

The Second Sunday in Advent, Year C
December 9, 2018 *10:30 AM Worship*
The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

WELCOME TO
St. Andrew's
Episcopal Church
STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA



About This Worship Service

Worship in the Episcopal Church is liturgical in nature; that is, we used a fixed “script” to guide us through a worship experience in which all are participants.

Although you may be new to a liturgical form of worship, much of the liturgy we use is ancient, some parts dating back to the first centuries following the life and ministry of Jesus; other parts, such as the Lord’s Prayer and parts of the Prayer of Consecration are original to Jesus himself.

This worship booklet contains everything you need to participate fully in this worship service, including suggestions for when it would be appropriate to stand, sit, or kneel; when it would be appropriate to “cross” oneself, etc. However, these are only suggestions and we don’t want you to do anything you’re uncomfortable doing or incapable of doing. Additionally, the responses which the congregation makes are shown in bold text.

Brief introductions to the Bible readings can be found on the last page.

If you have any questions about anything you see going on, please don’t hesitate to ask anyone sitting near you. Or, you can call the church office at (405) 372-3357. You can also call or text Fr. Jim Cook at (405) 780-5316. Or, you can visit our website:

www.SaintAndrewsChurch.org

Childcare is normally provided during the school year from 9:15 AM through to the end of the 10:30 AM worship. You may ask an usher or greeter for directions to the nursery.

Bathrooms are available in both the Parish Hall and the Admin/Ed Building. You may ask an usher or greeter for directions.

Make no mistake, we're glad you've joined us for worship! While you're waiting for the service to begin, please take a moment to silence your cell phones and other electronic devices. Thanks!

Organ Prelude

Preludes on "Prepare the Way, O Zion"
– David Cherwien and Michael Bedford

The Congregation may stand.

Hymn 65

Prepare the way, O Zion,
your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley
a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory,
foretold in sacred story.

Refrain

Oh, blest is Christ that came
in God's most holy Name.

He brings God's rule, O Zion;
he comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom,
and justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding,
for grace and joy abounding.

Refrain

Fling wide your gates, O Zion;
your Savior's rule embrace.

His tidings of salvation
proclaim in every place.
All lands will bow before him,
their voices will adore him.

Refrain

Opening Sentences

BCP 355

✦ Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
His mercy endures for ever.

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.**

“Lord, Have Mercy”

Hymnal S-96

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy, have mercy.**

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

The Congregation may kneel.

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 Congregation may be seated.

Readings from Holy Scripture

MALACHI 3:1-4

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight — indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 16: THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH
(LUKE 1: 68-79)



Blessed be the Lord, the God of | **Israel**;
he has come to his people and set them | **free**.
He has raised up for us a mighty | **savior**,
born of the house of his servant | **David**.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our | **enemies**,
from the hands of all who | **hate us**.
He promised to show mercy to our | **fathers**,
and to remember his holy | **covenant**.

This was the oath he swore
to our father | **Abraham**,
to set us free from the hands of our | **enemies**,
Free to worship him without | **fear**,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our | **life**.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet
of the Most | **High**,
for you will go before the Lord
to prepare his | **way**,
To give his people knowledge of sal- | **vation**,
by the forgiveness of their | **sins**.

In the tender compassion of our | **God**,
the dawn from on high shall break up- | **on us**,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of | **death**,
and to guide our feet into the way of | **peace**.

PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11

A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Christians in Philippi.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Congregation may stand.

Hymn 75, v 1

Stanza 1 before the Gospel; stanzas 2-3 afterwards.

There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
a call from the ways untrod:
Prepare in the desert a highway,
a highway for our God!

The valleys shall be exalted,
the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places
where the Lord our God may go!

LUKE 3:1-6

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

✚ In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn 75, vv 2-3

Stanza 1 before the Gospel; stanzas 2-3 afterwards.

O Zion, that bringest good tidings,
get thee up to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people
the coming of their King.
Like the flowers of the field they perish,
like grass our works decay,
the power and pomp of nations
shall pass like a dream away;

but the word of our God endureth,
the arm of the Lord is strong;
he stands in the midst of nations,
and he will right the wrong.
He shall feed his flock like a shepherd,
the lambs he'll gently hold;
to pastures of peace he'll lead them,
and bring them safe to his fold.

The Sermon

Once the Minister has entered the pulpit and invoked the Holy Trinity, the Congregation may be seated.

Following the Sermon, a few moments of silence are observed.

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Let us reaffirm our faith.

The Congregation may stand.

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.

Intercessor: “The Prayers of the People are taken from Form 4, which is found on page 388 of the Book of Common Prayer.”

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

The Congregation may kneel.

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.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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 blessed Andrew and all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Finally, we pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray for those in need of healing, especially [*Names*] and any others we might name in our hearts or aloud.

We pray for those with other cares and concerns, especially [*Names*] and any others we might name in our hearts or aloud.

We pray for those who have ✝ died, especially [*Names*] and any others we might name in our hearts or aloud.

We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces, especially [*Names*] and any others we might name in our hearts or aloud.

We pray for those who travel, especially [*Names*] and any others we might name in our hearts or aloud.

In the St. Andrew's Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: our Acolytes, led by Brad Rickelman; our Altar Guild, led by Renee Bodine; our Audio Team, led by Jay Boyington; our Choir and Music Ministry, led by Gerry Frank and Blake Watson; and our Daughters of the King chapter, led by Vina Spickler.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: St. John's Church in Woodward.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: The Falkland Islands (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury), The Rt Rev'd Timothy Thornton, Bishop to the Forces, and Bishop to the Falkland Islands.

