



St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2024 | Holy Eucharist, Rite II | 10:30 a.m.
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With this season of preparation for the birth and return of our Lord, we begin a new liturgical year. Our worship is more reflective. The Trisagion replaces the Gloria, the Eucharistic prayer changes, the lessons and hymnody encourage our anticipation and introspection. The Sarum blue stoles and altar hangings are associated with the peace, hope, and joy of the season and, in particular, our connection to the Virgin Mary. We invite you to enter into the season with an attentive mind and an open heart. Children are always welcome in our service. If you would rather your child (5 or younger) be in the nursery or supervised playroom, feel free to take them out the pulpit side arch and through the chapel. You are welcome to bring them back into the service at any time.

PRELUDE

Magnificat primi toni

Jacob Praetorius

All stand. As the candle on the Advent wreath is lighted, the officiant says:

Priest God of grace and glory, as we light this Advent flame, kindle in our hearts the fire of your love, that we may cast away the deeds of darkness, and clothe ourselves in the light of your holy child.

Priest Lord, prepare us.

People **Christ prepare us.**

Priest Lord, prepare us.

HYMN, H-1982 #265

The angel Gabriel

GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came, his
 2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be, all
 3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head, "To
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ was born in

wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame; "All
 gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee, thy
 me be as it pleas - eth God," she said, "my
 Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn, and

hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry, most
 Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told, most
 soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name." Most
 Christ - ian folk through - out the world will ev - er say - "Most

high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!
 high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

TRISAGION

Nelson

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have
 mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and
 Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People may be seated.

THE FIRST READING

MICAH

5:2-5A

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All remain seated.

CANTICLE 15 – *The Song of Mary*

H-1982, #438

WOODLANDS

1 Sing we of the bless - ed Mo - ther who re - ceived the an - gel's word,
 2 Sing we, too, of Ma - ry's sor - rows of the sword that pierced her through,
 3 Sing a - gain the joys of Ma - ry when she saw the ris - en Lord,
 4 Sing the chief - est joy of Ma - ry when on earth her work was done,

and o - be - dient to the sum - mons bore in love the in - fant Lord;
 when be - neath the cross of Je - sus she his weight of suf - fering knew,
 and in prayer with Christ's a - pos - tles, wait - ed on his prom - ised word;
 and the Lord of all cre - a - tion brought her to his heaven - ly home;

sing we of the joys of Ma - ry at whose breast the child was fed
 looked up - on her Son and Sa - vior reign - ing from the aw - ful tree,
 from on high the blaz - ing glo - ry of the Spi - rit's pres - ence came,
 where, raised high with saints and an - gels, in Je - ru - sa - lem a - bove,

who is Son of God e - ter - nal and the ev - er - last - ing Bread.
 saw the price of our re - demp - tion paid to set the sin - ner free.
 heaven - ly breath of God's own be - ing, man - i - fest in wind and flame.
 she be - holds her Son and Sav - ior reign - ing as the Lord of love.

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 1:39-45

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The People are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON
 The Maxwell

Very

Reverend

Anne

M.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

The People stand at the invitation of the presider.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Litanist Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Litanist Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Litanist Come Lord Jesus,

People **And hear our prayer.**

Litanist Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Here prayers are offered.*

Litanist Come Lord Jesus,

People **And hear our prayer.**

Litanist Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Litanist Come Lord Jesus,

People **And hear our prayer.**

Litanist Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Here prayers are offered.*

Litanist Come Lord Jesus,

People **And hear our prayer.**

Litanist Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *Here prayers are offered.*

Litanist Come Lord Jesus,

People **And hear our prayer.**

Litanist We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Here prayers are offered.*

Litanist Come Lord Jesus,

People **And hear our prayer.**

Litanist Hear our prayers, O God: Come quickly to restore us, strengthen us, and show us the glorious light of your countenance, that we and all those for whom we pray might be made new and see you in our midst as Emmanuel, God-with-us. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

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

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

All stand.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE www.standrews.ms/offertory

At the offertory, acknowledging all we are given from God, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give.

AT THE OFFERTORY

Rejoice Now, You Faithful

Dietrich Buxtehude, arr.

David Music

from the cantata "Nun freut euch ihr Frommen"

Rejoice now, you faithful with me, the Savior is near. O hours of joy, hours of rejoicing!

Now have I discovered that which I sought for with constant desire.

All stand.

