



# THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

2023

CHRISTMAS EVE

9:00 P.M.

SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
TAMPA, FLORIDA

**The Louise Lykes Ferguson Memorial Choir**

Ryan Hebert, *Director of Music and Organist*

Coleman Flengte, *Associate Director of Music*

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**String Quartet**

Natalie Yu - *1st violin*

Jina Lee - *2nd violin*

Jonas Benson - *viola*

Laura Smith - *cello*

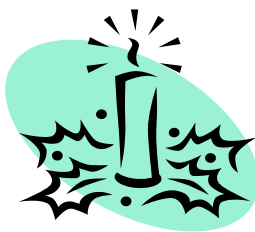
**A Christmas Prayer**

Light of the world so clear and bright,

Enter our homes on Christmas night;

Re-light our souls so tenderly

That we may grow to be like Thee.



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# CHRISTMAS EVE

## 24 December 2023

PRELUDE • 8:30 P.M.

**Prelude Concert**      Various Carol Arrangements for String Quartet

Joy To the World      *arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)*

In the Bleak Mid-Winter      *Harold Darke (1888–1976)*

Gloria      *Antonio Vivaldi (1678–1741)*

O Holy Night      *Adolphe Adam (1803–1856)*

Marshall Corzette, *baritone*

**FESTAL EUCHARIST: RITE ONE • 9:00 P.M.**

*The People stand as the Choir and Ministers enter.*

At the Procession:

*Minister:* Let us proceed in peace.

*People:* In the Name of Christ. Amen.

**Hymn 83**      *Stanzas 1-3,6*

*Adeste fideles*

1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; come and behold him, born the King of angels;

*Refrain* O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

2 God from God, Light from Light eternal, lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb; only begotten Son of the Father; *Refrain*

3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above; glory to God, glory in the highest; *Refrain*

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus to thee be glory given. Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; *Refrain*

## Station at the Crèche

*Celebrant* The word was made flesh and dwelt among us.  
*People* And we beheld his glory.  
*Celebrant* Let us pray. Almighty and everliving God, you have given us a new revelation of your loving providence in the Coming of your Son Jesus Christ to be born of the Virgin Mary: Grant that as he shared our mortality, so we may share his eternity in the glory of your kingdom; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Hymn 93

*Regent Square*

1 Angels, from the realms of glory, wing  
your flight o'er all the earth; ye, who  
sang creation's story, now proclaim  
Messiah's birth:  
*Refrain* come and worship, come and  
worship, worship Christ, the newborn  
King.  
2 Shepherds in the field abiding,  
watching o'er your flocks by night, God  
with you is now residing; yonder shines  
the infant Light: *Refrain*

3 Sages, leave your contemplations;  
brighter visions beam afar: seek the great  
Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal  
star: *Refrain*  
4 Saints before the altar bending, watching  
long in hope and fear, suddenly the Lord,  
descending, in his temple shall appear:  
*Refrain*

## Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

## Collect for Purity

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

## Gloria

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Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.  
We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee,  
we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.  
For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. O God, who hast caused this holy night to shine with the illumination of the true Light: Grant us, we beseech thee, that as we have known the mystery of that Light upon earth, so may we also perfectly enjoy him in heaven; where with thee and the Holy Spirit he liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

*After the Lesson, the Reader says:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 97** *Sung by the choir to Anglican chant*

*John Goss (1800–1880)*

- 1 The LORD is King;  
let the earth rejoice; \*  
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, \*  
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.
- 3 A fire goes before him \*  
and burns up his enemies on every side.
- 4 His lightnings light up the world; \*  
the earth sees it and is afraid.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, \*  
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

- 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, \*  
and all the peoples see his glory.
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images  
and delight in false gods! \*  
Bow down before him, all you gods.
- 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, \*  
because of your judgments, O LORD.
- 9 For you are the LORD,  
most high over all the earth; \*  
you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 The LORD loves those who hate evil;  
he preserves the lives of his saints  
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- 11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, \*  
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
- 12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, \*  
and give thanks to his holy Name.

## **The Epistle**

Titus 3:4-7

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to Titus.

