



Welcome to

**SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
TAMPA, FLORIDA**

THE TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

10:30AM

*May those who sorrow find comfort;
the weary, rest;
the troubled, peace;
the lonely, friends;
the unhappy, joy;
and may all find the sense of God's presence in this Holy Place.*

Welcome to Saint Andrew’s Church in the city of Tampa. You are sharing in a tradition of worship that has been offered here since 1883, when a wood-frame building was erected on this site as Tampa’s first Episcopal Church. The cornerstone of the present church was laid in 1904.

All Visitors and Newcomers are invited to complete the information card, found on the back of the pews, and leave it with an usher or in the offering plate. Please introduce yourselves to the clergy as you leave the church and come to coffee hour in the parish hall after the 10:30 a.m. service.

Each Sunday we celebrate The Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. (Rite I, said); and at 10:30 a.m. (Rite II, with choir).

At Your Service: Stay warm at Saint Andrew’s: Borrow a shawl from the basket at the back of the church. Shawl donations also welcomed!

IMPORTANT PRIVACY NOTICE

As a mission of outreach to our parishioners and the greater Christian community, audio and video of this service will be recorded and broadcast live on social media. We make every effort to respect and preserve the privacy of members and visitors. If you have any specific questions or concerns about your privacy while worshipping with us, please speak with one of the ushers at the rear of the church.

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent—for this is the house of God.

Before the service, speak to God.

During the service, let God speak to you.

After the service, speak to one another.

PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30 a.m.

Prelude: Aria

Flor Peeters (1903–1986)

Tower Bell

Hymn 561 (*stand*)

Morning Light

1 Stand up, stand up, for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross; lift high his royal banner, it must not suffer loss: from victory unto victory his army shall he lead, till every foe is vanquished and Christ is Lord indeed.

2 Stand up, stand up, for Jesus; the trumpet call obey; forth to the mighty conflict in this his glorious day: ye that are his now serve him against unnumbered foes; let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.

3 Stand up, stand up, for Jesus; stand in his strength alone; the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own: put on the Gospel armor, and watching unto prayer, when duty calls, or danger, be never wanting there.

4 Stand up, stand up, for Jesus: the strife will not be long: this day, the noise of battle; the next, the victor's song. To valiant hearts triumphant, a crown of life shall be; they with the King of glory shall reign eternally.

All standing, the Celebrant says

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

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

The Celebrant says

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.

A Song of Praise

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Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

First Reading (*sit*)

Judges 4:1-7

A Reading from the Book of Judges.

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned

Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.’”

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

Psalm 123 *Sung by the choir to Anglican chant*

William Hine (1687–1730)

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a

helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

Hymn 548 (*stand*)

Silver Street

1 Soldiers of Christ, arise, and put your armor on, strong in the strength which God supplies through his eternal Son;
2 strong in the Lord of hosts, and in his mighty power: who in the strength of Jesus trusts is more than conqueror.
3 Stand then in his great might, with all his strength endued, and take, to arm you for the fight, the panoply of God.

4 From strength to strength go on, wrestle and fight and pray: tread all the powers of darkness down, and win the well-fought day.
5 That, having all things done, and all your conflicts past, ye may o'ercome, through Christ alone, and stand complete at last.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven will be as when a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and

trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Nicene Creed (*stand*)

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 *(kneel)*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world, especially the people of Ukraine, Israel,
and Gaza;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Doug, our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

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.

The Priest stands and says

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.*

Peace (*stand*)

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

Announcements

Holy Communion

At the Offertory:

Anthem

Jean Berger (1909–2002)

The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

Psalm 145:15-16

Hymn 380, stanza 3 (stand)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new
life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

Sanctus

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Celebrant and People

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.

The people kneel. The Celebrant continues

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.

The Celebrant then continues

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

People and Celebrant

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.

Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem

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(Antiphon) The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.
The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. (Ant.)
One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread. (Ant.)

The Celebrant says

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.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Music during Communion:

Hymn 571 (*sit*)

Charlestown

1 All who love and serve your city, all who bear its daily stress, all who cry for peace and justice, all who curse and all who bless,

2 in your day of loss and sorrow, in your day of helpless strife, honor, peace, and love retreating, seek the Lord who is your life.

3 In your day of wealth and plenty, wasted work and wasted play, call to mind the word of Jesus, "I must work while it is day."

4 For all days are days of judgment, and the Lord is waiting still, drawing near a world that spurns him, offering peace from Calvary's hill.

5 Risen Lord! shall yet the city be the city of despair? Come today, our Judge, our Glory; be its name, "the Lord is there!"

