

Order of Service

for

The First Sunday
Of Advent

December 3, 2023



St. Andrew's Church

An Episcopal Community

Holy Eucharist

10:30 *am*

*We are so glad you've joined us for worship!
While you are waiting for the service to begin,
as a courtesy to others, please take a moment
to silence your cell phones and other electronic
devices.*

Worship in the Episcopal Church is liturgical in nature; that is, we use *The Book of Common Prayer* to guide us through our worship. If you are new to a liturgical form of worship you will quickly recognize that the vast majority of our prayer and praise is drawn directly from the words of Holy Scripture itself. Many of the forms that we use are ancient, some parts dating back to the first centuries following the life and ministry of Jesus; all of them are inherited from generations of faithful Christians who have gathered to celebrate redemption in Jesus Christ.

This worship booklet contains everything you need to participate fully in this worship service. Throughout this booklet, the People's parts are indicated **in bold**. When you see this symbol **+** it indicates a moment where we traditionally make the sign of the Cross. At all times, we want you to feel at home here so you are not expected to do anything you are not capable of or comfortable doing.

If you have any questions about anything you see going on, please don't hesitate to ask anyone sitting near you for help. You may also call the church office at (405) 372-3357 and our priest Fr. Michael Matkin would be happy to visit with you. We invite you to visit our website (www.saintandrewschurch.org) to sign up for our e-newsletter and to learn more information about our family of faith here at St. Andrew's.

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

Leading us in Worship today are:

Presider:	Fr. Michael Matkin
Preacher:	Fr. Michael Matkin
Music Director:	Renae Perry
Pianist:	Blake Hilligoss
Readers:	Remi Recchia, Maggie Vinson
Acolyte:	Anna Kiespert

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The People stand (as able)

Celebrant: Watch and wait for Christ's coming! Light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering the promises of God with prayer.

People: **We light this candle in hope.** *Lighting the first candle.*

Celebrant: Come, my friends, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 423

"Immortal, Invisible"

Blue Hymnal

The People standing (as able).

THE WORD OF GOD

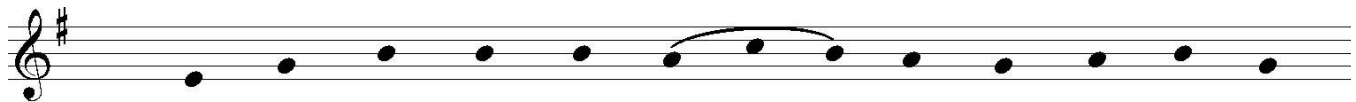
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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

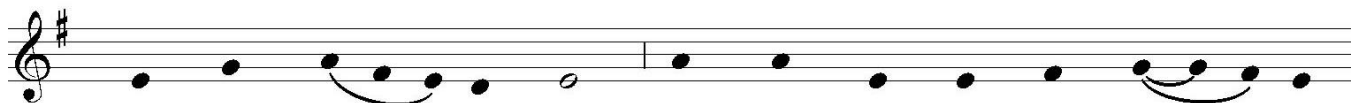
People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL



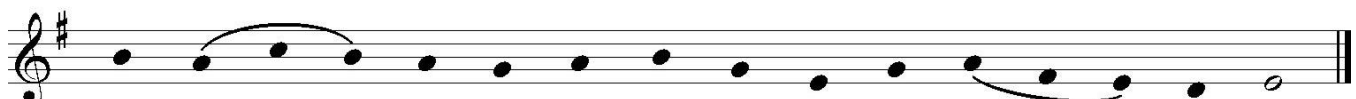
1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice!



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The People kneel (as able).

Celebrant: 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.**

The People sit.

THE LESSONS

Reader: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

(Isaiah 64:1-9)

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil--
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Let us recite this portion of the psalter responsively by whole verse.

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, ***
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 **O LORD God of hosts, ***
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 **You have made us the derision of our neighbors, ***
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 **Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, ***
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 **Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; ***
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Reader: A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

(1 Corinthians 1:3-9)

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are

not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

All standing (as able).

PREPARE YE (THE WAY OF THE LORD)

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'PREPARE YE (THE WAY OF THE LORD)'. It consists of two staves of music in G-flat major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first four measures of the melody, with lyrics 'PRE - PARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD.' underneath. The second staff contains the next four measures, starting with a measure rest (marked '5') and ending with a final note. The lyrics 'PRE - PARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD.' are repeated under the second staff. Chord symbols are written above the notes: Bb, CM, DM, Eb, F in the first staff; Bb, CM, DM7, Eb, F, Bb in the second staff.

Remain standing to receive the Gospel.

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. (Mark 13:24-37)
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man

going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON: FR. MICHAEL MATKIN

*Once the Minister has entered the pulpit and invoked the Holy Trinity, the People may be **seated** for the sermon.*

Following the sermon, a few moments of silent reflection are observed.

*All **standing** (as able).*

THE NICENE CREED

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Let us stand and affirm our faith

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

Creator of the stars in the sky, the sun, and the moon. You are the light to which we wake and by which we work in this world. Lord of hope,

Illumine our darkness and keep us alert.

Surround your church, her leaders and people, with your armor of light. We pray especially for Michael our presiding bishop, Poulson our bishop, for Michael our priest, Jeff our chaplain and Jim, our aspirant to Holy Orders. Strengthen them as they reach out to you in prayer and hope. Open their hearts, and the hearts of your people, to do your will. Lord of hope,

Illumine our darkness and keep us alert.

For the concerns of this family of faith, that we may do your will in feeding the hungry, working towards peace and using our resources wisely. Guide us always as you establish your kingdom among us. Lord of hope,

Illumine our darkness and keep us alert.

