

# ST. ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH

Established 1706



## **The First Sunday in Advent**

The Family Service at 9:00 a.m.

November 30, 2025



# Welcoming All, Worshipping Christ Witnessing God's Love



## *The Clergy & Staff*

THE REV. MARSHALL HUEY, *Rector*  
THE REV. RICHARD GIERSCHE, *Associate Rector*  
THE REV. DAVID ALWINE, *Assisting Priest*  
THE REV. CANON DOUGLAS PETERSON, *Assisting Priest*  
THE REV. LEE HERSHON, *Deacon Emeritus*  
DAVID ACRES, *Director of Music*  
JUDITH ACRES, *Director of Children's Choir*  
KEVIN UPPERCUE, *Pianist*  
BRENDA RINDGE, *Director of Christian Education*  
AMY AUSTEN, *Parish Administrator*  
JEANNE GERHARDT, *Parish Bookkeeper*  
TERESA HART, *Administrative Assistant*  
JEFFREY HEARN, , *Buildings & Grounds Administrator*  
BENJAMIN LUNDGREN, *Sunday Sexton*

## *The Vestry*

Kathy Abraham, 2028, *Senior Warden*  
Dean Bays, 2028  
Jim Beall, 2026  
Stefanie Christensen, 2026  
Pat Davis, 2028  
Rick Jennings, 2027  
T.J. Leavell, 2028  
Todd Lundgren, 2027, *Junior Warden*  
Randall Shealey, 2026  
Romaine Smith, 2027  
Michael Ulmer, 2027  
Gail Wagaman, 2026  
John Steinmeyer, *Treasurer*  
Cindi Smith, *Clerk*

## *The Volunteers*

THE RT. REV. WILLIAM J. SKILTON  
*Bishop Suffragan, South Carolina, Retired*  
*Assistant Bishop, The Dominican Republic, Retired*  
*Bishop in Residence, Old St. Andrew's Parish Church*

Larry Coomer, *Graveyard Administrator*  
Michael Christensen, *AV Coordinator*  
Roxanne Erskine, *Membership Coordinator*  
Paul Porwoll, *Historian*

---

THE RT. REV. CHARLES F. EDGAR III, , *Bishop of The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina*

---



Join The King's Counterpoint here December 13 at 7pm for Christmas Through the Ages Volume 12. No Tickets required, this is a FREE Concert. The choir traces the history of sacred and secular music and carols for the Christmas Season from plainchant, through Medieval and Renaissance, Baroque and 20th-Century and up to the modern day. Carols from America, England, France and Germany. A perfect way to celebrate the Christmas Season here at Old St. Andrew's, and to capture the Christmas Spirit through music, song and readings.

**Saturday, 13th December at 7:00pm**

Old St. Andrew's Parish Church, 2604 Ashley River Road

**Sunday, 14th December at 2:00pm** The Cathedral  
of St. John the Baptist, 120 Broad Street, Charleston,

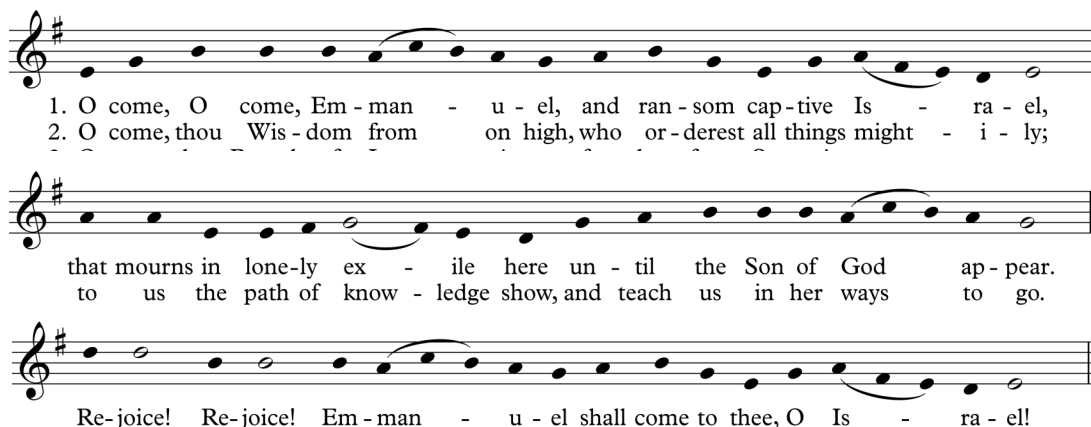
**The First Sunday of Advent**  
November 30, 2025  
The Family Service at 9:00 a.m.  
**We Gather in the Lord's Name**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Robert & Lynn Fleming