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

*After the Lesson, the Reader says:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**Hymn 107** (*stand*)

*In dulci jubilo*

1 Good Christian friends rejoice with heart and soul and voice; give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today; ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now. Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

2 Good Christian friends rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this! He hath opened heaven's door, and we are blest forever more. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

3 Good Christian friends rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

**The Holy Gospel**

Luke 2:1-20

*Priest*                    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People*                    Glory be to thee, O Lord.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another,



“Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

*Priest*                    The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*                    Praise be to thee, O Christ.

**The Sermon** (*sit*)

Father Reese

**The Nicene Creed** - *said by all, standing*

I believe in one God,  
    the Father Almighty,  
    maker of heaven and earth,  
    and of all things visible and invisible;  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
    the only-begotten Son of God,  
    begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
    God of God, Light of Light,  
    very God of very God,  
    begotten, not made,  
    being of one substance with the Father;  
    by whom all things were made;  
    who for us men and for our salvation  
        came down from heaven,  
    and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
        and was made man;  
    and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
    he suffered and was buried;  
    and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
    and ascended into heaven,  
    and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;

and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified;  
who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **The Prayers of the People**

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

*The people kneel.*

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Lord, in thy mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Doug, our Bishop; and John and Jerry, our Priests; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

Lord, in thy mercy, **hear our prayer.**

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

Lord, in thy mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Joe, our President; Ron, our Governor; and Jane, our Mayor; that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Lord, in thy mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

Lord, in thy mercy, **hear our prayer.**

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially the people of Ukraine, Israel, and Gaza.

Lord, in thy mercy, **hear our prayer.**

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially those in whose memory the flowers and music have been given, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Lord, in thy mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

**Amen.**

## **Confession of Sin**

*The Celebrant says the following*

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

Almighty God,

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker  
of all things, judge of all men:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,  
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,  
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;  
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,  
the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us,

have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,

forgive us all that is past;

and grant that we may ever hereafter

serve and please thee in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of thy Name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Peace** (*stand*)

*Priest*            The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*            And with thy spirit.

**At the Offertory:**

Carol *Charles Wood (1866–1926)*

Ding dong merrily on high, In heav'n the bells are ringing:  
Ding dong! verily the sky Is riv'n with angel singing. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below, Let steeple bells be swungen,  
And "Io, io, io!" By priest and people sungen. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Pray you, dutifully prime Your matin chime, ye ringers;  
May you beautifully rime Your evetime song, ye singers. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

*George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848–1934)*

**Hymn 100** (*stand*) *Stanzas 1,2,4*

*Antioch*

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|---|--|
| 1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.   | 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love. |
| 2 Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy. |  |



*The people kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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.



## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*Agnus Dei*

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O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.

## **The Prayer of Humble Access** (*said by all*)

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

*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 Christians are welcome to receive Communion.*

## Music During Communion:

### Hymn 101 (*sit*)

### *Cradle Song*

1 Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes. I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

### Carol

*arr. Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)*

Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child, bye bye, lully, lullay. O sisters too, how may we do for to preserve this day? This poor youngling for whom we do sing, "Bye bye, lully, lullay"? Herod the king, in his raging, charged he hath this day. His men of might in his own sight all young children to slay. That woe is me, poor child, for thee, and ever morn' and day for thy parting neither say nor sing, "Bye bye, lully, lullay."

*From the Pageant of the Shearmen and Tailors (15th century)*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray (*kneel*)

*Celebrant and People*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

### **Blessing**

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. *Amen.*

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy and make you heralds of the Gospel. *Amen.*

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. *Amen.*

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

**Hymn 111** (*kneel*)*Stille Nacht*

1 Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.

