



THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

2024

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*
Lucas Guideri - *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 2024

PRELUDE • 8:30 P.M.

Prelude Concert Various Carol Arrangements for String Quartet

And the Glory of the Lord *G.F. Handel (1685–1759)*

In the Bleak Midwinter *Harold Darke (1888–1976)*

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

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

Amanda Cohen, *soprano*

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.

Hymn 96

Gloria

1 Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night, and the mountains in reply, echoing their brave delight.

Refrain Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

4 See him in a manger laid whom the angels praise above; Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love. *Refrain*

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 Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Doug, our Bishop; and John, Rick, 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

Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

A maiden most gentle and tender we sing: Of Mary the mother of Jesus our King.
Ave Maria. How blessed is the birth of her heavenly child, Who came to redeem
us in Mary so mild. Ave Maria. The Archangel Gabriel foretold by his call The
Lord of creation, and Savior of all. Ave Maria. Three Kings came to worship with
gifts rich and rare, And marveled in awe at the babe in her care. Ave Maria.
Rejoice and be glad at this Christmas we pray; Sing praise to the Savior, sing
endless 'Ave.' Ave Maria.

Words paraphrased from The Venerable Bede

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

Antioch

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.
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.

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.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer I

The Celebrant faces the people and sings

The musical notation is arranged in four staves. The first staff is for the Celebrant, with lyrics: "The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit." The second staff is for the People, with lyrics: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with lyrics: "Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God." The fourth staff is for the People, with lyrics: "It is meet and right so to do." Each staff includes a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature (C). The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and slurs. There are also some fermatas and accents marked above certain notes.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus

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Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

O little one sweet, O little one mild, Thy Father's purpose thou hast fulfilled;
Thou camest from heaven to mortal ken, Equal to be with us poor men,
O little one sweet, O little one mild.

O little one sweet, O little one mild, With joy thou hast the whole world filled;
Thou camest here from heaven's domain, To bring men comfort in their pain,
O little one sweet, O little one mild.

O little one sweet, O little one mild, In thee Love's beauties are all distilled;
Then light in us thy love's bright flame, That we may give thee back the same,
O little one sweet, O little one mild.

O little one sweet, O little one mild, Help us to do as thou hast willed.
Lo, all we have belongs to thee! Ah, keep us in our fealty!
O little one sweet, O little one mild.

Old German carol, trans Percy Dearmer (1867–1936)

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. Campbell

Organist: Ryan Hebert

Choral Assistant: Coleman Flentge

Thurifer: Lynn Dorman

Verger: Richard Ferlita

Crucifer: Ethan Smith

Torchbearers: Joe Scheuer, Sam Scheuer

Lectors: Coleman Flentge, Jim Shuler

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Wallace Dixon, Paula Stewart

Videographer: Paul Scheuer, Jan Smith, Doug Rubottom, Kirk McCann

Ushers: George Bedell, Derrick Brown

Altar Guild: Jan Smith, Catharyn Szuba



The altar flowers are given in celebration of the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, and in gratitude for 153 years of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, for John, Rick and Jerry our priests and for Ryan and our magnificent choir.

May the gifts of love, peace and happiness be with each of you during this joyful 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, Pam Billings 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 – 2024

in memory of Callista Tolbert

James Abbitt

Irene & Peter Baker

in thanksgiving for the fond Christmas memories of
the Baker, Connar, Hanas, & Sanders families

George Bedell	
Paul & Sloan Bentschner	in memory of Raphael, Marie Jane, Sam and Janet
Nicole Carr	in memory of Janet Schrat, Lenora Schrat & Nancy Miller
Stephanie Chapman	in memory of John M. Chapman
Holly Clemmons & Katie Pastorius	in memory of Katharine Hart, Andrew Pastorius, Daniel Clemmons and Charles Clemmons
Chris & Martha Cobb	in memory of Meg, Rene, Mary, Carl, Richard & Douglas
Gary Cotter & Sharon Colucci	in memory of Edgar & Frances Cotter and William & Olga Gregory
Crawford Family	in memory of Geraldine Crawford, Nease & Sally Snider
Wallace A. Dixon	in memory of my parents, Nehemiah F. Dixon & Rachel Worrell-Dixon, my aunts; Janie Brownell and Rachel 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
Susanna Fenhagen &	in thanksgiving for family & friends
Anthony Morrison	
Richard A. Ferlita &	in thanksgiving for Arlene, Steve & Sophie Tonnesen, and Arnie Sr. & Grace Iovinella
James Carmichael	
Charlotte & Vernon Henderson	in thanksgiving for our family
Tricia and Staige Hoffman	in memory of John & Betty Ireland
Margo Kemm	in memory of William & Barbara Faber
Beth Kennington	in memory of Don, Charles, Beverly, Floyd, Marguerite and Betty
	in thanksgiving for my family
Sharon & Patrick Keogh	in thanksgiving for Ryan Hebert
Fran Kerr	in thanksgiving for wonderful friends
Laura Kruper	in memory of Bernice & Andrew Kruper
Anne & Jack Kutchmire	in memory of departed loved ones
Adrienne Love	in thanksgiving for my friends and family
Sue MacIsaac	in thanksgiving for Savannah & Braxton Hicks and Michael & Steve MacIsaac
Linda & Michael McGhee	in memory of the loved ones of the Spotts and McGhee families
David McLay	in thanksgiving for Julianne, Robert & Heather
Franciso & Kristin Mora	in memory of Callista Tolbert

