

# The Second Sunday of Advent

## The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

*With God's help, we the people of Saint Andrew's Church seek to know and accept God's love in Jesus Christ for all people and to witness to God's love in word and action.*

**December 6, 2020**

**10:00 a.m.**

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Diaz family

*(Pre-recorded prior to the service. See video on our Facebook page.)*

### Prelude Variations on "Prepare the Royal Highway"

Elaine S. Dykstra (1945-2011)

### Hymn 75 "There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying"

*Ascension*



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a\_\_\_\_  
 2 O\_\_\_\_\_ Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee  
 3 but the word of our God\_\_\_\_\_ en - du - reth, the\_\_\_\_\_



call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a  
 up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late  
 arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst\_\_\_\_\_ of



high - way, a high - way for our God! The\_\_\_\_  
 peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the  
 na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall



val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the  
 flowers of the field they\_\_\_\_\_ per - ish, like  
 feed his\_\_\_\_\_ flock like a shep - herd, the



lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed  
 grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of  
 lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll



pla - ces where the Lord our God may go!  
na - tions shall pass like a dream a - way;  
lead them, and bring them safe to his fold.

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

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

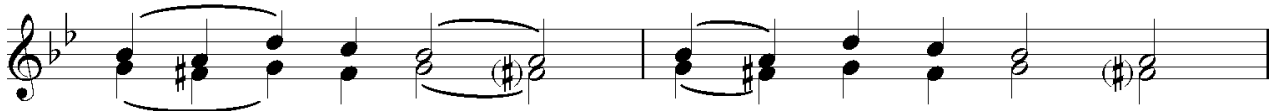
**The Collect for Purity**

BCP 355

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** (*sing three times*)

Hymnal S102



Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,



Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

**The Collect of the Day:** Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**The First Reading:** *Isaiah 40:1-11*

Reader: Carolyn Donaldson

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;

the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.” A voice says, “Cry out!” And I said, “What shall I cry?” All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!” See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13**

*Benedixisti, Domine*

Hymnal S410



- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, \*  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \*  
and blotted out all their sins.
- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

**The Second Reading:** *2 Peter 3:8-15a*

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel:** *Mark 1:1-8*

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’” John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Nicene Creed**

BCP 358

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, Form II

BCP 385

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

Let us pray for the Church and the world.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Audrey, our Bishop; for Jeffrey, our priest; for Joe, our deacon; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people; for Donald, our President; Joe, our President-elect; Tom, our Governor; and all our elected and appointed leaders.

Pray for justice and peace. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

We pray for our companion parish, St. John's, Bellefonte.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. James, Lancaster.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain.

Pray that they may find and be found by him. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed.

Pray for those who have died, especially Louise Eastman, mother of Gwen Catchen. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for those who have been commended to us on our Parish Prayer List.

Pray for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. *Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *Silence*

*The celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

## Confession of Sin

BCP 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Priest 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.**

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.*

## The Peace

BCP 360

## The Holy Communion

### The Offertory

**Offertory Anthem**                      “The First Song of Isaiah”                      Plainsong, Tone 3  
*Colleen Kennedy, soprano; Rob Freeborn, bass*

**The Great Thanksgiving**                      Eucharistic Prayer B                      BCP 367

**Priest:**        The Lord be with you.

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

**Priest:**        Lift up your hearts.

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

**Priest:**        Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**Priest**

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:

### **Priest and People**

Holy, holy, holy Lord

God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,

Hosanna in the highest,

Priest

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 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:

*Priest and People*

**We remember his death.**

**We proclaim his resurrection.**

**We await his coming in glory;**

Priest

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 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**

BCP 336

**People: 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 Breaking of the Bread**

**Priest:** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

### **The Communion of the Faithful**

**My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. *Amen.***

*(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)*

## Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365

Priest: Let us pray.

**People: Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Blessing

### Hymn 65

“Prepare the Way, O Zion”

*Bereden vag for Herran*



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!  
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.  
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.

### *Refrain*



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

## Dismissal

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

"Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

## **Welcome to St. Andrew's**

We are a community of faith, seeking “to promote charity, which is the chief of Christian graces,” and we welcome all persons, regardless of race, ethnic background, gender identity, sexual orientation, capability, or circumstances of life.

### **Those for Whom We Pray**

Teri, Dick, Molly, Don, Joan, Jane, Beckett, Emmet, Denise, Kevin, Diane, Sara, Emily, David, Robbie, Vicki, Frank, Beth, Martin, Barbara, Stu, Anthony, Mavis, Martin, Michael, Anna, Maddy, Traci, Marion, Sandy, Carol, Gwen, Lois, Barbara, Vera

### **Those in the Armed Forces and First Responders**

Zach, Christie, Matt

### **The Faithful Departed**

Louise Eastman

### **Our Companion Parish**

St. John's, Bellefonte

### **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

St. James, Lancaster

### **Anglican Cycle of Prayer**

The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain

Please call or email the office with your prayer requests

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10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
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### WEDNESDAY

12:15 p.m. Noonday Prayer  
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### MONDAY – SATURDAY

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer via Zoom  
5:15 p.m. An Order for Compline  
[www.facebook.com/StAndrewSC](http://www.facebook.com/StAndrewSC)  
(Monday through Friday)

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