2 Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

3 Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

**Hymn 87** (*stand*)*Mendelssohn*

1 Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King! Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled! Joyful all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; with the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem! Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord; late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the incarnate Deity. Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel! Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

3 Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. Risen with healing in his wings, light and life to all he brings, hail, the Sun of righteousness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

**The Dismissal**

*Priest* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *In Dulci Jubilo*, BWV 729

*J.S. Bach (1685–1750)*

**THOSE SERVING TODAY: December 24, 9:00 p.m.**

**Celebrant and Preacher:** Fr. Reese

**Assisting Priest:** Fr. Stadel

**Organist:** Ryan Hebert

**Choral Assistant:** Coleman Flentge

**Thurifer:** Lynn Dorman

**Verger:** Richard Ferlita

**Crucifer:** Joe Scheuer

**Torchbearers:** Sam Scheuer, Emily Borsch

**Lectors:** George Western, Jim Shuler

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers:** Wallace Dixon, Paula Stewart

**Videographer:** Paul Scheuer, Jan Smith, Doug Rubottom, Kirk Peters

**Ushers:** George Bedell

**Altar Guild:** Jan Smith, Catharyn Szuba



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in joyful celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

We are thankful for St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and for the peace, love and joy we all share during this beautiful Christmas season.

Merry Christmas,  
Jan and Earl Smith

## **Decorating Elves**

Many thanks to all those wonderful people who worked so hard to beautify the church for our Lord's birthday. We are grateful for the generosity of Nancy Turner, who donated all the Christmas trees and wreaths. We appreciate the hard work of Charlotte Churchill, Jan Smith and Linda McGhee, who directed the greening. Thanks to those who spent many hours this past Sunday making St. Andrew's look so grand and festive!

## **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS – 2023**

James Abbitt

Patricia and DeHart Ayala, Jr.

Irene & Peter Baker

in memory of Jean and DeHart Ayala; Robbie  
and Joseph Pendino

in thanksgiving for family and friends

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| George Bedell                            |  |
| Benjamin, Jeannie & Emily Borsch         | in memory of Fred & Bara Borsch, and<br>Sarah Sampson Moody  |
| Nicole Carr                              | in memory of Janet Schrat  |
| Stephanie Chapman                        | in memory of John M. Chapman   |
| Holly Clemmons & Katie Pastorius         | in memory of Kay Hart, Andrew Pastorius,<br>Daniel Clemmons and Charles Clemmons   |
| Chris & Martha Cobb                      | in memory of Meg and Rene, Mary Lou & Carl   |
| The Cote Family                          |  |
| Gary Cotter & Sharon Colucci             | in memory of our parents   |
| David & Jan Dees                         | in memory of Nell and Curtis Rorebeck  |
| Jerry Divers                             | in memory of Jean Bacon Divers   |
| Wallace A. Dixon                         | in memory of my parents, Nehemiah F. Dixon & Rachel<br>Worrell-Dixon, my aunts; Janie Brownell and Rachel<br>White and my darling Bettye J. Kirkland |
| Lindell Dye and Family                   | in memory of Virginia Mullen and William Dye   |
| Dr. James & Sunny Endicott               | in memory of William & Beede Greeson & Jason Krivy   |
| R.J. Erskine                             | in memory of Mary Louise & Mary Vanessa Erskine  |
| Richard A. Ferlita &<br>James Carmichael | in thanksgiving for the parishioners of St. Andrew's   |
| MaryBeth Harris                          | in thanksgiving for family & friends   |
| Dawn Headland                            | in memory of dear friends & family<br>in thanksgiving for all our blessings  |
| Tricia and Staige Hoffman                | in memory of John & Betty Ireland  |
| Michael & Christean Hursey               | in memory of Florence Lopez, Cpt. Robert Hursey,<br>and Jack & Dianne Hursey   |
| Michael & Christean Huarsey              | in thanksgiving for St. Andrew's parish members  |
| Christopher Hunt                         | in memory of Rheba Jean Hunt   |
| Sharon & Patrick Keogh                   | in memory of James & William Keogh   |
| Margo Kemm                               | in memory of William & Barbara Faber<br>Thanksgiving for Joseph's 40 <sup>th</sup> birthday  |
| Fran Kerr                                | in thanksgiving for Sandi and Charlie  |
| Susan Kiniry                             | in memory of Margaret Grenier  |
| Anne & Jack Kutchmire                    | in memory of Virginia Mullen & William Dye   |
| Adrienne Love                            | in memory of Mary & Joseph Carnes  |
| Sue MacIsaac                             | in thanksgiving for Savannah & Braxton Hicks and<br>Michael MacIsaac   |
| The McAteer Family                       | in memory of Derrill Selwyn McAteer  |
| Linda & Michael McGhee                   | in memory of the loved ones of the Spotts and<br>McGhee families   |

