



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
GAUDETE SUNDAY      DECEMBER 14, 2025      10:00 A.M.

*Welcome to those who have joined us this morning. If you are unfamiliar with the ritual customs of The Episcopal Church, simply relax and let the congregation carry you in worship. Please be mindful of others near you who want to pray or sit in silence before the service begins.*



## Season of Advent

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, named from the Latin word meaning "Rejoice!" It signals a shift in the Advent season from preparation to joyful anticipation as Christmas nears, with its theme being gladness that the Lord's arrival is close, marked by lighter liturgical colors like rose (pink) and the lighting of the third Advent candle of Joy.

### Please Pray For:

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Thanksgiving for the Diocese of El Camino Real Board of Trustees and the work of the Personnel Committee and the Property Committee

**Healing:** Jenna Baker, Jane Lawson

**On-going Prayers for Healing:** The Rev. Roger Barney, Dede Bene, Tim Gee, Gray Judge, Michele Bluhm, Nancy Keane, Virginia Slagle, Marge Faucher, Barbara Monks, Kirk Miller

**For those who have died:** Charlotte Chow Chang

**Our Homebound:** Ed Jacklitch

**Other Prayers:** The wars in Ukraine and the Middle East

**Ministers of the Liturgy today:** **Presider/Preacher:** The Rev. Maly Carswell Hughes; **Associate Priest:** The Rev. Joel Martinez; **Director of Music/Organist:** Michael Burroughs; **MC:** Mary Ann Gee; **Lectors:** Alex Church, Walt Bochenko; **Eucharistic Ministers:** Julie Averill, Diane Lovelace, Alex Church, Andrew Fitzpatrick; **Order of St. Luke:** Gray Judge; **Prayers of the People:** Mary Ann Gee, Dottie Barney; **Bread Baker:** Lauren Fitzpatrick; **Acolyte:** Lydia Boyd; **Verger:** Tim Gee; **Altar Guild:** Anne Cameron, Pam Lougheed Drysdale, Nancy McGuffin; **Lead Usher:** Barclay Dorman; **Ushers:** Jane Bradley, Leslie Butlar, Marcus Khoo; **Greeters:** Ann Wright, Tia Baker; **Altar Greenery:** Michael Burroughs; **Fellowship Cafe:** Susan Mau, Marlene Sleek; **Video Team:** Lauren Fitzpatrick, Logan Fitzpatrick, John Plocher.

**Vestry:** Jeff Harrell-Sr. Warden, Chris Bracher-Jr. Warden, Phil Boyce, Bill Brooks, Alex Church, Mary Ann Gee, Gray Judge, Dianne Kavanagh, Kate Van Wickle Maher, Janet McAlpine, Kathleen Shull, Randy Simmons, Andrew Stearns, Susan Mau-Vestry Clerk, Marcel Provencher-Treasurer

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### Upcoming Events at Saint Andrew's

Sun., Dec 14	Bagpipes and Drums Christmas Concert	The Church	3:00pm
<b>Sun., Dec 21</b>	<b>Children &amp; Family Service</b>	<b>The Center</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
<b>Sun., Dec 21</b>	<b>The Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>Chapel/Church</b>	<b>8:00am, 10:00am</b>
Sun., Dec 21	Greening of the Church	Church	11:00am
<b>Wed., Dec 24</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Children's Creche Service</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>
	<b>Festival Choral Eucharist</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>8:00pm</b>
	<b>Festival Choral Eucharist</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>10:30pm</b>
<b>Thu., Dec 25</b>	<b>The Holy Eucharist &amp; Carols</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
Sun., Dec 28	Service of Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion	Church	10:00am
<b>Sun., Jan 4</b>	<b>The Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>Chapel/Church</b>	<b>8:00am, 10:00am</b>
Sun., Jan 4	Un-greening of the Church	Church	11:00am
<b>Sun., Jan 11</b>	<b>Children &amp; Family Service</b>	<b>The Center</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
<b>Sun., Jan 11</b>	<b>The Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>Chapel/Church</b>	<b>8:00am, 10:00am</b>
<b>Tue., Jan 13</b>	<b>Finance Meeting</b>	<b>The Center</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
<b>Tue., Jan 13</b>	<b>Vestry Meeting</b>	<b>The Center</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
<b>Sun., Jan 25</b>	<b>Annual Meeting</b>	<b>The Center</b>	<b>11:30am</b>

