

Gathering Song

Wayfarers All


REFRAIN:



O — God, we wait on you, O God, we wait on you.


VERSES:

5 Leader: Response:




1. Show us the way — home, show us the way — home, Lord,
2. Je - sus, our com-ing King, Je - sus our com-ing King, —

9 Leader: Response:




way-far - ers all, — Lord, way - far - ers, all.
men-der of ev - ery - thing, men - der of ev - ery - thing.

13 Leader: Response:



Hold us in mer - cy, hold — us in mer - cy,
Bright morn - ing dove, — bright — morn - ing dove, —

17 Leader: Response:



through — this dark — night, through this long dark night.
rise ov - er all of us, rise o - ver all of us.

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Opening Acclamation

Blessed are you, holy and living One. **You come to your people and set them free.**

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Lighting the Advent Wreath

In a weary and worn world, how do we begin again? Where do we start?

Let us begin with hope.

Let us begin with peace.

Let us begin with joy.

Let us begin with love.

Yes, let us begin with love, for surely Love knows your name.

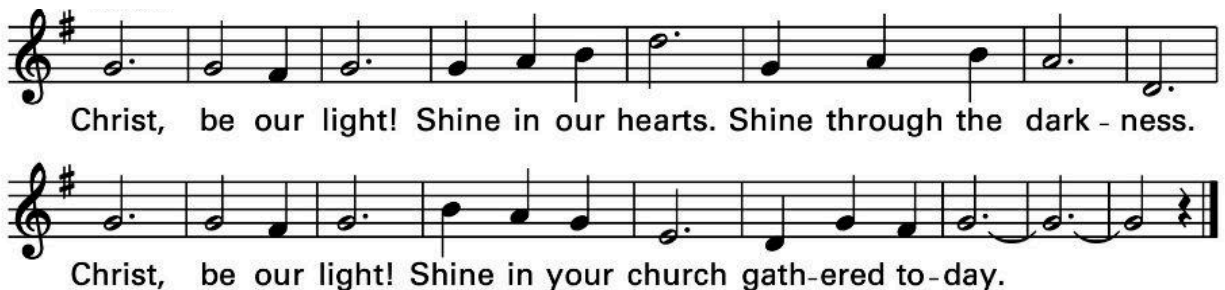
Today we light the candles of hope, peace, joy, love, and compassion.

For surely God is in this place.

Surely the Spirit is near.

Surely Love knows our name.

May it be so! **Amen.**



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The Lessons

A reading from Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the
ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall
inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72



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| 1. Endow our leaders, O God,
with your judgment.
And with your justice on ev'ryone.
For you govern your people with justice,
and your afflicted ones with righteousness. | 3. Tarshish and the Isles shall bring tribute,
gifts from Seba and Arabia.
All other powers shall pay their homage,
and ev'ry nation shall serve the Lord. |
| 2. Justice shall flower in your days,
and peace till the moon be no more.
May your kingdom reach from sea to sea,
and from the river to the ends of the earth. | 4. For you shall rescue the poor
when they cry out,
and the afflicted when help can't be found.
You shall raise up the lowly and the poor,
and those on high shall be cast down. |

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Second Lesson

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name";

and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him";
and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may
abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn



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The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,
"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the
prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his
food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were
going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by
him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to
them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear
fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham
as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to

Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon Rev. Craig Dorval

The Creed



1. We be-lieve in God al - migh - ty, au - thor of — all things that be.
2. We be-lieve that Je - sus suf - fer'd, scourg'd and scorn'd and cru - ci - fied;
3. We be-lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all — the saints with-in—



Mak - er of — the earth and heavens, keep - er of — the sky and sea.
tak - en from the cross was bur - ied, True life there had tru - ly died.
one church cath-'lic one church ho - ly where for - give - ness frees from sin;



We be-lieve in God's Son, Je - sus, now for us — both Lord and Christ,
We be-lieve that on the third day Christ was raised up from the grave,
in the bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's chain



of the Spir - it and of Ma - ry born to bring a - bund - ant life. —
then as - cend - ed to God's right hand. He — will come to judge and save. —
gives the life that's ev - er - last - ing. This — the faith that we have claimed.

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Prayers of the People

Just and merciful Judge of peoples and of hearts, you tell us to beat our swords into plowshares, and our spears into pruning hooks, and promise that nation shall not lift up sword against nation.

Stir up your power and come:

Be born anew in us.