Anthem

S.S. Wesley (1810–1876)

Lead me Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Psalm 5:8, 4:9

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

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.

Blessing

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Hymn 621 (*stand*)

Rhuddlan

1 Light's abode, celestial Salem, vision
whence true peace doth spring, brighter
than the heart can fancy, mansion of the
highest King; O how glorious are the
praises which of thee the prophets sing!

2 There for ever and for ever alleluia
is outpoured; for unending, for unbroken
is the feast-day of the Lord; all is pure
and all is holy that within thy walls
is stored.

3 There no cloud nor passing vapor
dims the brightness of the air; endless
noonday, glorious noonday, from the
Sun of suns is there; there no night
brings rest from labor, for unknown
are toil and care.

4 O how glorious and resplendent,
fragile body, shalt thou be, when
endued with heavenly beauty, full
of health, and strong, and free,
full of vigor, full of pleasure that
shall last eternally!

5 Now with gladness, now with
courage, bear the burden on thee
laid, that hereafter these thy
labors may with endless gifts be
paid, and in everlasting glory
thou with brightness be arrayed.

Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Trumpet Voluntary

John Stanley (1712–1786)



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of Jack Boyet's 90th Birthday
from his loving wife, Linda Boyet

THOSE SERVING TODAY: Sunday, November 19, 2023

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr. Stadel

Organist: Ryan Hebert

Choral Assistant: Coleman Flentge

Verger: Piers Curry

Crucifer: Emily Borsch

Torchbearers: Esther Henley, Fred Schmid

Lectors: Marshall Corzette, Jeannie Borsch

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Donreece Brown, Derrick Brown

Videographers: Paul Scheuer, Doug Rubottom, Jan Smith, Kirk Peters

Ushers: Eric Hargens, Loueita Hargens, Paul Bentschner, Chris Cobb, Winston Blake

Altar Guild: Kathy Lawless, Adrienne Love, Anne Paige

BIRTHDAYS: Gary Cotter, Linda Sparn, Jeff Coleman, Christopher Hunt, Jack Boyet, Patricia Wolfe, Dianna Benjamin, Maren Kennel

ANNIVERSARIES: Gray & Catherine Sanders, Robert & Elaine Kimble, Michael & Mary Beth Dickinson, Chris & Julie Capsambelis, Charles & Mary Cernuda, Donald & Campbell Burton, Chris & Maureen Watson

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Choral Eucharist

Wednesday, November 22 - 7:00 p.m.

A wonderful day of the year to give thanks to our God!

Make a Pledge for 2024

Please return your pledge card for 2024 as soon as possible. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, cards are available at the back of the church, in the Parish Hall, or through the parish office (813-221-2035). Make a commitment and support St. Andrew's in the coming year.

Rector Away

The Rector is away in Tallahassee this weekend, cheering on the Florida State football team. He will return, God-willing, to the office tomorrow. *Go Noles!*

Anchor Ball

Your Vestry has graciously agreed to add its name as a supporter of the 2023 Anchor Ball sponsored by Port Tampa Bay. The Ball is scheduled for **Saturday, December 2, 2023**, at the PEPIN HOSPITALITY CENTRE (4121 N 50th St. in Tampa 33610), beginning at 5:30 pm. Proceeds will benefit the Tampa Bay Maritime Scholarship Foundation and the Tampa Port Ministries. St. Andrew's will continue its annual support of the Seafarer's Ministry and has purchased 6 tickets to the 2023 Anchor Ball for use by parishioners at NO COST to our participants! In addition, Irene and Peter Baker will attend and act as hosts this year, so we look forward to having another St. Andrew's table with 8 parishioners. There will be plenty of parking at the Centre, complimentary drinks and hor d'oeuvres, silent auction, dinner, live auction and dancing. What we need are some volunteers to share in this outreach ministry, put on some dress clothes for the evening (black tie optional), and open their hearts, wallets or pocketbooks. If you are interested in attending, please contact Pam Frost or Lauri Harder in the office (813/221-2035) so they can add you to the guest list. If you have any questions, please contact Peter Baker (813/230-0354; pbakerlaw@gmail.com). Remember, there is no cost to you – so please sign up and have a great time at the 2023 ANCHOR BALL!!