GREEN

As those of old their first fruits brought of vine-yard, flock, and field to
 God, the giv - er of all good, the source of bount-eous yield; so
 we to-day our first fruits bring, the wealth of this good land, of
 farm and mar - ket, shop, and home, of mind, and heart and hand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, PRAYER B

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Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, 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 triumph 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:

SANCTUS, H-1982 #S-124

David Hurd, *New Plainsong Mass*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
 earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Blessed Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Andrew, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM H-1982 #324, V. 2

PICARDY

King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on earth he stood,
 Lord of lords in hu - man vest - ure, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
 he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav - en - ly food.

THE INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The People may be seated. If you do not wish to receive the sacrament, you may come forward with your arms crossed over your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten free bread is available upon request. The table of bread and wine is the table of company with Jesus, and all those who love him. So come to this table, you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more; you who have been to this Sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus in the world, and you who have failed; come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

H-1982, #673 *The first one ever*

BALLAD

H-1982 #268 *Ye who claim the faith of Jesus*

JULION

At the Presider's invitation People stand, and remain standing through the end of the service.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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Almighty and everliving God, 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

Presider

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

EMMANUEL

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high,
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind
 and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
 who or - derest all things might i - ly;
 who to thy tribes on Si - nai's height
 in one the hearts of all man - kind;
 that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 to us the path of know - ledge show,
 in an - cient times didst give the law,
 bid thou our sad di - vi - sions cease,
 un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 and teach us in her ways to go.
 in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
 and be thy - self our King of peace.
 Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ*People* **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Fuga

Johann Pachelbel

OUR PRAYER LIST

Freddie, Sallye, Sarah, Anne, Susan, Allison, Ben, Charles, Sam, Ralph, and Kathy. (*The last names are not listed to provide some privacy for those who have asked our prayers but do not necessarily want to answer questions. Our prayers come from the heart and don't need details to be effective*).

AT WEEKDAY PRAYERS, WE PRAY FOR: Barbara, Melissa, Norma, Bob, Kevin, Sara, Annabelle, Charley, Jan, Mary Ann, Mary Beth, Tara, Belinda, Paul, Melissa, David, Joel, Dot, Kristen, Chip, Betsy, Susan, Matt, Betty, Lynda, Doug, Cindy, Chris, Charles, Helen, Kay, Paula, Jeff, Anthony and Kathryn.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Kenneth Milam; and Joyce Reynolds, aunt of Ed Oliver.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK: Sunday, Dec. 22: John Allin, Dottie Donaldson, Kathy Woodliff, Kelly Butler, Jack Allin; Monday, Dec. 23: Ginger Weaver; Tuesday, Dec. 24: John Adams; Wednesday, Dec. 25: Tillie Rosen, Brandon White, Jesse Newell; Thursday, Dec. 26: Virginia Browning; Friday, Dec. 27: Susan Hill, Phillip Buffington; Saturday, Dec. 28: No birthdays; Sunday, Dec. 29: Susan Blake.

WE GIVE THANKS FOR WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN DECEMBER: Rachel and Seth Misenar, Dec. 4, 2004; Jackie and Avery Rollins, Dec. 17, 1966

IN OUR COMMUNITY CYCLE OF PRAYER, WE PRAY FOR STEWPOT COMMUNITY SERVICES- Stewpot Community Services offers myriad services to both homeless and less fortunate members of our community. One of the founding entities of Stewpot, St. Andrew's provides volunteers who donate to the clothes closet, bag groceries, serve lunch, provide meals for the Opportunity Center on cold winter nights and serve in many other capacities. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Gina Halfacre at gchalfacre@gmail.com.

WEDDINGS | Please contact The Very Rev. Anne M. Maxwell at amaxwell@standrews.ms.

HOLY BAPTISM | Please contact The Very Rev. Anne M. Maxwell at amaxwell@standrews.ms.

PRAYER LIST | On Sunday mornings, our prayer list holds those in acute need of prayer. During the week, another prayer list holds those whose need for prayer is less acute but longer term. To add or renew a name on either of these lists, please contact The Very Rev. Anne M. Maxwell at amaxwell@standrews.ms.

PRAYER CHAIN | For prayers at any time, please call in your prayer request to one of our confidential Prayer Chains. For the morning or evening prayer chain, call Melissa Crouch at 601-672-8952.

HOSPITAL VISITS, HOME VISITS, AND PASTORAL CARE | Please call the Cathedral and speak to one of our clergy if you or a family member are in need of pastoral prayer or conversation. Voicemails are sent to our email inboxes. The Cathedral number is 601-354-1535 or you may call the Lay Pastoral Minister on call as listed in the sleeve.