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| Franciso & Kristin Mora              | in memory of Elsa Acosta  |
| Michael & Michele Morris             | in memory of Gerald & Helen Zalewski, Phil Morris,<br>Cindy Ruff, Jay Wolf and Parker Whitehead |
| Anne Paige                           | in thanksgiving for my wonderful family   |
| The Rev. John & Jeanette Reese       | in thanksgiving for the leadership and dedication of the<br>St. Andrew's Vestry                 |
| Kristi Roberts & Adrienne Brightwell | in thanksgiving for Caroline & Pierce Brightwell  |
| Jane & Nathan Simpson                | in memory of Nathan B. Simpson, Jr. and<br>John G. Simpson                                      |
| Don & Virginia Sink                  | in memory of Bill & Sandy Starrett and<br>Don and Annette Sink                                  |
| Greg & CJ Smith                      | in thanksgiving for all our many blessings  |
| Jan & Earl Smith                     | in memory of our parents, grandparents, brother,<br>and sister                                  |
| Jaret West                           |   |
| Pat Wolfe                            | in thanksgiving for my children and families:<br>John, Brian, Katy, Maggie, Emmy & James        |

The Charles A. and Irene M. McKay and Mary Irene Falk Fund  
within the Community Foundation of Tampa

The new aisle candle holders were graciously donated by Wallace A. Dixon and Nehemiah F.  
Dixon, Jr. to the Glory of God and in loving memory of their parents,  
Nehemiah F. Dixon, Sr. & Rachel Worrell-Dixon.

### CHRISTMAS MUSIC – 2023

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| Patricia and DeHart Ayala, Jr.   | in thanksgiving for Family and Friends  |
| Irene & Peter Baker              | in memory of Sonia Wallers  |
| George Bedell                    |   |
| Benjamin, Jeannie & Emily Borsch | in thanksgiving for the St. Andrew's music ministry   |
| Stephanie Chapman                | in memory of John M. Chapman  |
| Holly Clemmons & Katie Pastorius | in thanksgiving for God's unconditional love!   |
| Martha & Chris Cobb              | in thanksgiving for our sons, James, Douglas and David and<br>our grandchildren, Brody, Aubrey, Grayson, Jack and Leo |
| Gary Cotter & Sharon Colucci     | in thanksgiving for our St. Andrew's family   |
| David and Jan Dees               | in thanksgiving for Richard, Jan, Earl, Cathy & Sue   |
| Jerry Divers                     | in memory of Jean Bacon Divers  |
| Lindell Dye and Family           | in thanksgiving for Charles Mullen, Jr.   |

