lessons and Carols Service Is December 11

The Lessons & Carols service in the Anglican tradition began in 1878 and was formalized as a Christmas service in 1880 by the Bishop of Truro, later Archbishop of Canterbury, Edward Benson. An Advent version of the service developed slightly later at King's College in England and is now celebrated around the world, normally done one of the first Sundays of Advent.

The service consists of scripture readings interspersed with choral presentations and hymns, all of which recall mankind's longing for liberation from sin and death, and our hope and expectation for the coming of Christ the Lord. Through our experience of sacred Word and music, the story of the coming of Christ gradually unfolds and deepens our understanding of God's message of love and redemption. This year, our traditional Advent Carol Service of sacred Word and music will be led by our choir, organ and guest harpist, Bethany Lancaster.

May the words and music of this service propel you quietly toward the true joy of Christmas.

Christmas Flower Dedications

Each Advent and Lent, the Altar Guild places donation envelopes in the pews providing parishioners the opportunity to make a donation expressly for the Altar Guild. These donations help cover the costs of special services and "day-to-day" altar requirements. If you are participating through the online service and would like to make a donation, simply mail your check to St. Andrews with a short note supplying the following information:

**This donation for the Altar Guild is given by _____
in memory of _____ OR in honor of _____.**

Your contribution will be credited to the Altar Guild and will be acknowledged in the Christmas Eve Bulletin. There is not a "charge" or set amount. Your donation and dedication need to be received by the church office **by December 12** in order for our Parish Administrator to create the bulletin. Thank you for your support!

How to Help Deck the Halls and Support Mission and Outreach

Deck the Halls, St. Andrew's annual fundraising effort for mission and outreach, will take place December 3, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. All are invited to help prepare, spread the word, and join us Dec. 3!

- See our Deck the Halls Special Edition eNews at <https://conta.cc/3EsMzmH>.
- Leave donations of bottles of wine (minimum value of \$15) in the box by the church office or call **Marcia Moore** at 336-202-6516 to make other arrangements.
- Share your nativity! Contact **Corinth Milikin** at corinth53@hotmail.com.
- Spread the word on social media and with friends, family, and neighbors.
- Bring donations of Gift Cards to the office. Contact **Carolyn Hackett** if you have questions.
- Contact **Nancy Rizzuto** at 336-273-4537 to donate baked goods.
- Supply our Presents Under the Tree. Contact **Jean Phelps** at 336-312-2789
- Contact **Virginia Haskett** to see how else you might help at vbhaskett@yahoo.com.

Your Generosity Makes a Difference

We are grateful for your continued gifts that sustain the mission and ministry of St. Andrew's. Please contact Ray Marsh at bookkeeper@standrewsgso.org with any questions about your giving. Ray is in the office on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. To make a new gift of any amount or to continue your pledge you may:

- Donate at abundant.co/standrewsepiscopalch/give.
- Use the "Abundant Giving" app and choose "St Andrew's Episcopal Church" in Greensboro.
- Mail a check to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Bookkeeper, 2105 W. Market St., Greensboro, NC 27403.
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