

Welcome

Gathering Song

Lord, We Long for Peace



1. Lord, we long for peace and com - fort, for the sav - ing
2. May we look to John the Bap - tist, to the pro - phet
3. May we turn from what di - vides us, from the ways of

King's re - turn. In our suff - 'ring and op - pres - sion,
you once sent, For he calls us to be hon - est,
hate and fear! May your peace and jus - tice guide us;

O God, may your jus - tice burn. Can we see, in
and he calls us to re - pent. May we turn our
may your love di - rect us here! God, we pray that,

des - ert pla - ces, that there's hope for
eyes to Je - sus, to the one that
in pre - par - ing, we'll find peace and

your new day? Will we lis - ten to a pro - phet
John pro - claimed. May we see how love can heal us;
chal - lenge too. May we find a new di - rec - tion

show - ing us a bet - ter way.
may we trust in Je - sus' name.
as we wait to wel - come you.

Opening Acclamation

Blessed are you, holy and living One.

You come to your people and set them free.

God be with you.

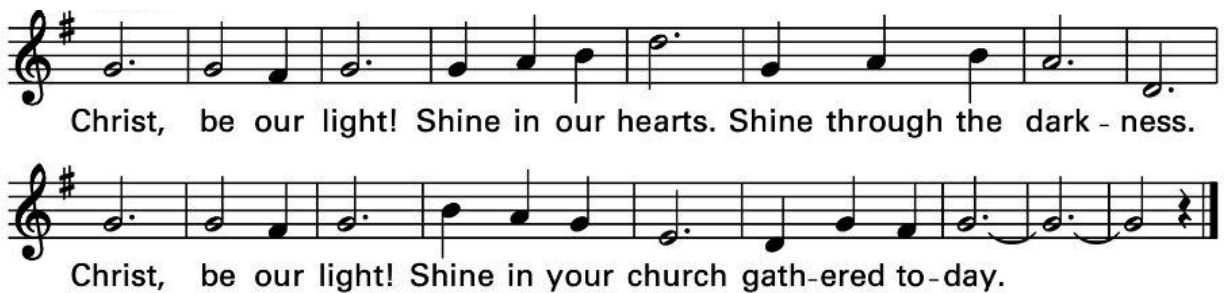
And also with you.

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 the second week of Advent, we remember the peace we have in Jesus. Jesus, as we wait for you, deepen our desire for peace. May we seek, strive, and search for peace like the prophets old and new. **Amen.**



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The Lessons

A reading from Isaiah.

Console my people, give them comfort, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out, "Clear a path through the wilderness for the Lord! Make a straight road through the desert for our God! Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low; let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges become a valley!

Then the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all humankind will see it.” The mouth of the Lord has spoken! A voice commands, “Cry out!” and I answer, “What will I say?”—“All flesh is grass and its beauty is like the wildflowers: the grass withers and the flower wilts when the breath of the Lord blows on them. How the people are like grass! Grass withers, and flowers wilt, but the promise of our God will stand forever.”

Go up on a high mountain, you who bring good news to Zion! Shout with a loud voice, you who bring good news to Jerusalem! Shout without fear, and say to the towns of Judah “Here is your God!”

Lord, O Sovereign One, you come with power, and rule with a strong arm! You bring your reward with you, and your reparation comes before you. Like a shepherd you feed your flock, gathering the lambs and holding them close, and leading mother ewes with gentleness.

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85 *The cantor sings the refrain once, then all join in.*



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| <p>1. God, how I long
for the peace you proclaim,
your salvation and glory
near to all who revere your name.</p> | <p>3. You, yourself, will give these gifts;
our land shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall walk before you,
and salvation along your way.</p> |
| <p>2. Kindness and truth shall meet,
justice and peace shall kiss;
truth shall spring forth from the earth
and justice look down from heaven.</p> | |

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Gradual Hymn



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The Gospel

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make God’s paths straight,’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Mary Lynn Coulson

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, sourg'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

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.

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*)

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 basket comes to you, please take it and pass it on. 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. Thank you!



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

Please stand, as able.

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.