The Processional Song, *standing*

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,  
2. O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest all things might - i - ly;  
that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
to us the path of know - ledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
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.; adpt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890)

The Acclamation

(BCP page 124)

*Celebrant* : Surely the Lord is coming soon.

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

The Collect for Purity

(BCP page 124)

*Priest*: 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. **Amen.**

## Welcome!

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

Our Mission Statement...

*Welcoming All,  
Worshipping Christ,  
Witnessing God's Love*

If you are visiting with us today,  
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.

In the **Collect for Purity**, we ask  
God to cleanse our hearts and  
minds of anything that comes be-  
tween Him and us, anything that  
would impede our worship of Him.  
Here we offer ourselves to the  
glory of Jesus Christ.

These words of Christ bring to our  
attention the perfect standard of  
God's righteousness and what He  
requires of us. Both **The Summary of the Law** and The Decalogue (Ten Commandments) are valid options for this movement of the liturgy. The Summary was first used in place of The Decalogue in 1718.

These words of Christ bring to our attention the perfect standard of God's righteousness and what He requires of us. Both **The Summary of the Law** and The Decalogue (Ten Commandments) are valid options for this movement of the liturgy. The Summary was first used in place of The Decalogue in 1718.

The words Kyrie Eleison. Christe Eleison. mean Lord, Have mercy. Christ, Have Mercy. Within the liturgy, it lifts our voices in a prayer for the compassion of Christ after the declaration of the Summary of the Law, which holds up the standard of God's righteousness. Kyrie Eleison first appeared in the Holy Communion Service as the response of a litany in the Antioch-Jerusalem liturgy after the middle of the 4th century. Around 595AD, Christe Eleison was added by St. Gregory the Great of Rome

**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 Summary of the Law

(BCP page 124)

*Priest:* Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

## The Kyrie

(BCP page 124)

*Priest:* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*People:* **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

*Priest:* Lord, have mercy upon us.

## The Song of Praise, *standing*

*Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah*



Text: Wayne L. Wold (b. 1954)  
Music: Yiddish folk tune, arr. Wayne L. Wold.  
© 1984 Fortress Press. Used by permission. OneLicense.net A-716890

## The Collect of the Day (BCP 2019 page 125)

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*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.**

*(Please be seated)*

# The Liturgy of the Word

## The First Lesson

Isaiah 2: 1-5

<sup>1</sup> The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, <sup>3</sup> and 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 the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup> He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks, nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. <sup>5</sup> O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

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

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.

## The Second Lesson

Romans 13: 8-14

<sup>8</sup> Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup> For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup> Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. <sup>11</sup> Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup> The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup> Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

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



The Gospel Song, *standing*

## Come Thou Almighty King

1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy Name to sing,  
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, by heaven and earth a - dored;  
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear  
 4 To Thee, great One in Three, the high - est prais - es be,

help us to praise. Fa - ther whose love un-known all things cre-  
 our prayer at - tend: come, and thy peo - ple bless; come, give thy  
 in this glad hour: thou, who al - might - y art, now rule in  
 hence ev - er - more; thy sov - ereign ma - jes - ty may we in

at - ed own, build in our hearts thy throne, An - cient of Days.  
 word suc - cess; stab - lish thy right - eous - ness, Sa - vior and friend.  
 ev - ery heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spi - rit of power.  
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Scriptures tell us that Jesus is the Word that became flesh and dwelled among us. In the reading of the Holy Gospel, the ministers process with the Gospel Book to the Crossing of the church to read the selected passage and symbolize the Word dwelling among us. The ministers process to the Crossing during this hymn.