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

### THE WELCOME AND GATHERING PRAYER

Let us pray: **Gracious God, we gather now to offer our whole selves to you in worship; we lay before you our prayers and our praise, our sitting and our standing, our listening and our singing, all for your glory. Remind us that this sacred time is also offered on behalf of those who are not here: people who hurt, suffer, are ill, or feel lost and alone. Align our hearts, minds, and will so close to yours that we might be truly present in this moment, so that when we go out into the world, we may be like salt that enhances and preserves, and light that shines for your glory. Amen.**

PRELUDE

*Lo How a Rose*

Arranged by Joel Raney

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Lydia Boyd, Michele Fagan, Stephen Boyd

*Reader* In God's time of joy, all sorrow and sighing will leave us. As we wait for God's time, in faith we light the candles of Hope, Peace and Joy. **Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

1. Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear! The  
2. See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple - nish them with oil; look  
3. Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear; a -

eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near. The  
now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil. The  
rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere! With

Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh; up,  
mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand; rise  
hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see the

watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.  
up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!  
day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

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## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider* Blessed are you, holy and living One.

**People** You come to your people and set them free.

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.**

## ADVENT HYMN OF PRAISE

1. O come, O come, Em- man- u - el, and ran- som cap - tive Is - ra - el,  
2. O come, thou Wis- dom from on high, who or - derest all things might - i - ly;  
3. O come, O come thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Si - nai's height

that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
to us the path of know - ledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
in an - cient times didst give the law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty and awe.

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

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

*Presider* Let us pray.

Father in heaven, by your grace the virgin mother of your incarnate Son was blessed in bearing him, but still more blessed in keeping your word: Grant us who honor the exaltation of her lowliness to follow the example of her devotion to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

THE LESSONS *All may be seated*

### FIRST READING – 1 Samuel 2:1-10

*Hannah gives thanks for God's provision of a child after long barrenness, and offers a song of rejoicing for the might and justice of the Lord.*

Hannah prayed and said, “My heart exults in the Lord; my strength is exalted in my God. There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God. Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength. Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry are fat with spoil. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. The Lord kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he brings low, he also exalts. He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them he has set the world. He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness; for not by might does one prevail. The Lord! His adversaries shall be shattered; the Most High will thunder in heaven. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed.”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 113 *(Read responsively)*

*Praise to the Lord enthroned on high, who lifts up the weak and lowly. God makes the barren woman a joyful mother.*

1 Hallelujah!

    Give praise, you servants of the Lord; \*  
    praise the Name of the Lord.

2 **Let the Name of the Lord be blessed, \***  
    **from this time forth for evermore.**

3 From the rising of the sun to its going down \*  
    let the Name of the Lord be praised.

4 **The Lord is high above all nations, \***  
    **and his glory above the heavens.**

5 Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned  
    on high \*

    but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

6 **He takes up the weak out of the dust \***  
    **and lifts up the poor from the ashes.**

7 He sets them with the princes, \*  
    with the princes of his people.

8 **He makes the woman of a childless house \***  
    **to be a joyful mother of children.**

### SECOND READING – Romans 12:9-16b

*Paul exhorts the disciples in Rome to live lives full of Christian dedication and virtue, overcoming evil with good.*

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## SEQUENCE HYMN

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1. Tell out my soul, the great - ness of the his Lord!  
 2. Tell out my soul, the great - ness of the his Name!  
 3. Tell out my soul, the great - ness of the his might!  
 4. Tell out my soul, the glo - ries of the his word!