Children & Youth News

Confirmation classes started November 5th. We'll break after Thanksgiving and **pick back up every Sunday** in the new year at **9:30am starting January 7, 2024**, with the date of confirmation being **Sunday, February 25, 2024 during the 10:30 service.**

Our annual Christmas pageant, put on by children and youth, will take place **Sunday, December 17th at the 10:30 service. All children and youth who would like to be involved in the pageant must attend just 4 rehearsals this year.** These rehearsals will be held the following weeks:

Sunday, November 26th at 9:30am

Sunday, December 3rd at 9:30am

Sunday, December 10th at 9:30am

Final Dress Rehearsal Saturday, December 16th at 10am

Pageant Sunday, December 17th at 10:30am (FULL CAST meets in the Children's chapel at 9:15am)

*We will meet in the Children's chapel for all rehearsals and move to the sanctuary for the final dress rehearsal. We need children and youth of all ages! Please contact Alicia Schmid today at aliciaschmid@rocketmail.com to find a part for your child or teen!

Adult Christian Education

Sunday mornings at 9:30

Jesus Revealed: The "I Am" statements in the Gospel of John

Light. Bread. Shepherd. Life. The Gospel of John uses these and other symbols to paint a picture of who Jesus is. Through the "I Am" statements Jesus describes himself with rich images, showing us that he is both fully human and fully divine and calling us as his followers.

In *Jesus Revealed: The I Am Statements in the Gospel of John*, author Matt Rawle explores the "I Am" statements in John as works of art that resonate throughout the Gospel and all of Scripture. He shows how these words point beyond themselves to the deep mystery of Jesus Christ. Join us on this journey and experience the profound truth at the heart of the I Am statements: that Jesus is light and life, and he calls us to himself and offers us the hope of resurrection. Matt Rawle is lead pastor at Asbury United Methodist Church in Bossier City, Louisiana.

Here is the rest of the line-up:

11/19 - I am the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6)

11/26 - I am the resurrection and the life (John 11:25)

This class, facilitated by the Rector, meets in Room 302 (the Library) on the third floor of the Parish Building.

Sunday mornings at 9:30

The Angels of Christmas: Hearing God's Voice in Advent

This four-week Advent study by Pastor Susan Robb explores the four angelic visits surrounding the birth of Jesus with Zechariah, Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds. In this

series, we will explore the visits and dive deep into the history of the angel Gabriel – and other angels – in the Old Testament. *The Angels of Christmas* uses these four angelic appearances to discuss God’s presence in history and our lives today. The messages of the angels hold meaning for listeners both then and now. Susan Robb recently retired as the Senior Associate Minister at Highland Park United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas, where she was part of the church staff for twenty years.

Here is the line-up:

12/3 – Standing in the Presence of God: Gabriel and Zechariah

12/10 – Let It Be: Gabriel and Mary

12/17 – Acting on the Unbelievable: An Angel of the Lord and Joseph

12/24 – Hark the Herald Angels Sing: The Angels and the Shepherds

This class, facilitated by the Rector, meets in room 302 (the Library) on the third floor of the Parish Building.

Gabriel Tree Project

You can now choose a child’s name for the Gabriel Tree Project: Please email Lin Busby (ljlbusby@gmail.com), or call/text her at 813-486-1683 with your name choice. Let her know if you will be purchasing the gifts yourself, or if you are donating and wish the Parish Elf to shop and how much to spend. Or, if you prefer, you can make a donation and have us select a name for you. Send all donations to St Andrew’s Church or put them in the Sunday donation plate marked Gabriel Tree.

Thank you for your wonderful support in past years. Please let the Elf know as early as you can to allow for better shopping choices.

Anyone can participate in one of several ways:

A. Select a child’s name, purchase, and wrap the gifts, and drop them off at the Parish Hall by Sunday December 3rd or any time earlier. Prices have increased significantly and here are approximate costs for shopping. (young/\$80, elementary/\$100, mid-high/\$120). We appreciate any donations and will be happy to take your contributions with others to help support a child’s Christmas.

B. Avail yourself of the ELF shopper's service. At the end of the program, you will receive a thank you note with photos of the gifts that were purchased for the child you selected.

- Select a child, indicate that you want the ELF to shop for this child when you sign up, and give a donation to the church office, either cash, check or on-line donation (please specify Gabriel Tree).
- Send a donation to the church and the Parish Elf can select a child and shop/wrap for you. Let Lin Busby know via text or phone call (813-486-1683) that you would like her to select a child for you. You can specify a boy or girl, and age range if you wish.



RECTORY CHRISTMAS PARTY

*You are invited to join the Reeses for a Christmas party
on Friday, December 15th • 6:00—10:00pm
159 W. Davis Boulevard
(NE corner of W. Davis and Barbados, on Davis Islands)*

GREENING OF THE CHURCH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17th, after the 10:30am service

All hands on deck to help load Christmas trees, poinsettias, lights and wreaths to decorate our beautiful church for the Christmas holidays!
Volunteers ages 8 to 80 needed! With many hands this task can be accomplished quickly!