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| Dr. James & Sunny Endicott            | in memory of Elizabeth Nicholson, Eleanor Rogers, & Bob Endicott                             |
| Richard A. Ferlita & James Carmichael | in thanksgiving for the parishioners of St. Andrew's   |
| Dawn Headland                         | in memory of dear friends & family   |
| MaryBeth Harris                       | in memory of James Thomas Harris, Owen Williams Meats, and John Isaac Meats                  |
| Tricia and Staige Hoffman             | in memory of John & Betty Ireland  |
| Michael & Christean Hursey            | in memory of the birth of Christ   |
|                                       | in thanksgiving for the good work of St. Andrew's  |
| Fran Kerr                             | in memory of Jenette   |
| Sharon & Patrick Keogh                | in memory of James & William Keogh   |
| Anne and Jack Kutchmire               | in thanksgiving for Charles G. Mullen  |
| Adrienne Love                         | in memory of my brother, Michael Eliot Collier   |
| Sue MacIsaac                          | in memory of Raphael & Marie Jane Bentschner   |
| The McAteer Family                    | in memory of Derrill Selwyn McAteer  |
| Barbara & Lloyd McFarquhar            | in thanksgiving for the musicians  |
| Franciso & Kristin Mora               | in thanksgiving for William & Alexander Mora   |
| Michael & Michele Morris              | in memory of Gerald & Helen Zalewski, Phil Morris, Cindy Ruff, Jay Wolf and Parker Whitehead |
| Anne Paige                            | in thanksgiving for our fabulous Choir & Organist  |
| The Rev. John & Jeanette Reese        | in thanksgiving for St. Andrew's Musicians and choristers                                    |
| Kristi Roberts & Adrienne Brightwell  | in memory of Vi and Wally Smith  |
| Sandra Robinson & Dennis Clarke       | in memory of the loss of loved ones  |
|                                       | in thanksgiving for each other   |
| Jane & Nathan Simpson                 | in memory of Kay Hoyle Rankin  |
| Donald & Virginia Sink                | in thanksgiving for our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren                      |
| Greg & CJ Smith                       | in thanksgiving for all our many blessings   |
| Jan & Earl Smith                      | in thanksgiving for family, friends & faith in God   |
| Paula Stewart                         | in memory of my family & church family   |
|                                       | in thanksgiving for our choirmaster and choir  |
|                                       | in thanksgiving for my grandchildren, Elijah, and Akayla                                     |
| The Thomas-Carl Family                | in memory of Charlie Carl, Allen Arthur, Carol Ann Carl                                      |
|                                       | in thanksgiving for our family, and Nancy Turner   |
| Ray and Jeanne Vince                  | in thanksgiving for our St. Andrew's family  |
| Jaret West                            |  |
| Pat Wolfe                             | in memory of John Wolfe  |





**Annual Parish Meeting**  
**Sunday, February 4, Noon**  
following the 10:30am service

## **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.

**We have currently 109 pledges for \$366,408**

**END OF YEAR GIVING:** According to IRS tax rules for charitable deductions, donors must deliver checks on or by December 31, 2023 in order to claim a charitable contribution deduction for 2023. Checks that are placed in the church offering during the first worship service in 2024 (January 7th) will not qualify for a charitable contribution deduction in 2023, even if the check is predated to 2023 or was actually written in 2023. However, checks that are written, mailed and post-marked in 2023 will be deductible in 2023 though they are not received by a church until 2024.

## **Adult Christian Education**

**Sunday morning at 9:30 on December 31st.**

*The Wired Word*, facilitated by the Rector, examines a current event from the previous week and analyzes it through the use of Biblical references. Come and see how Scripture can help us make sense of what's happening in the world today.

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

## **Thursday evenings at 7:00pm Adult Inquirers' Class**

New to St. Andrew's and the Episcopal Church? Or just trying to brush up on the faith? Then join us for this seven week series exploring the Episcopal Church. We will use *Looking at the Episcopal Church*, a book by The Rev. William Sydnor. We will comprehensively cover the church's symbols, customs, practices, history, creeds, sacraments, and mission. If you plan to attend, please contact the Rector so he can order the correct number of books. The cost is \$15. This class is required if you wish to be confirmed or received into the church during Bishop Scharf's visitation on **Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>** at the 10:30 service.

Here is the line-up:

- January 11 – Introduction to the Episcopal Church (*this session meets in the church*)
- January 18 – The Worship of the Church
- January 25 – History of the Church
- February 1 – The Holy Scriptures and Creeds
- February 8 – The Church Year and Sacraments
- February 15 – The Ordained Ministry and the Mission of the Church
- February 22 – Ministry of the Laity

*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 Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught***

Most Christians know the Lord's Prayer by heart. We pray it often, at different times and in different settings. We remember it as the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples. But do we really understand and appreciate the meaning and power of its words, what we ask of God each time we pray it?

When the disciples asked Jesus how to pray, Jesus gave them this prayer. He likely taught it to his followers often, not just one time. He never intended the Lord's Prayer to be a museum piece, framed and placed on a mantel or in a display case. It was Jesus teaching God's people, through his disciples, how to pray.