Yet we still hear of wars and rumors of wars, of oppression and hatred, of rage and every kind of evil. And so we cry out, O God, and ask, When will it end? When will your reign of peace begin?

Stir up your power and come:

Be born anew in us.

Hear the cries of your people, O God, as we pray for justice, as we pray for healing, as we pray for peace, in words that are spoken aloud and those held in the silence of our hearts.

Stir up your power and come:

Be born anew in us.

We pray for those who have died, especially those we now name *(pause)*.

Stir up your power and come:

Be born anew in us.

We pray for those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, especially those we now name *(pause)*.

Stir up your power and come:

Be born anew in us.

We give thanks for your promise that the day is coming when every person and nation will walk in your holy light, and your great love will rule every heart. For what else shall we give thanks this day? *(pause)*

Stir up your power and come:

Be born anew in us.

All the earth, seas, and heavens are yours, and we pray these prayers because you have promised to listen to us. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Week after week, we remember the truth - that we are not perfect; that we hurt each

other, that others have hurt us; and that there is power in telling the truth in love. As a body, we lament the brokenness within ourselves and in our world, and recommit to living lives of justice and peace. The priest says out loud what is already true - God forgives you; forgive yourself, forgive others.

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

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.**

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

Gathering

Gathering and Blessing of Pledge Cards

Community Announcements

The Offertory

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God." (*Isaiah 40:3*)

If you would like to make a gift to St. Andrew's, please place your offering in the basket provided. You can also give online at standrewspb.org/give-to-st-andrews or scan this QR code to go straight to our giving page. Thank you!



Offertory Hymn

Down to the River to Pray

American folk song

As I went down to the riv-er to pray, stud-y-ing a-bout that
good old way and who shall wear the star - ry crown— Good Lord,
show me the way! O *sis-ters, let's go down. Let's go down, come on
down. O *sis-ters, let's go down, down to the riv-er to pray.

*brothers, fathers, mothers, sinners

Text and music: American folk song; "*The Good Old Way*," attr. to George H. Allan,
fr. *Slave Songs of the United States*, 1867.

When the offering is brought to the front, we stand and sing together:

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; _____ praise God all crea-tures
here___ be - low; _____ praise God, a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host: _____ Cre-
a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly - Ghost. _____ A - men.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1674 & First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Bellingham, Washington USA
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The Eucharistic Prayer

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might.

7
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

13
san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

21
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

27
san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

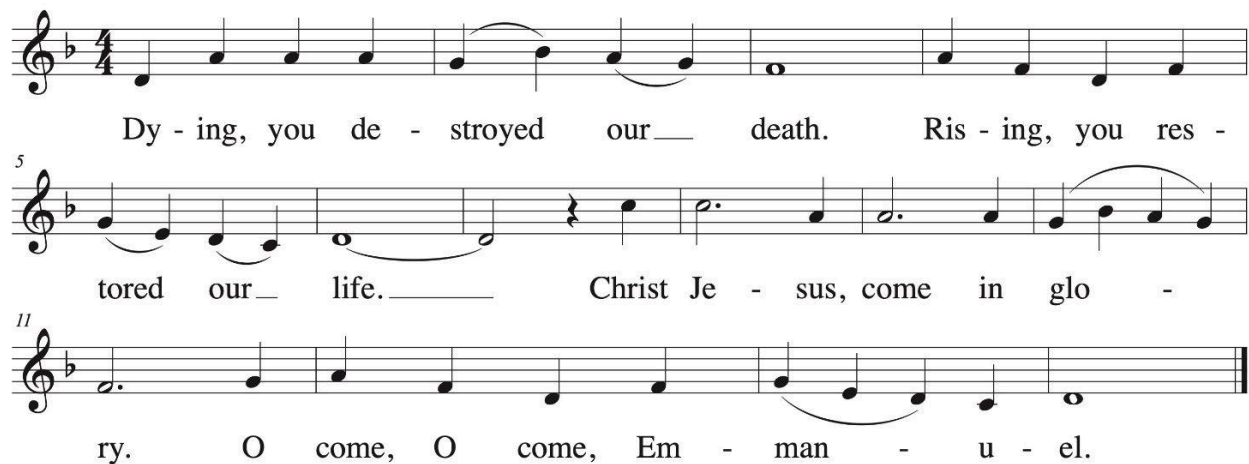
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Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: **“Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”**

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: **“Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”**

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:



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Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

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

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

Fraction Anthem

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world.

7 1, 2. 3.

Have mer - cy on us. grant us peace.