Un - Make Powers Firm

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num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice; ten - der to  
 known his might, the deeds his arm glo - mer done; his by. Proud ten - der to  
 and do his min - ions lay their his ry sure. Tell hearts out, and my  
 is his prom - ise, and his glo - mer

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me the prom - ise of his word; in  
 sure, from age to the same; his to the his to  
 stub soul, born wills great ness age put of flight, Lord, the to  
 soul, the the great ness of age put of the the his to

God Ssa - vior shall my heart re - joice.  
 ho my Name: the Lord, the my heart re - joice.  
 hun ly fed, the hum ble Might - ted One.  
 chill gry chil' dren's the and for ev high.  
 chill dren's chil' dren and for ev more!

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926) based on *The Song of Mary*  
Music: *Woodlands*, Walter Greatores (1877-1949) 10.10.10.10

**GOSPEL – Luke 1:39-57**     *All standing, as able*

*Mary's visit to her kinswoman Elizabeth, and this humble woman's song of thanksgiving to the savior God who has called her to be the mother of the Lord.*

*Presider* 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." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home. Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son.

*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE NICENE CREED *All standing, as able*

**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 *Remain standing, as able*

*Prayers written in the Book of Biddings will be prayed throughout the week by the Koinon Intercessory Prayer Group.*

*Leader* We offer up our needs and the hopes of our hearts as together we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Leader* May your church always embody the joy of the presence of Christ that we may with spirits uplifted undertake the work of the Gospel. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Lead the people of this nation to the ways of justice and mercy, that we might know not merely the absence of strife and conflict but the deep and true peacefulness of mutual respect and love. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Leader* We glory in the bounty of creation and bless all who work to sustain its abundance for us and for all future generations. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Leader* May the Spirit of God touch the hearts of all gathered here and inspire us to more closely and faithfully follow wherever Christ leads us. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Mend what is broken, heal what is sick, bring to wholeness what has been diminished. Bring your healing power into our lives and into the lives of all who suffer. We pray especially for Roger, Barbara, Jenna, Dede, Tim, Nancy, Gray, Michele, Kirk, Virginia, Marge, Jane, and those who we name now either silently or aloud (*pause*) \_\_\_\_\_. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Grant an entrance into your loving care to all who have died, especially Charlotte Chow Chang, and all those named in our hearts or on our lips (*pause*) \_\_\_\_\_, that your promises of old might be fulfilled for all people. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Presider* Mary and Elizabeth gave birth to your embodied promises. So grant us faith and commitment to continue the ministry of Jesus that we too may give birth to your loving promises to those in our lives. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

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

*You may greet those around you in the name of Christ.*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BIRTHDAY PRAYER

*Those having birthdays are invited to donate, in Thanksgiving, to the Saint Andrew's Community Grant Fund.*

**O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as he/she/they begins another year. Grant that he/she/they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his/her/their trust in your goodness all the days of his/her/their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Everyone is invited to make an offering as an expression of gratitude for God's generosity.  
The ushers will pass the plate. You may also give using the QR code.*



## THE OFFERTORY

*The only investment I ever made which has paid consistently increasing dividends is the money I have given to the Lord.*  
-- J. L. Kraft (Kraft Cheese Corp)

### ANTHEM

*Breath of Heaven*

Words & music by Chris Eaton and Amy Grant;  
setting by Craig Courtney

*Text: I have traveled many moonless nights, cold and weary with a babe inside. And I wonder what I've done. Holy Father, you have come and chosen me now to carry your son. I am waiting in a silent prayer, I am frightened by the load I bear. In a world as cold as stone must I walk this path alone? Be with me now. Breath of Heaven, hold me together, be forever near me. Breath of Heaven, lighten my darkness, pour over me your holiness for you are holy. Do you wonder as you watch my face, should another have had my place? But I offer all I am for the mercy of your plan. Help me be strong, help me be, help me. Breath of Heaven, hold me together, be forever near me.*

