

ST. ANDREW'S  
ANGLICAN CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
December 1, 2024

**The Great Litany**  
begins on page 91 in the  
*Book of Common Prayer*

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continues on page 107 in the  
*Book of Common Prayer*

**The Collect of the Day**

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

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

*Priest* 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.**

**Old Testament Lesson**

**Zechariah 14:3-9**

Then the Lord will go out and fight against those nations as when he fights on a day of battle. <sup>4</sup>On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives that lies before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley, so that one half of the Mount shall move northward, and the other half southward. <sup>5</sup>And you shall flee to the valley of my mountains, for the valley of the mountains shall reach to Azal. And you shall flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the Lord my God will come, and all the holy ones with him.

<sup>6</sup> On that day there shall be no light, cold, or frost. <sup>7</sup> And there shall be a unique day, which is known to the Lord, neither day nor night, but at evening time there shall be light.

<sup>8</sup> On that day living waters shall flow out from Jerusalem, half of them to the eastern sea and half of them to the western sea. It shall continue in summer as in winter.

<sup>9</sup> And the Lord will be king over all the earth. On that day the Lord will be one and his name one.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 50 *p.332*

- 1 The Lord, even the most mighty God, has spoken \*  
and called the world, from the rising of the sun to the going down thereof.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in her beauty, \*  
has God shone forth in glory.
- 3 Our God shall come and shall not keep silence; \*  
there shall go before him a consuming fire, and a mighty tempest shall be stirred  
up round about him.
- 4 He shall call to the heavens above, \*  
and to the earth beneath, that he may judge his people:
- 5 “Gather my faithful together unto me, \*  
those who have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.”
- 6 And the heavens shall declare his righteousness, \*  
for God himself is Judge.

## New Testament Lesson

## 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13

But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us the good news of your faith and love and reported that you always remember us kindly and long to see us, as we long to see you— <sup>7</sup> for this reason, brothers, in all our distress and affliction we have been comforted about you through your faith. <sup>8</sup> For now we live, if you are standing fast in the Lord. <sup>9</sup> For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, <sup>10</sup> as we pray most

earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, <sup>12</sup>and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, <sup>13</sup>so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### Gradual Hymn *Please Stand*



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.



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

The Holy Gospel

Luke 1:1-25

*Priest:* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Luke

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

Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, <sup>2</sup>just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, <sup>3</sup>it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, <sup>4</sup>that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.

<sup>5</sup>In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. <sup>6</sup>And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord. <sup>7</sup>But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years.

<sup>8</sup>Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, <sup>9</sup>according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. <sup>10</sup>And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. <sup>11</sup>And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. <sup>12</sup>And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. <sup>13</sup>But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. <sup>14</sup>And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, <sup>15</sup>for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. <sup>16</sup>And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, <sup>17</sup>and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared."

<sup>18</sup>And Zechariah said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." <sup>19</sup>And the angel answered him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. <sup>20</sup>And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time." <sup>21</sup>And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they were wondering at his delay in the temple. <sup>22</sup>And when he came out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple. And he kept making signs to

them and remained mute.<sup>23</sup> And when his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

<sup>24</sup> After these days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she kept herself hidden, saying,<sup>25</sup> “Thus the Lord has done for me in the days when he looked on me, to take away my reproach among people.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

*People: Praise to you, Lord Christ*

The Sermon

The Ven. Seth Brooker

The Nicene Creed

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.

## The Exhortation *p. 147*

### The Confession and Absolution of Sin

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.  
*Silence*

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker and judge of us all:

We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses,  
which we have committed by thought, word, and deed  
against your divine majesty,  
provoking most justly your righteous anger against us.

We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions;  
the burden of them is more than we can bear.

Have mercy upon us,

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,

forgive us all that is past;

and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to 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

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

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

*Ephesians 5:2*

## The Offertory Hymn

*Please Stand*

1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and  
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on  
 3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van-guard  
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -  
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man  
 on the way, as the Light of Light de -  
 sleep - less eye, veil their fa - ces to the

mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand  
 ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood  
 scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,  
 Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,

Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,  
 he will give to all the faith - ful  
 that the powers of hell may va - nish  
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

our full hom - age to de - mand.  
 his own self for heaven - ly food.  
 as the dark - ness clears a way.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

## Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
 praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

WORDS: *Doxology*, Thomas Ken, 1709  
 MUSIC: *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

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## The Sursum Corda

*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

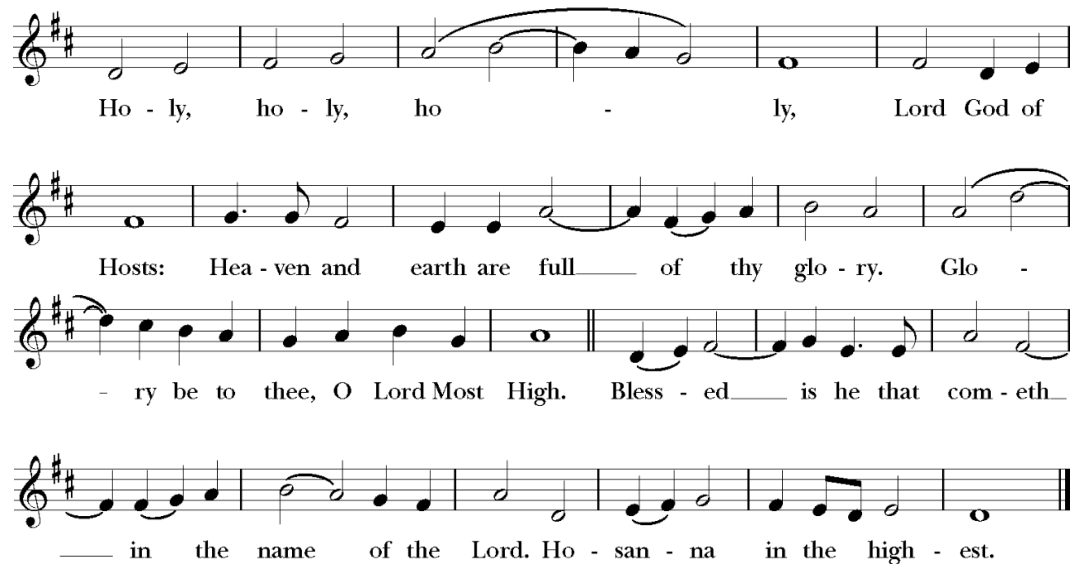
*People*         It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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, 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 Prayer of Consecration