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Invitation to Communion

Wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith you are welcome to receive the bread and wine made holy. The minister will dip the bread into the wine and then place it in your hands. If you need gluten-free wafers, please say "gluten free" to the person distributing bread. If you prefer to receive the bread only (and not wine), please say "bread only." Let an usher know if you would like a minister to bring communion to you in your seat.

Communion Music

All Who are Thirsty



All who are thirst - y, _____ all who are _____ weak, _____



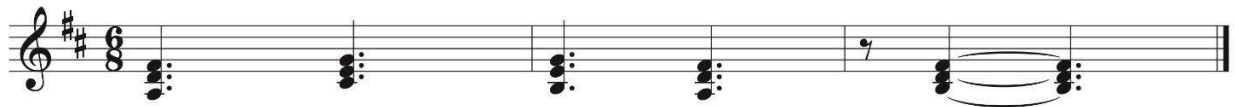
_____ come to the fountain. _____ Dip your heart in the stream of life.



Let the pain and the sorrow _____ be washed away _____

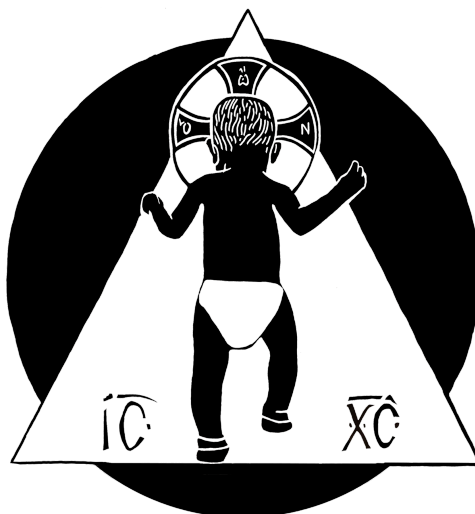


_____ in the waves of God's mercy. _____ As deep cries out to deep, we sing:



Come, Lord Je - sus, Come. _____
Ho - ly Spir - it, Come. _____

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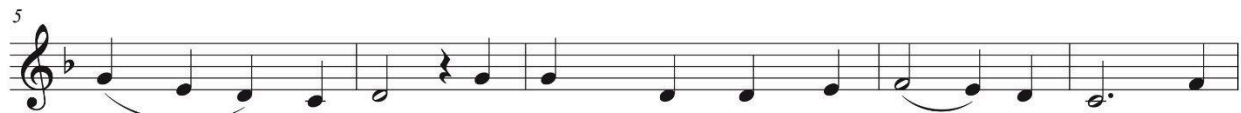


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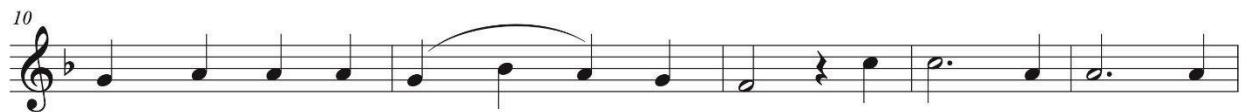
Communion Music

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
2. O come, O King of na - tions, bind In one the hearts of
3. O come, O Day - spring, come and cheer Our spir - its by your
4. O come, O Wis - dom from_ on high, From depths that hide with-
5. O come, O Splen - dor ver - y bright, As joy that nev - er
6. O come, O Christ, with mer-cy and grace, Make strong the weak and



Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here Un-
 hum - an - kind. Bid all our sad di - vi - sions cease And
 pres - ence here. And cause your light on us_ to shine That
 in_ a sigh, To tem - per know-ledge with_ our care, To
 yields_ to might. O come, and turn all hearts to peace, That
 heal the hum - an race, The hun - gry feed, the need - y clothe That



til the Son of God_ ap - pear. Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em-
 be for us our Prince_ of Peace. Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em-
 you may be our com-for - ter and guide. Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em-
 ren - der ev - 'ry act_ a prayer. Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em-
 greed and war at last_ shall cease. Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em-
 by ex - am - ple we will learn to love. Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em-



man - u - el Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el._
 man - u - el Shall come with - in as Peace_ to dwell._
 man - u - el Shall come with - in as Light_ to dwell._
 man - u - el Shall come with - in as Hope_ to dwell._
 man - u - el Shall come with - in as Truth_ to dwell._
 man - u - el Shall come with - in as Love_ to dwell._

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Blessings and Celebrations

If you're celebrating a birthday, an anniversary of a wedding or sobriety, or another event, you are invited to come forward for prayer. We hold space to pray for joyous occasions as well as difficult milestones.

