



# The Church of Saint Andrew

ALL ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK COVERING YOUR ENTIRE NOSE AND MOUTH  
FOR THE DURATION OF THIS SERVICE.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 6, 2020

9:00 AM AND 11:00 AM

THE PRELUDE

IMPROVISATION ON *ASCENSION*  
*James Johnson*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP, p. 355

*Presider:* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

THE CONFESSION

BCP, p. 352

*Presider:* Jesus said,

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*ALL:* 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.

*Presider:* 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.

*ALL:* Amen.

## THE TRISAGION

BCP, p. 356

*Presider:* Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,

**ALL:** Have mercy upon us.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

**ALL:** And also with you.

*Presider:* Let us pray.

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.

**ALL:** Amen.

## THE LESSONS

*Please be seated for the readings.*

### THE FIRST LESSON

Nancy Vomero (9 AM)

Eileen Gupta (11 AM)

*Isaiah 40: 1-11*

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

**ALL:** Thanks be to God.

*Please recite the psalm, led by the Presider.*

**THE PSALM 85: 1-2, 8-13**

BCP p. 708

***Benedixisti, Domine***

1

You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, \*  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

2

You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \*  
and blotted out all their sins.

8

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9

Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.

10

Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11

Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.

13

Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

*All stand*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*Mark 1: 1-8*

*Presider:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild

honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

*Presider:* The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL:** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE SERMON

The Rev'd. Aaron Hudson

*All stand for*

## THE NICENE CREED

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**ALL:** 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.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Ethel Holtermann (9 AM)

Jeff Ward (11 AM)

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*Intercessor:* I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops Andrew, Allen, and Mary; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

*Intercessor:* I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.  
Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

*Intercessor:* I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.  
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

*Intercessor:* I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.  
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

*Intercessor:* I ask your prayers for the departed, especially Harry Walker and all those who have died from COVID-19.  
Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

*Intercessor:* I ask your prayers for Denise, Ed and AnneLeshack, Ellen Stark, Vanessa Soldano, Randy Juliano, Morgan Green, Joe Pedone, Jackie Czerwinski, Cathy Heck, Mark Balistreri, the Albert family, Terry Fiorelli, Diana and Bob Corson, Fr. Glenn Rankin, Barb Campbell, Mark Carles, Nancy Quigley, Susan, April Percia, Marian Oliveri, Dorothy Wright, Minwell Levels, Fr. Dagnall Free, Joseph Colon, Debbie Viviani, Jeremiah Jurkiewicz, Mike, Lisa, and those suffering from COVID-19

*Silence*

*Intercessor:* I ask your prayers for our sisters and brothers in faith at Christ Church, St. John's, St. Paul's, Ascension, St. Alban's, All Saints', and St. Mary's, and for their clergy.

*Silence*

*Intercessor:* Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.  
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

## **THE CONCLUDING COLLECT**

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*Presider:* O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

**ALL: Amen.**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

## HYMN TUNE AT THE OFFERING

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>  
*Louis Bourgeois*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - B

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*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

***ALL:* And also with you.**

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

***ALL:* We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***ALL:* It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Presider:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### THE SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

***ALL:* Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Presider:* 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**ALL:**       **We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*Presider:*     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 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.

**ALL:**       **Amen.**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**ALL:**       **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**

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*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Presider:*     Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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**ALL:**       **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

#### **THE AGNUS DEI**

*Presider:*     Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

**ALL:**       **Have mercy on us.**

*Presider:*     Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

**ALL:**       **Have mercy on us.**

*Presider:* Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
*ALL:* Grant us peace.

### THE PEACE

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

### THE INVITATION

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

## THE MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Please come forward for communion when dismissed by the greeters. Maintain social distancing by waiting on the marked places on the floor in the aisle. Please have your mask covering your entire nose and mouth when coming forward and sanitize your hands at the station before receiving. Extend your hands and the priest will place the host in your hands. Return to your seat before bringing your mask down to consume the host.*

### THE COMMUNION VOLUNTARY

MEDITATION ON *ST. AGNES*  
(*SHEPHERD OF SOULS REFRESH AND BLESS*)  
*Settings by various composers*

### THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Presider:* Let us pray.  
*ALL:* 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

*The Presider gives a blessing. At the conclusion, the people respond*

*ALL:* Amen.

### THE DISMISSAL

*Presider:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*ALL:* Thanks be to God.

### THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

IMPROVISATION ON *BERGEN VAG FOR HERRAN*  
*James Johnson*



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**AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SERVICE, PLEASE WAIT TO BE DISMISSED BY THE  
GREETERS.**

**PLEASE EXIT THE BUILDING IMMEDIATELY VIA THE MAIN CHURCH DOORS  
ONCE YOU ARE DISMISSED.**

**PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN WITH YOU WHEN YOU LEAVE THE CHURCH.**