

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Building God's Kingdom through Worship, Outreach, and Fellowship

Our Vision: Devoted to sharing the transforming power of God's love
in our lives, our communities, and our world.



Christmas Day
Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:30 AM
December 25, 2025

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Welcome to St. Andrew's!

*We are so glad you have joined us today
as we celebrate the
greatest gift of all time:
Jesus coming into the world to be with us.
Incarnation matters:
God's presence in our midst; and yours with us.
Welcome, and blessings.*

This bulletin is your guide to our service.
Hymns can be found in the blue hymnal in the rack in front of you.
BCP pages refer to the red *Book of Common Prayer*, also in the rack.

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude *Jesus, Jesus, rest your head*, Appalachian carol

Opening Hymn *Once in royal David's city* Hymnal 102, v. 1, 2, 5

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

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.***

Hymn of Praise *God rest you merry gentlemen* Hymnal 105
v 1, 2, 4

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." ⁸Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. ⁹Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

¹ Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.

² ***With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.***

³ The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

⁴ ***He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.***

⁵ Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

⁶ ***Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.***

⁷ With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

**⁸ *Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.***

⁹ Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.

**¹⁰ *In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.***

The Second Reading

Hebrews 1:1-12

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds.³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? ⁶And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." ⁷Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire."⁸But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom. ⁹You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." ¹⁰And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; ¹¹they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear

out like clothing; ¹²like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

What child is this

Hymnal 115, v 1-2

The Gospel

John 1:1-14

Response: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.

Response: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gradual Hymn

What child is this

Hymnal 115, v 3

Prayers of the People

Leader: Holy God, you chose to come into our world as a helpless infant. Remind us that you are with us still. May your Church in this place and throughout the world reflect your presence in our midst.

People: *Child born unto us, be with us, and help us to be with you.*

Leader: Gentle Jesus, you came to be a light for people of every tribe and language and nation. Shed your light on our troubled world that we may see each other as brothers and sisters, beloved children of the God who gave us the greatest gift of all.

People: *Son given unto all of us, teach us to be one family.*

Leader: Babe of Bethlehem, there was no room for you in the inn. Be with those in our world who find that there is no room for them, especially orphans and refugees and all who are displaced.

People: *Wonderful Counselor,
show us how to make room in the inns of our hearts.*

Leader: Son of Mary, you came into a specific human community at a particular time in history. We who gather here come as part of this faith community, and we bring with us our hopes and fears, our dreams and yearnings.

People: *Mighty God,
strengthen us to do your will in this time and place.*

Leader: King of kings and Lord of lords, in your earthly life you went from humble beginnings to a humiliating end. You had all power and you showed all humility. For our sake, you joined our suffering.

People: *Everlasting Father, Comforter of all who suffer,
create in us the compassion that lasts throughout eternity.*

Leader: God incarnate, man divine, you entered life in order to die so that at our deaths, we might live. Be with all who have died, especially those in whose memory our Christmas flowers are given.

People: *Prince of peace, in your kingdom that is coming –
the peaceable kingdom of now and not yet –
gather all people together. Amen.*

The Collect

The Peace

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

People: *And also with you.*

Offertory Sentence

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The Holy Communion

Offertory *Virgin Mary had-a one son, African American spiritual*

The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer B

BCP p. 367

Sanctus & Benedictus

Hymnal S-130

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Administration of Communion

A Word about Holy Communion

We invite all who wish to follow Jesus to be baptized, and we invite all baptized Christians to receive the gifts of Jesus' Body and Blood. All are welcome at the altar rail: the baptized for communion, everyone for a blessing.

- To receive the common cup or just the wafer, come to the lectern side of the altar rail.
- If you would rather not drink out of the common cup, come to the pulpit side of the altar, where the clergy person will dip your wafer in the wine.

Gluten-free wafers are available. Just let clergy know that you need one.

In lieu of communion, you may receive a blessing at any station.

Hymns at Communion

Away in a manger

Hymnal 101

Of the Father's love begotten

Hymnal 82

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP p. 365

The Christmas Blessing

Closing Hymn

Go tell it on the mountain

Hymnal 99

Dismissal

Response: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

God rest you merry, gentlemen

Service Participants

The Rev. Anne R. Kirchmier

The Rev. Marc Vance

Musicians

Doug Burgoyne

Sarah Charlock

Sound

Laura Harper

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Lessons & Carols

Please join us on Sunday, December 28, at 10:30 AM
for a service of Lessons & Carols with Holy Eucharist.

(There will be no 8 AM service on Dec. 28)

Christmas poinsettias given to the glory of God and in honor of:

Kristan Burch
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Kimi Dornan
The Rev. Katherine T. Gray
The Rev. Anne R. Kirchmier

Lindsey C. Nicolai
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Caroline Rous
The Rev. Marc Vance

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