

# ST. ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH

established 1706



THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT  
The Holy Eucharist at 11:15 a.m.  
21 December 2025



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



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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  
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Jonathan Graham, 2029  
Dale Finkbine, 2029  
James Little, 2029  
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THE RT. REV. CHARLES F. EDGAR, III, *Bishop of The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina*

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## SERVING TODAY

HOMILIST—The Reverend Rich Giersch

USHERS – The Hares

LECTORS— Randall Shealey, Dale Finkbine

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –Dana Huser

CHALICE BEARER - Dale Finkbine

VESTRY IN CHARGE – Stefanie Christensen, Gail Wagaman

ALTAR GUILD—Janet Bex, Romaine Smith, Eric Smith, Andrea Ulmer

The Fourth Sunday in Advent  
 Joseph's Dream  
 21 December 2025  
 The Holy Eucharist at 11:15 a.m.

Welcome!

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

THE PRELUDE INTROIT

SUNG BY OUR PARISH CHOIR

Once, as I remember

Words: G R Woodward(1848-1934 17th Music: arr. Charles Wood (1866-1926)

THE INTROIT

Tune: *Veni, veni Emmanuel*

Verses sung by the choir and joined with by the Congregation on the Refrains

7. O come, De-sire of na - tions, bind in one the hearts of all man-kind;  
 8. O come, O come, Em- man - u - el, and ran-som cap-tive Is - ra - el,  
 bid thou our sad di - vi - sions cease, and be thy-self our King of Peace.  
 that mourns in lone-ly ex - ile here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 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)

THE LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

Jim & Cheryl Elkin

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Tune: *Merton*

1. Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;  
 2. Wak ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;  
 3. Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;  
 4. so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,  
 5. Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,  
 "Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye chil-dren of the day."  
 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.  
 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;  
 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.  
 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run."

Front page.  
 .....an angel of the Lord  
 appeared to him in a dream,  
 saying, "Joseph, son of  
 David, do not fear to take  
 Mary as your wife, for that  
 which is conceived in her is  
 from the Holy Spirit.  
 St Matthew Chapter 1  
 verses 20

Text: Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, alt.  
 Music: MERTON, William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

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 between 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.

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 **Collects** are prayers that touch on the theme of the Scripture readings and transition us from speaking and singing God's praise to listening to his Holy Scriptures.

### THE ACCLAMATION - (BCP 2019 page 145)

*Celebrant:* Surely the Lord is coming soon.

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

### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP 2019 page 124)

*Celebrant:*

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.**

### THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW (BCP 2019 page 124)

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 2019 page 124)

*Celebrant:* Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

*Celebrant:* Lord, have mercy upon us.

### THE TRISAGION (Sung Three Times)

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP 2019 page 125)

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise make ready your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world, we may be found a people acceptable in your sight; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## The Liturgy of the Word

THE FIRST OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 37 verses 2-11

<sup>2</sup> These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was pasturing the flock with his brothers. He was a boy with the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father Jacob's wives. And Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father Jacob.  
<sup>3</sup> Now Jacob, called Israel, loved Joseph more than any other of his sons, because he was the son of his old age. And he made him a robe of many colors. <sup>4</sup> But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peacefully to him.

<sup>5</sup> Now Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers they hated him even more. <sup>6</sup> He said to them, "Hear this dream that I have dreamed: <sup>7</sup> Behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and behold, my sheaf arose and stood upright. And behold, your sheaves gathered around it and bowed down to my sheaf." <sup>8</sup> His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Or are you indeed to rule over us?" So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

<sup>9</sup> Then he dreamed another dream and told it to his brothers and said, "Behold, I have dreamed another dream. Behold, the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me." <sup>10</sup> But when he told it to his father and to his brothers, his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall I and your mother and your brothers indeed come to bow ourselves to the ground before you?" <sup>11</sup> And his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the saying in mind.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

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

THE PSALM

*Qui Regis Israel*  
(Shepherd of Israel)

Psalm 80 vv 1-7

HEAR, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep : shew thyself also, thou that sittest upon the cherubims.

2 Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasses : stir up thy strength, and come, and help us.

3 Turn us again, O God : shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

4 O Lord God of hosts : how long wilt thou be angry with thy people that prayeth?

5 Thou feedest them with the bread of tears : and givest them plenteousness of tears to drink.

6 Thou hast made us a very strife unto our neighbours : and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Turn us again, thou God of hosts : shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

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.

Now when King David lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies,<sup>2</sup> the king said to Nathan the prophet, “See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent.”<sup>3</sup> And Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you.”

<sup>4</sup> But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, <sup>5</sup>“Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in? <sup>6</sup>I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. <sup>7</sup>In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?”’ <sup>8</sup>Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. <sup>9</sup>And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup>And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>11</sup>from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. <sup>12</sup>When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup>He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. <sup>14</sup>I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, <sup>15</sup>but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. <sup>16</sup>And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.’” <sup>17</sup>In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

*Lector: The Word of the Lord.*

*People: Thanks be to God.*

The 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 SEQUENCE HYMN (*Please stand*)

Tune: *Stuttgart*

1. Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
2. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art:  
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.