In the video series *The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught*, pastor and bestselling author Adam Hamilton guides us to really know—and really pray—the Lord's Prayer. He explores each of its rich lines and their meaning in the Bible,

illuminating what we ask of God and what we ask of ourselves through its words. And he teaches us how to use it as a pattern for our own prayer life. Hamilton is senior pastor of The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas.

Here is the line-up:

January 7 - Our Father, Who Art in Heaven, Hallowed Be Thy Name

January 14 - Whose Will Be Done?

January 21 - Our Daily Bread

January 28 - Forgive...As We Forgive

February 4 - And Lead Us, Not into Temptation

February 11 - For Thine Is the Kingdom, Power, and Glory

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**PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:** Sarah Hudson, Terry Bostic, John Wolfe, Fred Heyer, Rhys Klug, Phyllis Kubal, Rose Ann Mayer, Lynwood Arnold, Robert Hursey, John Chapman, Will Proctor, Stan Rzad, Nancy Milam, Betty Jane Kent, Virginia Mullen, Roz Cole, Ann Crowder, Charlie Carl, William Maxfield, Jane Barrett, Al Getz, Luis Medel, Joanne Baldy, Nancy Dinkel, John Dinkel, Don McGinnis, Joy Bell, Bill Dye, Veronica Greaves, Nita McClintock, Owen Meats, Charles Caro, Evelyn Smith, Mignon Grant-Levy, John Tomlinson, Nell Rorebeck, Marion Gustin, Jane Collins, Paul Cullen, Barbara Jones, Gerry Calahan, Mary Nichols, Peggy Kleven, Linda M. Delmasto, Angela Massari, Evelyn O. Jewell, Brycen Coyle, Anita Ramirez, Jane Cantler, Phyllis Sheaffer, Diane Kemker, Martha Medel, Sarah Moody, Larry Kleven, Isabelle Ferrell, William Shuler, Ian Snider, Libby Dickinson, LouAnn Connors, Roma Plimmer, Patricia Maxfield, Jenette Kerr, Kay Rankin

**THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ESPECIALLY REQUESTED:**

Mark Caro, Sgt. Billy Gudzak, Charlene Maxwell, Joan Hoppe, Carlton Hart, Stephen Tedrowe, Virginia Sink, Charlie Richardson, Christine Hudson, Janet Norona, Michael Norona, Christopher Hunt, Charles Mullen, Jack Plimmer, Corinne Gaile, Jack Boyet, Jean Turner, Analee Mayes, Rick Ostman, Linda Barry, Dawn Headland, Beth Luensman, Carole Fields, Roy Collins, Judy Van Valkenburgh, Joe Daurril, Georgia Vahue, Sean Heavey, Janet Cook, Linda Liconti Longo, Holly Clemmons, Katie Pastorius *(We are happy to include all prayer requests. Names will remain on the list for four weeks. Please call Lauri in the church office if you desire a name to remain on after four weeks or to be removed sooner.)*

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Parish Office Hours: Monday through Thursday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Wednesday Healing Service: 12:10 p.m.

Sunday Service Schedule: Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10:30 a.m.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Douglas Scharf, *VI Bishop of Southwest Florida*

The Rev. John Reese, *Rector*

The Rev. Canon Jerold R. Stadel, *Assisting Priest*

Ryan Hebert, *Director of Music/Organist*

Coleman Flentge, *Associate Director of Music*

Pamela Frost, *Parish Administrator*

Lauri Harder, *Administrative Assistant*

Alicia Schmid, *Director of Children's and Youth Ministries*

Anguel Dimitrov, *Sexton*

## *Vestry*

*Class of 2024:* Pam Curry, Richard Ferlita, *Senior Warden*, Kathy Lawless,  
Paul Scheuer, Lori Taplow, *Clerk of the Vestry*

*Class of 2025:* Barbara Brotherton, Derrick Brown, Victoria Klug,  
Richard Chapman, *Junior Warden*, Brad Hall

*Class of 2026:* Allison Besselieu, Holly Clemmons, Martha Cobb, Wallace Dixon,  
Eric Hargens, *Treasurer*

*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.*