We pray for our leaders: especially Joseph our President, Kevin our governor, the Congress and legislatures and the courts of this land. Savior of the nations, guide those who govern, and awaken those they lead, that we may all live in the spirit of cooperation and share in the abundance of your blessings. Lord of hope,

Illumine our darkness and keep us alert.

For the welfare of your creation, for all nations, tribes and peoples: help us to stay awake in expectation, caring for this world and one another day by day. Lord of hope,

Illumine our darkness and keep us alert.

For people across the world whose spirits bend under the yoke of oppression and struggle, give the people of this community a sense of neighborly unity. Open our eyes to those who fall by the wayside and whose faces and needs remain invisible. Lord of hope,

Illumine our darkness and keep us alert.

Light of the world, you continue to mold us in your image and hold us in your hand. We ask your blessing on all who struggle with illness, anxiety, grief or isolation, especially _____.
Lord of hope,

Illumine our darkness and keep us alert.

For all those whom we love but see no longer, especially _____, and for those whose hearts are filled with sorrow, raise us to a lively hope in your triumph over darkness and death. Lord of hope,

Illumine our darkness and keep us alert.

Celebrant

Father in heaven, the day draws near when the glory of your Son will make radiant the night of the waiting world. May the distractions of this present moment not impede us from the joy which moves the hearts of those who seek him. May the darkness not blind us to the vision of wisdom which fills our souls as we wait expectantly for Jesus our King, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: 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

All stand (as able).

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

People: **And also with you.**

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ love us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

“But Who May Abide”

*from Messiah by Handel
Renaë Perry, Mezzo-Soprano*

THE PEOPLE’S OFFERINGS OF BREAD, AND WINE, AND MONEY OR OTHER GIFTS.

All stand (as able).



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him all crea- tures here be-



low; Al- le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise Him a-



bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa- ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

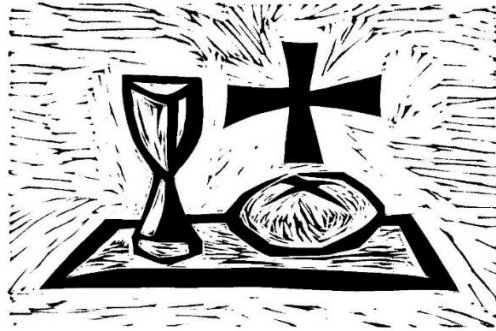
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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.**

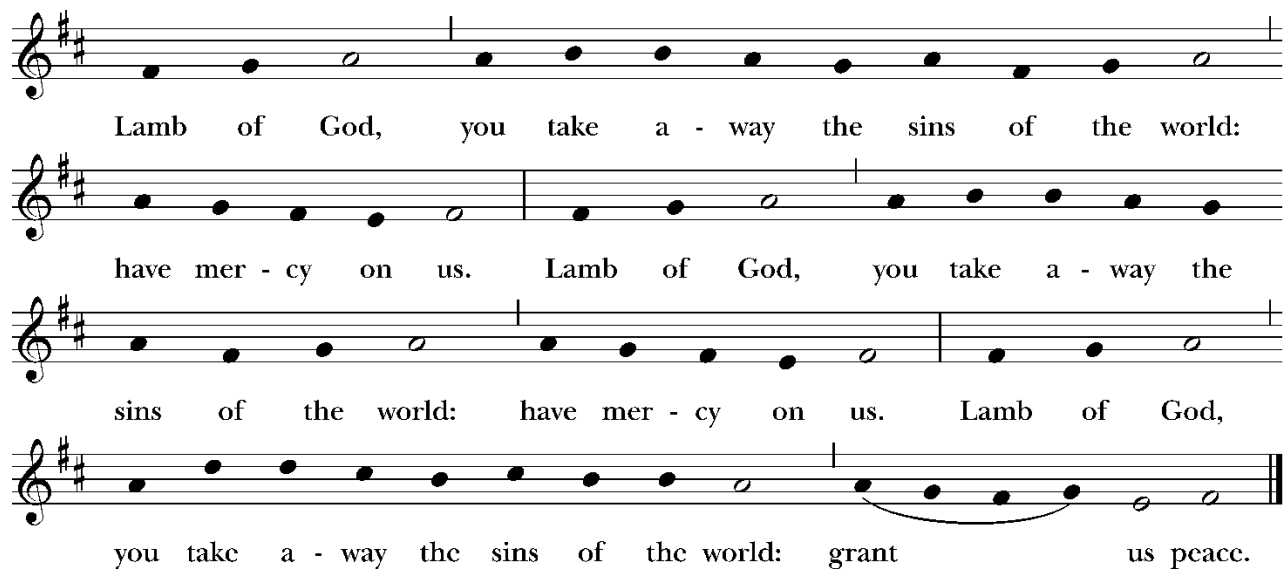
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.



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 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

INVITATION TO 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.

MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All who seek Christ, regardless of denomination, are welcome at Christ's table. To receive the bread simply place your right hand on top of your left and the priest will drop the bread in your hand. Gluten-free wafers are available. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, please come forward and cross your arms. If you would like to inquire about Holy Baptism, please speak to the priest.

COMMUNION MUSIC

“A Stable Lamp is Lighted”

by David Hurd

COMMUNION HYMN 655

“O Jesus, I Have Promised To Serve Thee”

Blue Hymnal

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*The Celebrant and the People **stand or kneel** (as able).*

**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

Celebrant: May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN 596

“Judge Eternal, throned in splendor”

Blue Hymnal

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**JOIN US IN THE PARISH HALL NEXT DOOR FOR
COFFEE AND CONVERSATION!**