The word Gospel comes from the Old English word, *gōd-spell*, which means "good news" or "glad tidings." That word developed from the Latin word, *evangelium*, and Greek, *evangelion*, which also literally means "good news." These are the source of the English words "evangelist" and "evangelism."

## The Holy Gospel

St. Matthew 24: 29-44

*Gospeller:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

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

<sup>29</sup> Jesus said to the disciples: "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>30</sup> Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. <sup>31</sup> And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

continued

<sup>32</sup>“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. <sup>33</sup>So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>34</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>35</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.<sup>36</sup>“But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. <sup>37</sup>For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. <sup>42</sup>Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But know this, that if the master 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. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

*Gospeller:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily, *seated*

Father Rich Giersch

## 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.”

*Led by a member of the Order of the Daughters of the King. If you would like our Daughters of the King to pray for a specific need, please fill out a confidential prayer card found at the prayer box near the main entrance to the church.*

Christians pray. When we worship the living God, we bring before Him our concerns for ourselves and others, for the world, and for the church. We also thank God for hearing and responding to our prayers. At the Offertory, all of our prayers are presented to God along with our tithes and offerings.

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.

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

Lord God, we thank you for the leaders of our Church, especially Archbishop Wood, Bishop Edgar; Bishop Skilton, Father Marshall, Father Rich, Father David, Father Doug, 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 San José Church in the Dominican Republic, their Rector, Fr. Isaac Pringle and their Bishop, Moises Quezada; and Fr. Rob Sturdy, Anglican Chaplain at The Citadel.

Lord God, we pray for the leaders of our country, especially President Trump, Governor McMaster, Mayor Cogswell, 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 pray for all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of resurrection, (*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.

*Priest:*

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: Kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all people the true love of peace, and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



# 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.**

We are all sinful people. Here, in the **Confession**, we admit our wrongdoings and lay our sins at the feet of Jesus on the cross.

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 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 Comfortable Words

(BCP page 130)

*Bishop or Priest:*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

These verses of Scripture following the Absolution serve as a seal of assurance that for those who are truly penitent, the Lord has put away their sins. They are comforting in that they give us the strength to believe we are forgiven. **The Comfortable Words** come directly from the first Anglican Book of Common Prayer 1549 written by Thomas Cranmer and were included through German Lutheran influence.

**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.

The Peace

(BCP page 131)

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

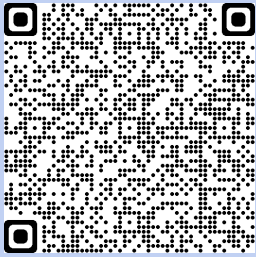
*People:* **And with your spirit.**

# We Give in Thanksgiving for God's Blessings

The Offertory Song, *seated*

*We are Waiting*  
by W. Zachary Taylor and Chris Kline

If you want to give an offering to  
Old St. Andrew's, you may scan  
this QR code



Or visit [oldstandrews.org](http://oldstandrews.org) and click  
on the giving tab.