Painting

Joseph's Dream  
Anton Raphael Mengs  
(1728-1779)

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. Matthew 1 Verses 18-25

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

<sup>18</sup>Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

<sup>23</sup>“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

<sup>24</sup>When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, <sup>25</sup>but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

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

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 SEQUENCE HYMN (*Please stand*)

Tune: *Stuttgart*

1. Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king,  
Born to reign in us for ever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
2. By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

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.”

## THE NICENE CREED (BCP 2019 page 127)

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

*Celebrant and 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-begotten 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.**

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.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP 2019 page 128)

*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.*

*Reader:* Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “hear our prayer.”

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

*Reader:* Lord, in your mercy: *People:* **Hear our prayer.**

For Steve Wood, our Archbishop, Chip Edgar, our Bishop, and for Bill Skilton our Bishop in residence; for all bishops, priests and deacons; especially for our Rector, Fr. Marshall; our Associate Rector Fr. Rich, and our Assisting Priests Fr. David and Fr. Doug; our Deacon Emeritus, Lee Hershon, and our church staff. We also pray for St. Andrew’s Mission and their Vicar, Fr. Jimmy Gallant;

*Reader:* Lord, in your mercy: *People:* **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others, in particular for San José Church in the Dominican Republic and their Rector, Fr. Isaac Pringle, and their Bishop Moises Quezada, and for Fr. Rob Sturdy, Anglican Chaplain at The Citadel.

*Reader:* Lord, in your mercy: *People:* **Hear our prayer.**

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

*Reader:* Lord, in your mercy: *People:* **Hear our prayer.**

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service, especially our President, Donald Trump, our Governor, Henry McMaster and our Mayor, William Cogswell.

*Reader:* Lord, in your mercy: *People:* **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, particularly those on our parish prayer list and those we name at this time, silently or aloud. *(pause)*

*Reader:* Lord, in your mercy: *People:* **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, named at this time silently or aloud *(pause)* in thanksgiving let us pray.

*Reader:* Lord, in your mercy: *People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:*

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.**

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### THE CONFESSiON OF SINS (*Please kneel*) (BCP 2019 page 130)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant and 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 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.**

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.

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 COMFORTABLE WORDS (BCP 2019 page 130)

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*

THE PEACE (*Please stand*) (BCP 2019 page 131)

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

**People:** And with your spirit.

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*At this time the Rector will welcome all to the Lord's Table and share the announcements of the day.*

THE OFFERTORY: If you would like to make an online offering at this time to Old St. Andrew's Parish Church, please follow the link:

<https://www.oldstandrews.org/giving-1>

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(Sung by our Parish Choir)

**Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine (Joseph lieber, Joseph mein)**

Words: Traditional German      Tune Resonet in laudibus harm. Edward L. Stauff

“Joseph dearest, Joseph mine, help me cradle the little child;  
God’s reward for all to see, for Christ is born on Christmas Day. Eia.  
God is born of Virgin free. Life and love she gave thru his divinity.  
Praise and song bring to the Boy, Christ is born on Christmas Day,  
Sing Gloria, the Lord has come, Alleluia,  
God came down at Christmas time, at Christmas time in Bethlehem  
Of the Virgin Mary born, as Gabriel foretold, that happy morn.

**The Old St. Andrew's String Quartet**

Violin I - Ellie Jos      Violin II—Andrae Raffield

Viola - Dominique Fields      Violoncello - Samuel Smoak

THE PRESENTATION HYMN (*Please stand*)

Old Hundredth

Text: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

*Celebrant:* (BCP 2019 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.**

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 Holy Communion

THE SURSUM CORDA (BCP 2019 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.**