*Please kneel or stand.*

All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again. So now, O merciful Father, in your great goodness, we ask you to bless and sanctify, with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in

remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

For 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, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of your dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we your humble servants celebrate and make here before your divine Majesty, with these holy gifts, the memorial your Son commanded us to make; remembering his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and his promise to come again.

And we earnestly desire your fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; asking you to grant that, by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his Blood, we and your whole Church may obtain forgiveness of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. We humbly pray that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, because of our many sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we ask you to accept this duty and service we owe, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the Cross.  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast.

## The Prayer of Humble Access

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 Ministration of Communion

*All Christians who have been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are welcome to receive Holy Communion. To receive the bread, place one hand in the other with palms facing up. If you wish to only receive the bread, please cross your arms over your chest when the chalice bearer comes to you with the wine.*

## Communion Hymn *Please Stand*



1. O Lord, how shall I meet thee, How wel-come thee a - right?  
2. Thy Zi - on strews be - fore thee Green boughs and fair - est palms;  
3. Love caused thine in - car - na - tion; Love brought thee down to me;  
4. Sin's debt, that fear - ful bur - den, Let not your souls dis - tress;

Thy peo - ple long to greet thee, My Hope, my heart's De - light!  
And I, too, will a - dore thee With sweet - est songs and psalms.  
Thy thirst for my sal - va - tion Pro - cured my lib - er - ty.  
Your guilt the Lord will par - don And cov - er by his grace.

To do in spir - it low - ly All that may please thee best.  
 With all her strength and glad - ness She fain would serve thy name.  
 In love all loves ex - cel - ling, Our lost and fall - en race!  
 For all God's sons se - cur - ing Their her - it - age in heav'n.

5. He comes to judge the nations,  
 A terror to his foes,  
 A Light of consolation  
 And blessed Hope to those  
 Who love the Lord's appearing.  
 O glorious Sun, now come,  
 Send forth thy beams most cheering,  
 And guide us safely home. Amen.

A - men.

## The Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God,  
 we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries,  
 with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood  
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
 and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness  
 towards us:  
 that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son,  
 the blessed company of all faithful people;  
 and are also heirs, through hope,  
 of your everlasting kingdom.

And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father,  
 to assist us with your grace,  
 that we may continue in that holy fellowship,  
 and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
 to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

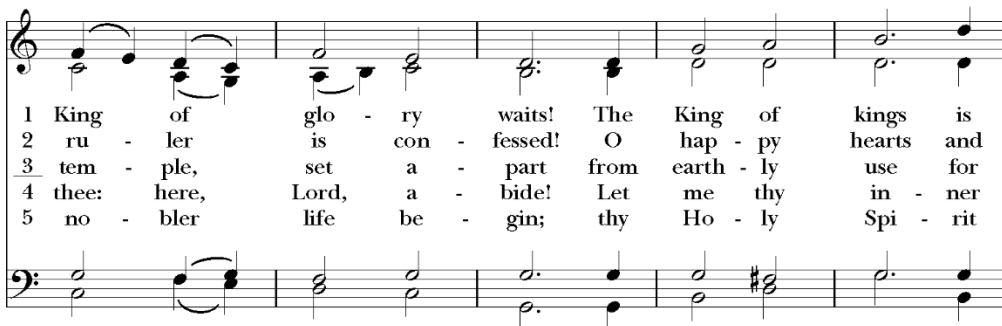
## The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always **Amen**.

## Sending Hymn - *Please stand*



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the  
 2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the  
 3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a  
 \*4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to  
 5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and



1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is  
 2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and  
 3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for  
 4 thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner  
 5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit

1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.  
 2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!  
 3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
 4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.  
 5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

## The Dismissal

*Priest* Let us go forth in the Name of Christ, Alleluia

*People* Thanks be to God, Alleluia

## Birthday Prayer

Watch over your child *N.*, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless *him* and guide *him*, and keep *him* unspotted from the world. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* falls; and in *his* heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



# This Week At St. Andrew's

Wednesday, Dec. 4 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm Bible Study
Friday, Dec. 6 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm Game Night
Saturday, Dec. 7 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 pm Baking with the kids
Sunday, Dec, 8 <sup>th</sup>	2:45 pm Adult Ed 2:45 pm Sunday School all ages 4:00 pm Worship Service

## *YoungLives Toy Drive*

*Bless a Child. Support a Mom. Share God's Love.*

We will need any toy donations for the Pop Up Toy drive no later than next Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup>. If you should have any questions or should need any assistance, please contact Jan Prescott @ 907-351-7047.

## **BAKING WITH THE KIDS**

This Saturday we will be baking goodies to share as outreach during this Christmas season. We will meet at 1:00 – 4:30 pm each Saturday leading up to Christmas. Please come join us to make (and sample) holiday goodies. All are welcome, we especially love having adults join in the fun. If you should have any questions, please contact Jan Prescott at 907-351-7047.

## *Game Night*

The next St. Andrew's game night will be held on Friday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Bring your favorite game and an appetizer or dessert to share.

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