

Saint Andrew's

Episcopal Church x School



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

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

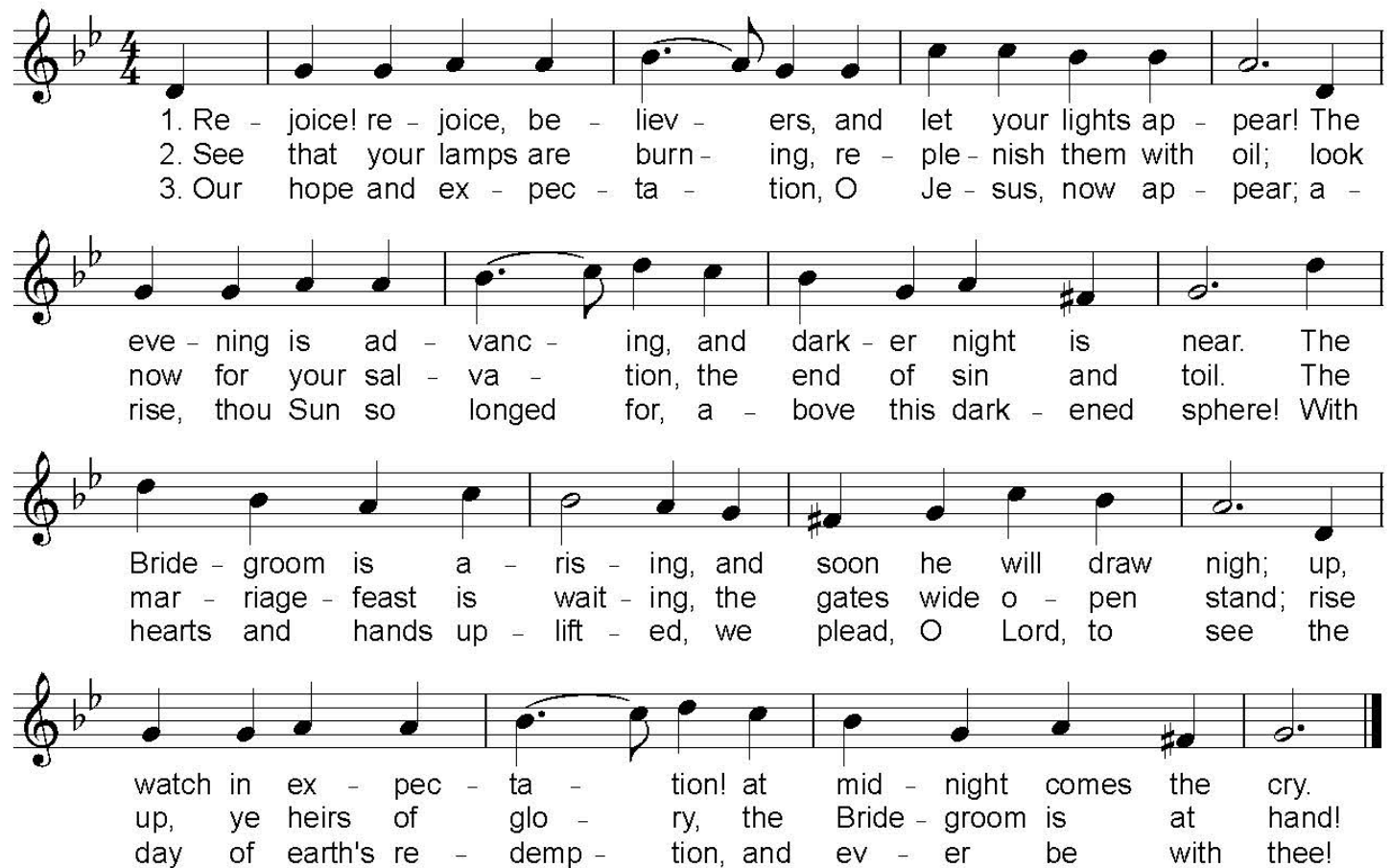
Arranged by Joel Raney

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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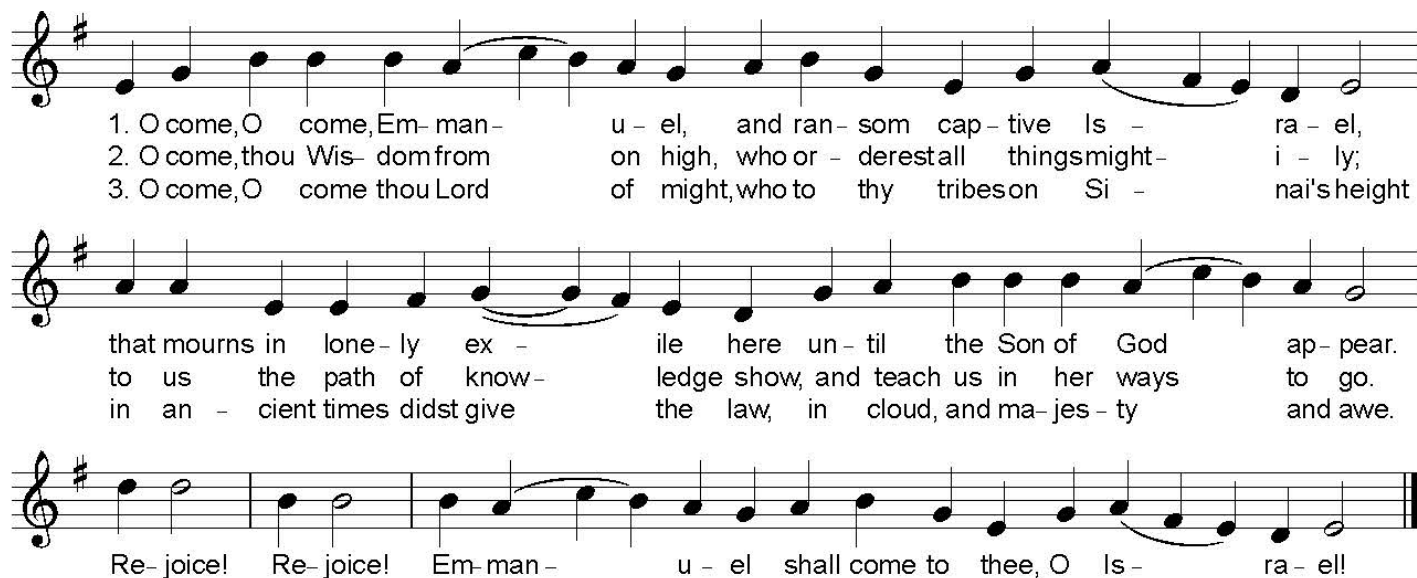
OPENING ACCLAMATION

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 - el!

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

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

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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 bless-ed Mo-ther who re-ceived the an-gel's
 2. Sing we, too, of Ma-ry's sor-rows, of the sword that pierced her
 3. Sing a-gain the joys of Ma-ry when she saw the ris-en
 4. Sing the chief-est joy of Ma-ry when on earth her work was

word, and o-be-dient to the sum-mons bore in
 through, when be-neath the cross of Je-sus she his
 Lord, and in prayer with Christ's a-pos-tles, wait-ed
 done, and the Lord of all cre-a-tion brought her

love the in-fant Lord; sing we of the joys of
 weight of suf-fering knew, looked up-on her Son and
 on his prom-ised word; from on high the blaz-ing
 to his heaven-ly home; where, raised high with saints and

Ma-ry at whose breast the child was fed who is
 Sa-vior reign-ing from the aw-ful tree, saw the
 glo-ry of the Spi-rit's pres-ence came, heaven-ly
 an-gels, in Je-ru-sa-lem a-bove, she be-

Son of God e-ter-nal and the ev-er-last-ing Bread.
 price of our re-demp-tion paid to set the sin-ner free.
 breath of God's own be-ing, man-i-fest in wind and flame.
 holds her Son and Sa-vior reign-ing 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

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,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

4
 spi - rit sings!" Young and hum - ble, she'd been cho - sen:
 of things the for a Lord. I Those re - joice, for God is bring - ing
 rich for a way. God who is fear ac - tive here in his - cy
 t'ry

7
 God was sal - sure - ly chang - ing the things! God of love her
 His that God a gives us tion__ to the world. All who live will
 in God a real and__ end - less - ly. Might - y ones are
 mised

10
 words ring true__ as we sing her prayer to you:
 say I'm blest__ ev - en in my low - li - ness.
 brought down low; Low - ly ones find bless - ings flow.
 and I'm blessed__ for I know God's 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.

Donor(s) _____

☐ Memorial OR ☐ Thanksgiving

for _____

Please enclose payment with this coupon
 or give using the QR code.



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 21st 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

"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

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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