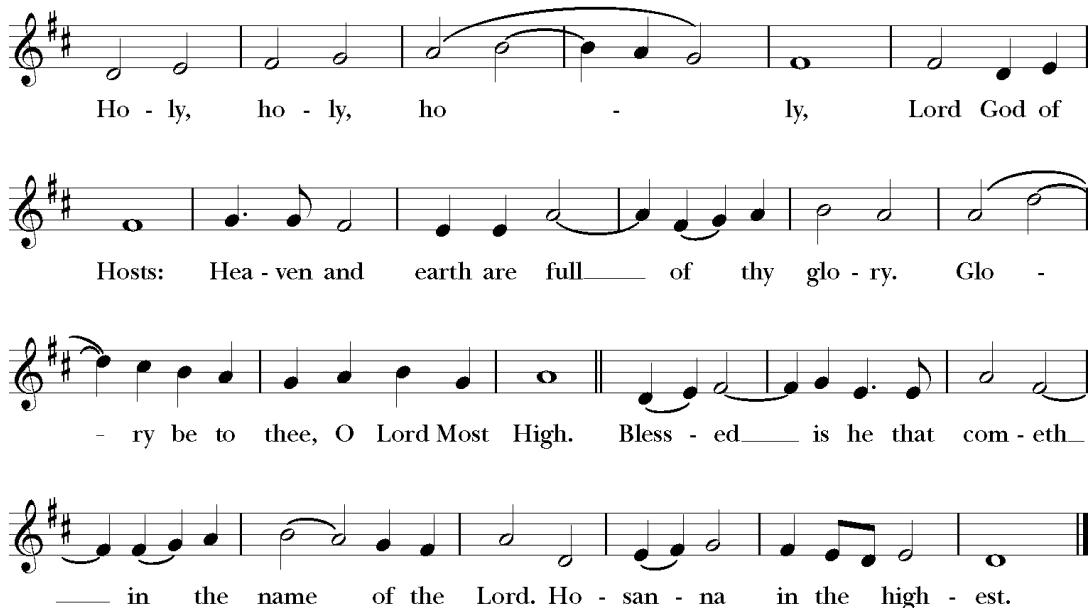
The *Celebrant* continues

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, - ly, Lord God of Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full\_\_\_\_ of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth\_\_\_\_ in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 PRAYER OF CONSECRATION (BCP 2019 page 132)

*Please Kneel*

*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.**

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 and participate in the victory Christ has won for us.

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 (BCP 2019 page 134)

*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 FRACTION (BCP 2019 page 135)

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

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

## THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (BCP 2019 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

Je-sus, Lamb of God: have mer-cy on us.  
Je-sus, bear-er of our sins: have mer-cy on us.  
Je-sus, re-deem-er, re-deem-er of the world:  
give us your peace, give us your peace.

Setting: from *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

## THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

*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 **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, truly present in this bread. When we eat of this bread, we most certainly receive our daily bread.

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 COMMUNION ANTHEM

(Sung by our Parish Choir)

## To a Maid Engaged to Joseph

Words: Gracia Grindal (b.1943) Music: Rusty Edwards (b.1955)

1. To a maid engaged to Joseph the angel Gabriel came.  
"Fear not," the angel told her, "I come to bring good news,  
Good news I come to tell you, good news, I say, good news."
2. "For you are highly favored by God the Lord of all,  
Who even now is with you. You are on earth most blest,  
You are most blest, most blessed, God chose you, you are blest!"
3. But Mary was most troubled to hear the angel's word.  
What was the angel saying? It troubled her to hear,  
To hear the angel's message, it troubled her to hear.
4. "Fear not, for God is with you, and you shall bear a child.  
His name shall be called Jesus, God's offspring from on high.  
And he shall reign forever, forever reign on high."
5. "How shall this be?" said Mary, "I am not yet a wife."  
The angel answered quickly, "The pow'r of the Most High  
Will come upon you shortly, your child will be God's child."
6. As Mary heard the angel she wondered at his words.  
"Behold, I am your handmaid," she said unto her God  
"So be it, I am ready according to your Word."

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.

## THE FIRST COMMUNION HYMN

Tune: *St. Stephen*

Words: Greek; tr. John Brownlie (1859-1925), alt. Music: *St. Stephen*, William Jones (1726-1800), alt.

## THE SECOND COMMUNION HYMN

Tune: *Wondrous Love*

1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to  
 3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this that  
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll

caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my  
 is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
 sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: American folk hymn, ca. 1835  
 Music: WONDROUS LOVE, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835

At Old St. Andrew's, we encourage you to continue to pray by singing both before and after you come to the Communion Rail. 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 THIRD COMMUNION HYMN

Tune: *Llangloffan*

1. Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!  
 2. See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple - nish them with oil;  
 3. Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.  
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;  
 The mar - riage-feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;  
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comese the cry.  
 rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride-groom is at hand.  
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt.  
 Music: LLANGLOFFAN, melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Egheys yng Hgymru*, 1865

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP 2019 page 137)

After Communion, the *Celebrant* says: Let us pray.

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)

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 in the name of Jesus Christ.

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN (*Please stand*)

Tune: *Divinum Mystrum*

1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be -  
 2 O that birth for ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin,  
 3 Let the heights of heaven a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his  
 4 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly

gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
 prais - es sing; powers, do - min-ions, bow be - fore him,  
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing,

he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that  
 bore the Sa - vior of our race; and the Babe, the  
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on  
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be; hon - or, glo - ry

are, that have been, and that fu - ture  
 world's Re - deem er, first re - vealed his  
 earth be si lent, ev - ery voice in  
 and do - min ion, and e - ter - nal

years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!  
 sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!  
 con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!  
 vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

*This hymn may be performed in equal note values: ♩ ♩ ♩ ♩*

Words: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-410?); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866) and Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt. Music: *Divinum mysterium*, Sanctus trope, 11th cent.; adapt. *Piae Cantiones*, 1582; acc. Bruce Neswick (b. 1956).

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!**

THE POSTLUDE

**Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus** by Paul Karvonen (1917-1991)