CHRISTMAS LESSONS & CAROLS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH AT 5pm

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at King's College, Cambridge, was first held on Christmas Eve in 1918. Since then, churches around the world have continued this time-honored celebration. The service this year is on Sunday, December 17th at 5p.m. and will include carols and readings that commemorate the nativity story of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. You don't want to miss this service, as it serves as a wonderful way to start

the Christmas season off right, to uplift your spirit and to warm your heart! Plan to join us in person and bring a friend or two, or participate via livestream on FaceBook or Youtube. The parish Christmas party will follow in the parish hall.

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Please join us for our annual Christmas party in the Parish Hall immediately following Lessons & Carols on **Sunday, Dec.17th**. Please bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share as we celebrate the joys of the season together. You may drop off your food (including items that need to be reheated with instructions) in the kitchen before or after morning services or before Lessons & Carols. Please contact Pam Curry: plcurry@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

Music Notes

Jean Berger, the composer of our offertory this morning, was born into a Jewish family in Hamm, Westphalia. His birth name is Arthur Schloßberg, and after the Nazi Party seized power in Germany in 1933, he fled to Paris where he took the French name Jean Berger and performed as a pianist and accompanist.

After living in Brazil and touring South America for a while, he moved to the US in 1941 and served in the army. In 1943 he became a US citizen and served on the music faculty at Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vermont. He also taught at the University of Illinois and the University of Colorado in Boulder. He then lectured widely throughout the world on various aspects of American music.

This anthem has a particularly haunting sound. It's difficult. There are many instances where the notes are close together, creating rather esoteric sounding harmony. The wide range of the vocal parts and the difficulty of the voice leading require great finesse and dexterity for the singer.

The harmonic structure has an open sound to it, almost hollow. Many of the chordal structures lack the third, and for those of you who know music, you'll understand how that creates an empty sound. But it is befitting for the text, as the Psalmist creates an image of open eyes, which is a metaphor for spaciousness within. The "meat in due season" is not necessarily physical either, but revelational. The most satisfying thing that God gives is

knowledge, understanding, and wisdom. Of course, Jesus reminded us of that metaphysical principle when he said that “Man doesn’t live by bread alone.”

We often have our physical hands open, thinking that salvation is “out there.” That’s because we have a vague notion that life happens *to* us. But life happens *from* us. The things that we need in life come in the form of inner revelation – ideas, desires, and longings. One could even say that your entire life is an inner experience. Science is yet to confirm that there is even an outside at all. Everything you experience is an internal phenomenon – sight, sound, taste, and even consciousness itself is happening within.

Open eyes are metaphorical for openness of heart. When I was very young, my heart was open to playing the organ. That impulse came into me, and thus I expressed it outwardly. Now, I recognize a new passion - writing. But that’s the direction of life, you recognize something from within and express it outwardly. What seems to be occurring on the outside is an *effect* of your inner condition, not a *cause* of it. This wonderful inwardness is where our “meat in due season” is given in unlimited supply. Jesus alludes to that truth when he said to “store up your treasures in heaven.” The psalmist writes that the eyes wait, not the hands. Your hands will never be empty if you recognize that your spirit is full and limitless. There is no need to hoard nor to worry about supply running dry. When you understand from where all things come, from the inexhaustible resources of the spirit within, you’re full and then ultimately free. That revelation is what satisfies your desires. The question is, do you have your hands open or your spiritual eyes? It’s from within that you’ll find the meat and sustenance of your desires. That penetrative knowledge is the source of deep peace that passes all understanding. *Soli Deo Gloria!*

-Ryan Hebert

New Flower Chart

The 2024 Flower Sign-Up Chart is in the parish hall. Don't delay in choosing important commemorative dates. Please help with this wonderful ministry to adorn the altar during worship by sponsoring flowers. High Altar flowers are \$150 for florist choice, personal choices can be arranged at an additional cost. Chapel Altar flowers are optional. If you'd like to sponsor both altars, the cost is \$250. If you have questions, please contact Charlotte Churchill 813-352-0162 cmchurchi18@gmail.com

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Prayer Request Cards are available at the back of the church for prayers by the Daughters of the King or contact Adrienne Love (phone) 813-677-2909 (or email) alove6984@gmail.com

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In the name of Christ, we the people of Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, in response to God's call, proclaim our belief that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior, and thereby declare our purpose to be to glorify God through our worship and work, to serve the spiritual and temporal needs of others as Christ's disciples, and to build a lively, growing community in Christ's image.