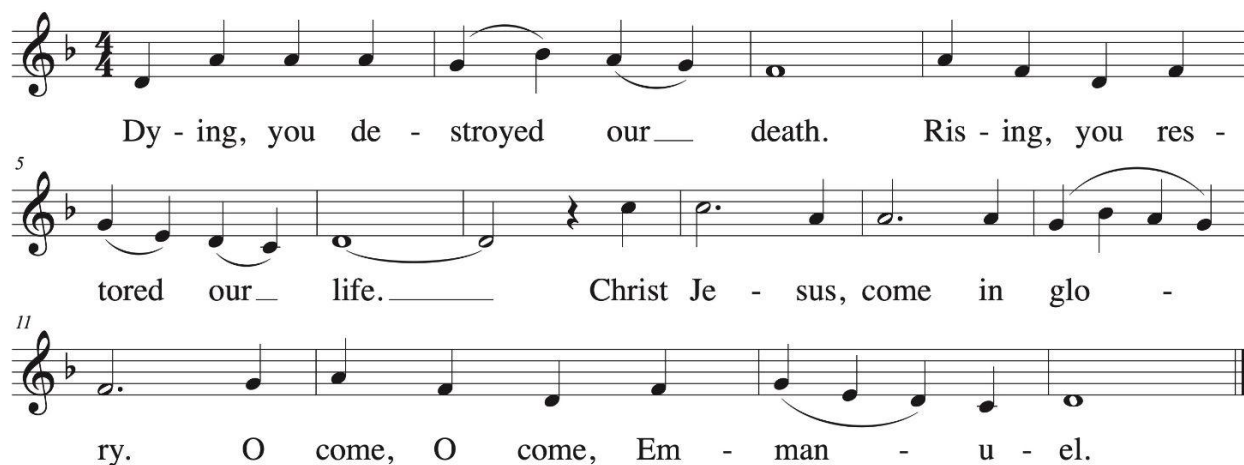
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Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to 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 Incarnation, 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.

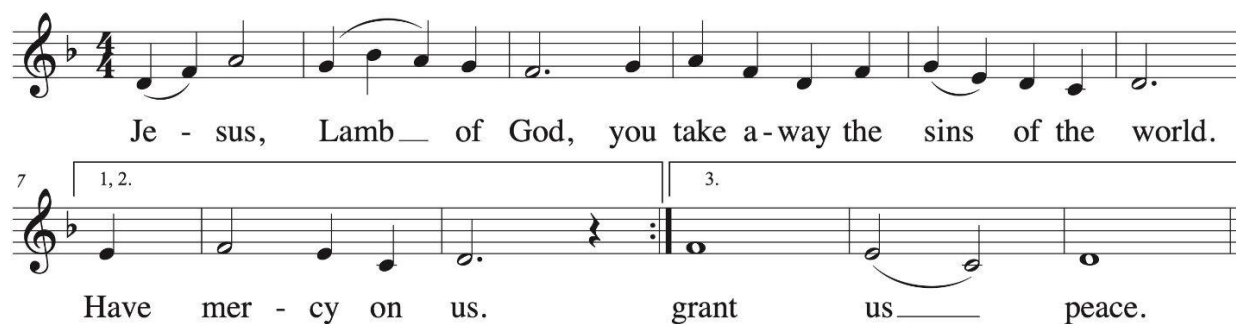
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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



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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.

If you would like to receive the laying on of hands or individual prayer, a minister is available to pray with you during communion.

Communion Music *Your Peace Will Make Us One*





1. Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the
2. I've seen you in our home fires burn - ing with a qui - et
3. In the beau - ty of the li - lies, you were born a - cross the



Lord. You are speak - ing truth to pow - er, You are
light. You are moth - er - ing and feed - ing in the
sea with a glo - ry in Your bos - om that is



lay - ing down our swords, re - plant - ing ev - ery vine - yard 'til a
wee hours of the night. Your gen - tle love is pa - tient, you will
still trans - fi - gur - ing. Dis - man - tl - ing our em - pires 'til each



brand new wine is poured.
nev - er fade or tire. Your peace will make us one.
one of us is free.



Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Your peace will make us one.

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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

Healing River of the Spirit

See next page.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Sending Song

Healing River of the Spirit

1. Heal - ing riv - er of the Spir - it, Bathe the
 2. Well-spring of the heal - ing Spir - it, Stream that
 3. Liv - ing stream that heals the na - tions, Make us

wounds that liv - ing brings. Plunge our pain, our sin, our
 flows to bring re - lease, As we gain our selves, our
 chan - nels of your pow'r. All the world is torn by

sad - ness Deep be - neath your sa - cred springs.
 sens - es, May our lives re - flect your peace.
 con - flict; Wars are rag - ing at this hour.