And we give thanks for the many blessings of this life:

We join in thanksgiving with [*Names*], and any others we might name in our hearts or aloud.

And in thanksgiving for [*Names*], and any others we might name in our hearts or aloud.

We pray for those celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary this week and invite them to come forward for a special prayer.

The birthday tradition at St. Andrew's is that when you come forward for your prayer, if you wish, you may place in the birthday cross an amount of money in coins equal to your age. The funds contributed are added to the clergy discretionary fund.

The Celebrant concludes with the following collect.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 Congregation may stand.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

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

Afterwards, they may be seated.

Greetings & Announcements

The Offertory

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his name;
bring offerings and come into his courts.

The Offertory Anthem

“If Ye Love Me”
– Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

If ye love me,
keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may 'bide with you forever,
e'en the spirit of truth.

– John 14:15–17

The Congregation may stand.

Presentation of Our Alms

**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.**

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP 367

Eucharistic Prayer B

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
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.

Proper Preface for Advent **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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”

– Hymnal S-130

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full,**

**full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he †
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Congregation may kneel.

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,

**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 Blessed 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!** 🚩

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

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

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.

Breaking of the Bread

– Lance Massey

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

“Jesus, Lamb of God”

– Hymnal S-164

**Jesus, Lamb of God:
have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins:
have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer,
redeemer of the world:
give us your peace,
give us your peace.**

Invitation to Communion

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.

Communion of the People

- ❖ All persons who seek God are invited to receive Holy Communion.
- ❖ To receive the Bread, extend your palms, one crossed over the other, upwards towards the Minister, and a wafer will be placed into your hands. **Gluten-free wafers are available;** make your request known to the Minister administering the Bread.
- ❖ To receive the Wine, please assist in guiding the cup to your lips. Alternately, you may dip the wafer in the wine and place it in your mouth.
- ❖ If you wish to receive only a Blessing, cross your arms over your chest while kneeling or standing at the altar rail.
- ❖ If mobility-issues prevent you from coming to the Altar, Communion can be brought to you. Please alert the Greeter to your situation.
- ❖ Finally, it would be helpful if you blotted your lips of any lip balm or lipstick, as it leaves an oily and/or waxy residue on the linens that is difficult to remove.

Communion Anthem

“The Glory of the Father”
– Egil Hovland (1924-2013)

The word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.
We beheld the glory of the Father.
In the beginning was the word.
The word was with God.
In him was life and the life was the light of the men,
he came to his own and his own received him not.

Hymn 67

Comfort, comfort ye my people,
speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
comfort those who sit in darkness
mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.

Speak ye to Jerusalem
of the peace that waits for them;
tell her that her sins I cover,
and her warfare now is over.

Hark, the voice of one that crieth
in the desert far and near,
calling us to new repentance
since the kingdom now is here.

Oh, that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way;
let the valleys rise to meet him
and the hills bow down to greet him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked,
make the rougher places plain;
let your hearts be true and humble,
as befits his holy reign.

For the glory of the Lord
now o'er earth is shed abroad;
and all flesh shall see the token
that the word is never broken.

Sending Out Our Lay Eucharistic Visitors

In the Name of God, we send you forth
bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom
you go may share with us in the communion
of Christ's Body and Blood; for though we are

**many, we share one Bread and one Cup.
Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

BCP 366

Let us pray.

The Congregation may kneel.

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

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.**

The Congregation may stand.

Hymn 59

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding:
“Christ is nigh,” it seems to say;
“Cast away the works of darkness,
O ye children of the day.”

Wakened by the solemn warning,
from earth’s bondage let us rise;
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.

Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all to be forgiven;

so when next he comes with glory,
and the world is wrapped in fear,
may he with his mercy shield us,
and with words of love draw near.

Honor, glory, might, and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit
while unending ages run.

The Dismissal

Grant, O Lord God, that what we have heard
with our ears, and said and sung with our
lips, we may believe in our hearts, and
practice in our lives; for Jesus Christ’s sake.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude

Prelude on “Savior of the Nations, Come”

– J.S. Bach

Introductions to the Bible Readings

Malachi 3:1-4

In our Hebrew scripture reading the prophet promises that, as the day of the Lord’s judgment nears, God’s messenger will be sent to make ready the Lord’s way. The priests and temple servants, who say they are waiting for the Lord, need cleansing and purifying most of all. Suddenly the refiner will come to the temple, and then the offering of the people will be pleasing to the Lord. On this day Christians recognize that, with the bringing of the child Jesus to the temple, the time of purifying judgment has begun.

Canticle 16

A song of thanksgiving and prophecy. The child will be called the prophet of the Most High and will make a way for the Lord.

Philippians 1:3-11

In this lesson Paul greets the new disciples in the town of Philippi, gives thanks for their sharing in the gospel, and prays that they may be found without fault on the judgment day of Christ. It is likely that this message of affection and appreciative joy was

written toward the latter part of Paul's ministry, perhaps while he was in prison. He expresses great confidence that the work of grace begun by God in his converts will be brought to fruition.

Luke 3:1-6

The Gospel of Luke sets the prophetic ministry of John the Baptist in the context of its time in history. It was customary during this era to date events with reference to the lives of rulers and well-known public figures. Within this history the word of God comes to John as he preaches his baptism of repentance. His ministry is in fulfillment of the words of Isaiah concerning the one who prepares the way of the Lord.