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase. Bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand. Comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful. Raise them up if they fall. And in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

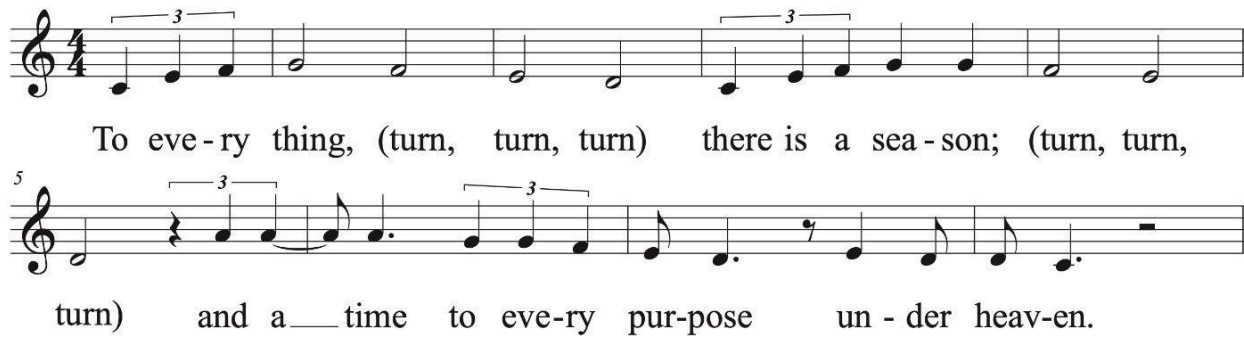


The Sending Song:

Turn! Turn! Turn!

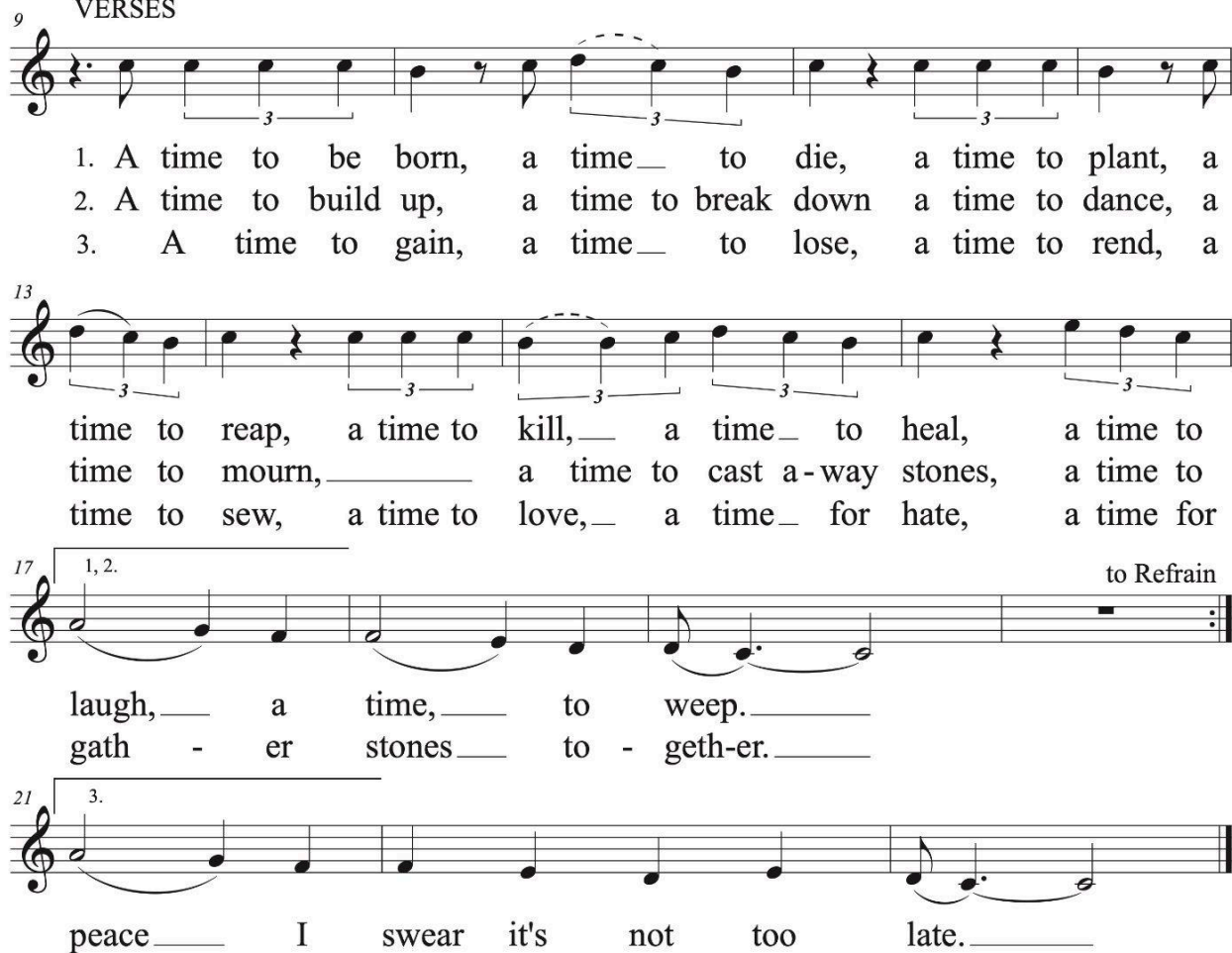
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REFRAIN