PRESENTATION HYMN *All standing as the gifts are presented*

1. Sing we of the blessed Mother who received the angel's  
 2. Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows, of the sword that pierced her  
 3. Sing again the joys of Mary when she saw the risen  
 4. Sing the chiefest joy of Mary when on earth her work was

word, and often beneath the cross of Jesus she his  
 through, when being neath the cross of Jesus she his  
 Lord, and in prayer with Christ's apostles, waited  
 done, and the Lord of all creation brought her

love the infant Lord; sing we of the joys of  
 weight of suffering knew, looked up on her Son and  
 on his promises word; from on high the blaz - ing  
 to his heavenly home; where, raised high with saints and

Mary at whose breast the child was fed who is  
 Savior reigning from the awful tree, saw the  
 glory of the Spirit's presence came, heaven - ly  
 angels, in Jerusalem a - bove, she be -

Son of God eternal and the ever-lasting Bread.  
 price of our redemption paid to set the sinner free.  
 breath of God's own being, man - i - fest in wind and flame.  
 holds her Son and Savior reigning as the Lord of love.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 2: from *Enriching Our Worship*

*All standing, as able*

*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 God thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS

*St. James Christmas Service*

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Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord,  
God of pow'r and might, \_\_\_\_\_ heav'n and earth are  
full of your glo- ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Blessed is he, is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so, we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah, you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Andrew and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven,** as we forgive those  
**hallowed be thy Name,** who trespass against us.  
**thy kingdom come,** And lead us not into temptation,  
**thy will be done,** but deliver us from evil.  
**on earth as it is in heaven.** For thine is the kingdom,  
**Give us this day our daily bread.** and the power, and the glory,  
**And forgive us our trespasses,** for ever and ever. **Amen.**

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

AGNUS DEI

*St. James Christmas Service*

**Gently [In One]**

O Lamb of God, O Ho - ly

Child, who takes the sin of the world a - way; Have

mer - cy on us, lamb so mild, the babe, the

son of Ma - ry. This, this is your bo - dy

giv'n, Your pre - cious blood, the gift of heav'n.

Take, eat, for we are one in the babe, the

son of Ma - ry.

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*When receiving communion you may drink from the common cup (no intincting is offered). If you desire to only receive the bread you are receiving the full communion. Prayer cards may be placed in the bowl when you receive communion.*

**Healing Prayers are offered** during communion and until the end of the service. Members of the Order of St. Luke will be in the Ladd Chapel (on the right side of the chancel) to pray with you for yourself and others.



## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*The Rose*

16th c. German carol (v1,2)

music and v 3 by Joel Thompson

Text: 1 *A rose unfolds on tender vine, as seers foretold from Jessie's line. Its petals radiant in the light of stars aglow this holy night.* 2 *Isaiah divined the Flower would bloom and spotless rose from Mary's womb, as angels praise the glorious sight the blessed Babe this holy night.* 3. *E'en though we now our anthem raise in gratitude and joyous praise I wonder why for me God chose to show such love with a spotless rose.*

## BLESSING OF PRAYER CARDS

*Presider* Gracious God, you know what is in our hearts better than we do. We bring here before you some of our private prayers of intention, need, sorrow, and thanksgiving. Bless these prayers and fulfill them according to your compassionate will. **Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION *All standing, as able*

*Presider* Let us pray

**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.**

## SENDING OUT OF THE EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

*Presider* In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these holy gifts to \_\_\_\_\_, that he/she/they may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood. **We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

## ADVENT BLESSING

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 with you this day and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN *(Next page)*

## THE DISMISSAL

*Priest* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

FINAL HYMN

1. Mar - y glad told her cou - in, "Praise the Lord! My  
 2. "Now my soul just ly sing - ing at the he's great - ness great  
 3. "God is filled - the poor and ho - ly, and and he's sent  
 4. "God has the and hun - gry he's great the

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spirit of things rich for a - the Lord. me. way. Young Those I God and re - hum joice, fear ac - ble, for him tive she'd God know here been is cho - sen: bring - ing cy

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God His was sal - sure va - ly - tion us - chang to end - less - things! world! God All - of who love live her will are in God a - gives real and - drous - ly. way. God Mighty - who y - ones pro - mised

words say brought ring I'm down true blest low; as ev - we sing in her my prayer low - to li - ness. say brought ring I'm down true blest low; as ev - we sing in her my prayer low - to li - ness. for low; blessed - ly for know find God's bless - ings flow. faith - ful - ness."