Wea - ry from the rest - less search - ing That has
 Grate - ful for the flood that heals us, May your
 Sav - ing Spir - it, move a - mong us, Guide our

pres - ence Peace the world can - not pro - vide.
 stran - ger, May we see our Sav - ior's face.
 geth - er, Flow - ing home - ward to our Source.

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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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we are engaged in our
community - join us!



compass station

Help people
experiencing
homelessness.

Learn more:
[shorelinecs.org/the-
compass-station](https://shorelinecs.org/the-compass-station)

rewild mission bay

Enhance and expand
historic wetlands in
our neighborhood.

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hunger supper

Every Tuesday at
6:30pm we serve a
meal for our
community members.

Get involved:
[volunteer@
standrewspb.org](mailto:volunteer@standrewspb.org)

episcopal community services

Mental health and
addiction services
and early education

Learn more:
ecscalifornia.org.

Community Announcements

Support St. Andrew's: Make a Pledge

We ♥ PB! Did you know that monthly donations from our members is the primary source of income for our church? Your donations are what keeps our church functioning and thriving. Our vibrant ministries - children's ministry, spiritual formation, Hunger Supper, and more - would not be possible without your generous financial gifts. Please make a financial commitment to St. Andrew's in 2024 - it's a profound way to put down roots in this place, and it makes a huge impact in our church and our neighborhood. Our goal is \$190,000 - will you join us? Please return pledge cards, or pledge online, today: <https://rb.gy/tvufx1> Thank you!

Mary, House of God - Advent Devotional

Advent is the season of waiting for Jesus to arrive – and it's also a time when Mary comes center stage. For thousands of years, Christians have called her many names: Theotokos ("Bearer of God" or "House of God"), Our Lady of Guadalupe, the First Disciple, and many more. So this Advent season, as we prepare for Jesus to arrive, let's get to know Mary a little bit better, filling out her ordinary, extraordinary, inspiring portrait – all the while learning how we, too, can make our homes (and our hearts!) "houses of God." Pick up an Advent devotional booklet and poster at church. The booklet includes weekly scripture readings (the same ones we will read in church!), meditations, and simple prayers to add to your at-home Advent practice.

Updated Needs at the Border

There are still significant numbers of asylum seekers held between the US/Mexico border walls waiting for processing by border patrol. Volunteers are urgently needed to assist migrants at the San Diego airport. We also need people to deliver lunches to people at the airport. Items most needed include: tuna packages, crackers, individually packaged snacks, lunch meat, cheese, peanut butter, jelly, fruit, cup o' noodles - chicken flavor, plastic disposable ponchos, blankets, jackets, heavy sweaters, hoodies for children and adults, and tarps. Please contact Kari Robinson: info@standrewspb.org to drop off items in the church office. If you can help volunteering, making lunches, etc. please contact Mother Mary Lynn: marylynn@standrewspb.org.

Greening the Church

Stay after church on Sunday, December 17 for some soup and to help decorate our church for Christmas!

Blue Christmas Service: Tuesday, December 20, 5:30pm

Our brokenness feels especially painful this time of year. Our depression and struggles seem magnified by Christmas lights and holly jolly ads on TV and in-your-face Christmas décor at Walgreens. But the Church offers us a space to bring our whole selves, including the broken, disappointed, afraid parts of us: Advent. Advent is the season of darkness. The Church doesn't go right to Christmas, right to the joy and celebration. Come experience the Blue Christmas service. This service is designed to be quiet, meditative, and peaceful. It's meant to be a space in the midst of the busy holidays to remember those we love who have died; to witness to our complicated feelings; to sit with others who are also struggling. Come, listen, pray, or just sit in silence together. And, come as you are.

A Light in the Dark: Tuesday, December 20, 7:15pm

After the Hunger Supper, which takes place at 6:30pm, we will participate in a vigil for people who have died living on the street this year. We will light candles at St. Andrew's and walk silently to the beach where we will hear the names of those people experiencing homelessness who died within the past year. In partnership with Shoreline Community Services.

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Services

Join us on Sunday, December 24 for a family friendly service at 5pm. We'll have a no-rehearsal pageant, carols and fun! Or come later at 7:30pm for candlelight, carols, organ music and a festive spirit. On Monday, December 25, join us at 10:30am in your pajamas and celebrate the Risen Christ with carols and a service of Holy Eucharist.