Anne Paige	in thanksgiving for my wonderful family
Anna Putney	in memory of Florian & Maria Jurdak
The Rev. John & Jeanette Reese	in thanksgiving for Simon & Karla
Kristi Roberts	in thanksgiving for The Rev. Canon Jerold Stadel
L. Gray, Catherine & Ward Sanders	in thanksgiving for Caroline & Pierce Brightwell
Chip Sellas	in thanksgiving for God's Grace, Resiliency, and higher ground
Maria Shroka	in memory of Beth Sellas
Jane & Nathan Simpson	in memory of Ingrid Velez
Don & Virginia Sink	in thanksgiving for all the blessings
Jan & Earl Smith	in memory of Nathan B. Simpson, Jr. and John G. Simpson
Kathi Stoy	in memory of Bill & Sandy Starrett and Don and Annette Sink
Catharyn Szuba	in thanksgiving for the joyful birth of our great-grandson, Braydon Eugene Bowers
Nancy Turner	in memory of William & Virginia Parent
Jeanne & Ray Vince	in memory of EJ Szuba, WJ & Lillian Fitzgerald, and William & Phyllis Szuba
Jaret West	in thanksgiving for Martha, Jake & Bubba Turner
Cindy White	in thanksgiving for St. Andrew's
	in memory of Lynn Niver

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CHRISTMAS MUSIC – 2024

Richard & Terri Alvis	in memory of Mary & Joseph O'Hara, Richard & Sweetie Alvis
Irene & Peter Baker	in thanksgiving for the fond Christmas memories of the Baker, Connor, Hanas, & Sanders families
George Bedell	
Beloved Friends	in thanksgiving for Linda & Mike McGhee
Beloved Friends	in thanksgiving for Dr. Earl & Jan T. Smith
Paul & Sloan Bentschner	in thanksgiving for Caroline, Logan, Olivia and Grace
Mike & Pam Billings	in thanksgiving for Carolyn & Diane Tapie
James W. Carmichael	in thanksgiving for Mary Tennette Sinclair
Stephanie Chapman	in memory of John M. Chapman
Holly Clemmons & Katie Pastorius	in thanksgiving for God's unending love!

Martha & Chris Cobb	in thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren
Gary Cotter & Sharon Colucci	in thanksgiving for our St. Andrew's family
Crawford Family	in memory of Geraldine Crawford, Nease & Sally Snider
Dennis & Melinda Dundore	in thanksgiving for Cooper, Shelby, Thomas & Katherine
Lindell Dye and Family	in thanksgiving for Charles Mullen, Jr.
Dr. James & Sunny Endicott	in memory of Elizabeth Nicholson, Eleanor Rogers, & Bob Endicott
Susanna Fenhagen & Anthony Morrison	in thanksgiving for family & friends
Richard A. Ferlita	in memory of Dominic & Josephine Ferlita
MaryBeth Harris	in memory of Jim Harris, Laura Kirby, Brenda Youras, John I. Meats, and Owen W. Meats
Tricia and Staige Hoffman	in thanksgiving for friends and family
Fran Kerr	in memory of John & Betty Ireland
Sharon & Patrick Keogh	in thanksgiving for the choir & Ryan Hebert
Anne and Jack Kutchmire	in thanksgiving for Ryan Hebert
Sue MacIsaac	in thanksgiving for all our family
Barbara & Lloyd McFarquhar	in memory of Raphael & Marie Jane Bentschner
Franciso & Kristin Mora	in thanksgiving for the musicians
Anne Paige	in thanksgiving for Will, Alec, and baby Mora
Anna Putney	in thanksgiving for this beautiful building & people
The Rev. John & Jeanette Reese	in memory of Wayne Putney
Kristi Roberts	in thanksgiving for Ryan & Dana
L. Gray, Catherine & Ward Sanders	in thanksgiving for The Rev. Canon Jerold Stadel
Chip Sellas	in memory of Vi and Wally Smith
Jane & Nathan Simpson	in thanksgiving for God's Grace, Resiliency, and higher ground
Donald & Virginia Sink	in memory of Beth Sellas
Jan & Earl Smith	in memory of Nathan B. Simpson, Jr. & John G. Simpson
Kathi Stoy	in thanksgiving for our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren
Catharyn Szuba	in thanksgiving for the joyful birth of our great-grandson, Braydon Eugene Bowers
Ray and Jeanne Vince	in memory of William & Virginia Parent
Jaret West	in thanksgiving for children & grandchildren
	in memory of Dr. Connie Rynder