To eve-ry thing, (turn, turn, turn) there is a sea-son; (turn, turn, turn) and a__time to eve-ry pur-pose un - der heav-en.

VERSES



1. A time to be born, a time__ to die, a time to plant, a
2. A time to build up, a time to break down a time to dance, a
3. A time to gain, a time__ to lose, a time to rend, a
time to reap, a time to kill,__ a time__ to heal, a time to
time to mourn,__ a time to cast a-way stones, a time to
time to sew, a time to love,__ a time__ for hate, a time for
laugh,__ a time,__ to weep.__
gath - er stones__ to - geth-er.__
peace__ I swear it's not too late.__

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The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

If this is your first time at St. Andrew's, welcome! We're so glad you're here. Please stop by our welcome table after the service to learn more about us, and let us learn about you. We are a church community rooted in Jesus, and committed to these core values: joyful authenticity, radical inclusion, grounded curiosity, and loving justice.

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Community Announcements

Christmas Flower Donations

If you would like to make a donation towards the purchase of Christmas flowers, please use the envelopes provided in the pews or make a donation online with a note for the dedication. Dedications received prior to December 19th will be printed in the bulletins.

Eucharistic Visitor Available for Home Visits

If you or someone you know from St. Andrew's is home bound and would like a Eucharistic visit, please email the church to make a request. info@standrewspb.org

Stay in touch: Sign up for the e-news

Want to get involved at St. Andrew's? The best way to stay up-to-date is to subscribe to our weekly e-news. We share information about upcoming social events, formation opportunities, and more. Scan the QR code to subscribe.



Christmas Caroling at the PB Farmers Market December 16th

Come sing Christmas carols and spread holiday cheer to our neighborhood! This Tuesday, December 16th, meet at St. Andrew's at 4:45pm. At 5pm we'll walk over to the PB farmers market to sing. If you're late, you can meet the group at the corner of Bayard and Hornblend. Festive attire encouraged!

Children's & Youth Events with the Diocese

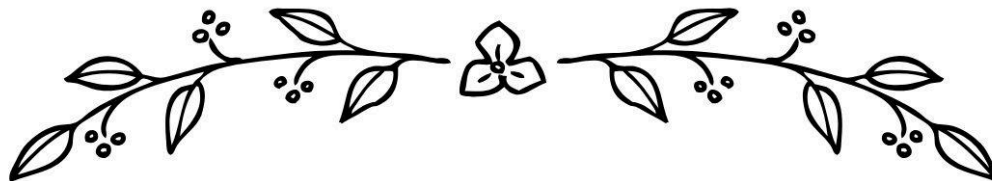
Las Posadas

Las Posadas hosted by St. Philip the Apostle Episcopal Church, is a beautiful opportunity for children, youth, and families from across the diocese to experience the Las Posada celebration. In community, we will enjoy an evening of food, music & games.
Date: December 19, 2025 Time: 6:00-9:00pm
Location: St. Philip the Apostle Episcopal Church.
RSVP to Kari at family@standrewspb.org

PRAISE-Children's Camp

Children in grades 3-6 are invited to explore the joy of camp this January at PRAISE! Children will enjoy the abundance of camp through crafts, hiking, songs, s'mores, games, and laughter with friends. There could even be SNOW!

Held at Camp Stevens from 1:00 p.m. January 17, 2026 - 10 a.m. January 19, 2026
Cost: \$175 (grace-based pricing available)



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