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 Music: *Regent Square*, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)  
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***Please join us after the service for refreshments in the Fellowship Café.***

## Christmas Flowers and Music Offering

I/we wish to help with the festive celebration for the church at Christmas.

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Please make check payable to Saint Andrew's (memo "Christmas flowers and music") and place it in the offering plate or mail it to Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, PO Box 2789, Saratoga, CA 95070, for inclusion in the Order of Service for all Christmas services. Deadline is Sunday, Dec 21. Those received after the 21<sup>st</sup> may be published at a later date.



## SILICON VALLEY PIPE BAND

### Christmas Performance

Sunday, December 14th  
3:00 PM

Saint Andrew's Episcopal  
Church x School  
13601 Saratoga Ave  
Saratoga

[siliconvalleypipeband.org](http://siliconvalleypipeband.org)

*"Greening of the Church"*

*Sunday, Dec 21st*

*following the 10am Service*

*Please join us  
in preparing the  
Church for Christmas!*



**Are you mailing a check to the church?  
Send it to PO Box 2789**

Whenever you send a check to the church, whether it's a personal check or auto-generated by your bank, please mail it to Saint Andrew's at **PO Box 2789**. There will be a delay in processing your check when the street address is used. Let the office know if you have any questions.



**The Giving Tree**

Each year we ask for donations of gift cards to give to some of the local agencies who help individuals and families. This year there is so much need and we ask you to give generously.

\$10 Gift Cards from Subway for SJSU Campus Ministry  
 \$25 Gift Cards for the other agencies from:  
 Target ~ Walmart ~ Safeway ~ Amazon

Bring the gift cards to Saint Andrew's Church  
 Sunday, Nov 23, Nov 30, Dec 7 or Dec 14  
 and place them in the Giving Box in the narthex.  
 Cash donations are accepted as well.

If you want your gift to go to a specific agency,  
 clearly label it. Otherwise, the gifts will be divided equally  
 among the agencies.

## CHRISTMAS AT SAINT ANDREW'S CHURCH

**Wednesday, Dec 24th**  
**Children's Creche Service - 4:00 pm**  
**Festival Choral/Brass Eucharist**  
**8:00 pm & 10:30 pm**  
**Thursday, Dec 25th**  
**Holy Eucharist & Carols - 10:00 am**

13601 Saratoga Ave ~ Saratoga, CA 95070  
[www.st-andrews-saratoga.org](http://www.st-andrews-saratoga.org)

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The Rev. Maly Carswell Hughes, *Rector*  
 The Rev. Joel M. Martinez, *Associate Priest and Assistant to the Rector*  
 The Rev. Roger Barney, *Assisting Priest*  
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### Toy Suggestions

#### Infants (0–1 year)

- Soft plush animals (neutral colors)
- Musical toys or rattles
- Stacking cups or blocks
- Teething rings
- Board books with bright pictures

#### Toddlers (2–4 years)

- Wooden puzzles or shape sorters
- Play-Doh sets
- Storybooks (diverse characters encouraged)
- Push-and-pull toys
- Bath toys or bubble sets

#### School-Aged Children (5–9 years)

- Small LEGO or building sets (variety packs, not themed)
- Art and craft supplies (crayons, sketch pads, paint sets)
- Dolls or action figures
- Board games (Candy Land, Connect 4, Uno)
- Outdoor play items (jump ropes, soccer balls, frisbees)

#### Preteens (10–12 years)

- Craft kits (friendship bracelets, painting, origami)
- Sports balls (basketball, volleyball, football)
- Books or graphic novels
- Puzzle or fidget sets
- Fun accessories (beanies, hats, cozy socks)

#### Teens (13–18 years)

- Journals or sketchbooks with pens
- Self-care kits (nail polish, face masks, bath bombs)
- Tech accessories (earbuds, portable phone stands)
- Gift cards (\$10–\$25 to Target, Amazon, or local cafes)
- Neutral hoodies or caps