Anxious in expectancy marveling the mystery  
Of Jesus' face appearing here on earth.  
Waiting for the baby born,  
God's Son taking human form  
Being cared for by the ones he'll save  
That day is drawing nearer

## **Chorus:**

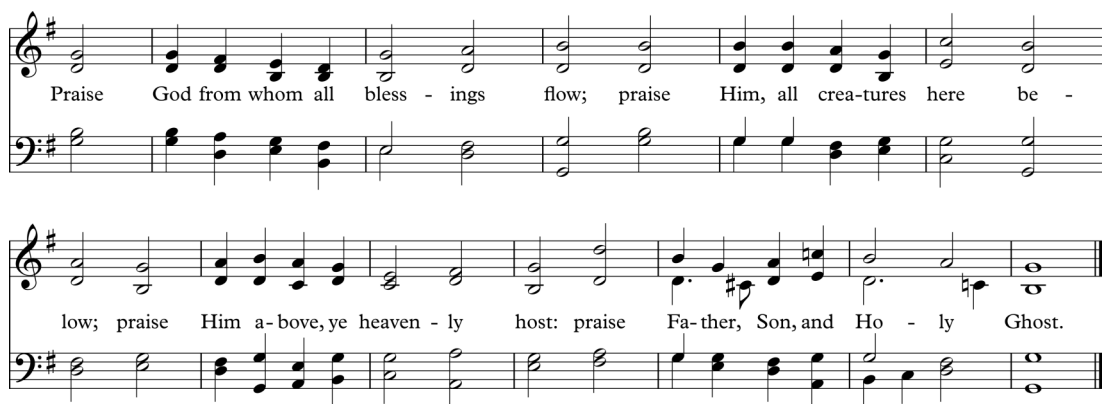
We are waiting for Your coming.  
Hearts are burning, hope is stirring  
In anticipation.  
Waiting for Your coming,  
Human and divine converging, promising salvation.  
We are waiting.

Watching for our turn to see the glory and the majesty  
Of Jesus' face appearing here on earth.  
Waiting for the trumpet's tone  
When Christ is here to take us home,  
To live there among the ones he's saved.  
That day is drawing nearer.

## **Repeat chorus**

Watching, waiting  
Watching, waiting  
Watching, waiting  
Watching, waiting

Repeat chorus



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.**

*I Chronicles 29:11-14*

## 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:

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 Bread is offered first and is typically placed in one's open palm. After hearing the words "The Body of Christ, the bread of Heaven," the bread is ready to be consumed. A chalice bearer will then offer the Wine.


We offer two chalices for Holy Communion. The first, smaller chalice is for intinction (dipping the wafer into the chalice.) The second, larger chalice is for consumption. If you would prefer to drink from the cup, please hold the wafer in front of you until the larger chalice is offered.

\* If you or your children are not baptized, you may receive a blessing at the altar rail from the Priest. Simply cross your hands over your chest as you kneel at the rail.

Ladies, please "blot" your lipstick prior to receiving communion, as this will help preserve our beautiful altar linens.

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.

## The Sanctus



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)

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

## The Prayer of Consecration, *kneeling*

(BCP page 132)

### *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 is 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.**

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

*Celebrant:*

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

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 Fraction

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

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

## 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 **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 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).  
© 2004 Vine Ridge Music (admin. Fox Music, a div. of Classic Fox Records Ltd.). All rights reserved. CCLI #1984772.

## 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.

*(If you need Holy Communion brought to you in your pew, please ask the Usher.)*

## The First Communion Song, *seated*

*Come thou Long expected Jesus*

1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
2. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:  
3. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,  
4. By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;  
from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.  
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)  
Music: STUTTGART, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andachtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715; adapt. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870)

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 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.



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 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.**

The Blessing

(BCP 2019 page 137)

The Recessional Song, *standing*

*In Christ Alone*

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 fiercest drought and storm.  
 This gift of love and right-eousness, scorned by the ones He came to save:  
 Then bursting 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, sin'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.

Text & Music: Keith Getty & Stuart Townend  
 ©2001 Thankyou Music Used by permission. CCLI# 1984772

As the service ends, we are charged to “go,” 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.

## We Go Out to Serve God

The Dismissal and Commissioning

(BCP page 138)

*Priest or Deacon:* Our worship has concluded; our service begins.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People:*

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**