Annual Parish Meeting
Sunday, February 2, Noon
following the 10:30am service

Make a Pledge for 2025

Please return your pledge card for 2025 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 108 pledges for \$487,084.00

END OF YEAR GIVING: According to IRS tax rules for charitable deductions, donors must deliver checks or make online donations on or by December 31, 2024 in order to claim a charitable contribution deduction for 2024. Checks that are placed in the church offering during the first worship service in 2025 (January 5th) will not qualify for a charitable contribution deduction in 2024, even if the check is predated to 2024 or was actually written in 2024. However, checks that are written, mailed and post-marked in 2024 will be deductible in 2024 though they are not received by a church until 2025.

Adult Christian Education

Sunday mornings at 9:30 December 29th through Jan 19th

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.

Sunday mornings at 9:30

Everywhere Is Jerusalem: Experiencing the Holy Then and Now

Location matters.

Christianity isn't a batch of spiritual thoughts or metaphysical truths. It's a journey of real people with their feet on the ground in real places. In *Everywhere Is Jerusalem*, The Rev. James Howell takes you on a spiritual pilgrimage to significant places in the ongoing story of the Christian faith. You'll go from Bethlehem to Jerusalem, from the Jordan River to Assisi, and from the Sea of Galilee to Montgomery, Alabama. Along the way, you'll discover the profound connections between biblical stories and the places where they happened. You'll see how Christians throughout history have brought their faith to life worldwide, in their own cities and communities. And you'll find God calling you to bring your own faith to life right where you are, right now.

Part travelogue, part Bible study, this video series will take you on a spiritual journey to the places that are most important in our faith, and you'll discover that the most important place of all is the place where you are, right now.

Here is the line-up:

1/26 – Everywhere is Galilee: The Downward Call

2/2 - Everywhere is the Jordan: Baptism and All the Waters

2/9 – Everywhere is the Mount of Olives: Standing Up and Courage

2/16 - Everywhere is Bethlehem: Prayer Walls

2/23 - Everywhere is Nazareth: Finding the Way Home

3/2 - Everywhere is Jerusalem: Places of Sorrow and Hope

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WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Sarah Hudson, 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, Roma Plimmer, Patricia Maxfield, Jenette Kerr, Kay Rankin, Joe Daurril, Stephen Rosser, Rose Williams, Al Stein, Precious Montgomery, Nancy Honeycutt, Jerry Divers, Wayne Putney, Jean Turner, Matthew Borsch, Bennie Kay O'Brien, Jack Plimmer, Gerald Anthony Brozyna, Andrew Orestano, Marcia Biondolillo, Charlene Maxwell, James Arthur "Bubba" Turner, Beth Sellas, Charles Cernuda, Callista Tolbert, Rebecca Blake, Analee Mayes

THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ESPECIALLY REQUESTED:

Mark Caro, Sgt. Billy Gudzak, Joan Hoppe, Carlton Hart, Stephen Tedrowe, Virginia Sink, Charlie Richardson, Christine Hudson, Janet Norona, Michael Norona, Christopher Hunt, Charles Mullen, Corinne Gaile, Jack Boyet, Holly Clemmons, Katie Pastorius, Deloris Lewis, Ralph & Nancy Swank, Delphine & Bob Ballard, Janis Riasanovsky, Linda Barry, Brian Polley, Edwin Bourdeau, Ron Trybus, Matt Harper, Jean McAlister, Gale Vineyard, Allyson Littleton, Luzette Lightfoot, Pamela Ann Lane Ketchy, Elizabeth Mangun, Mike McGhee, Ramond Chiamonte, Lee Barks, Nancy Martin, Debbie Bonsole, Michael & Lee Kaney, Arizona Kennington *(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.)*



Prayer Request Cards are available at the back of the church
for prayers by the Daughters of the King
or contact Adrienne Love (phone) 813-391-5129
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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. Ralph M. Campbell II, *Assisting Priest*

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

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 2025: Barbara Brotherton, Derrick Brown, Victoria Klug,

Richard Chapman, *Junior Warden*, Brad Hall

Class of 2026: Allison Besselieu, Jennifer Smith, Martha Cobb, Wallace Dixon,

Eric Hargens, *Treasurer*

Class of 2027: Nicole Carr, *Clerk of the Vestry*, Piers Curry, *Senior Warden*,

Don Crawford, Wayne Daley, Paul Henley

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.