



Come as you are!

December 5, 2021
The Second Sunday of Advent

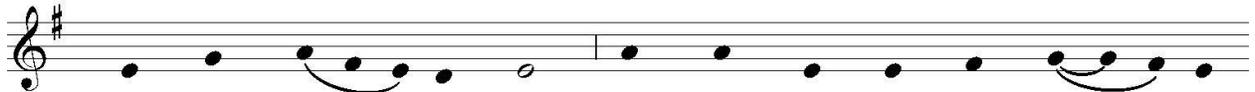


Welcome

Gathering Song



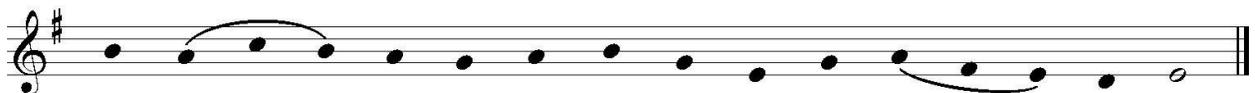
(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
(Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
(Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
(Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
(Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
(Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
(Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
(Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Opening Prayer

We stand and pray together to help us center ourselves on God.

Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

If you are able, form a “light” (candle) with an index finger to participate in the movements of this prayer.

(Hold up your “light” shoulder-high) **Jesus, light up my life with your joy and grace.**

(Raise your arm, holding your “light” over your head.) **Light up this church with compassion and hope.**

(With your arm still overhead, wave your “light” back and forth) **Light up our world with your Spirit’s power.**

(Place your “light” in front of your heart) **Light our way home to your heart of love. 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.

Light one candle to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
Christ shall bring salvation to Israel,
God fulfills the promise.

Light two candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
Christ shall feed the flock like a shepherd,
gently lead them homeward.

The First Reading

A Reading from Baruch.

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Eternal One, for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven.

For God will give you evermore the name, “Righteous Peace, Godly Glory.” Rise up, Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them.

For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the ancient hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God’s command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of God’s glory, with the compassion and justice that come from the Most High.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Christ.

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, Philip his brother tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene. In those days, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the Word of God came to John, son of Zechariah, in the desert. John went through the entire region of the Jordan proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as is written in the words of Isaiah, the prophet:

“A herald’s voice in the desert, crying,
‘Make ready the way of our God;
clear a straight path.
Every valley will be filled,
and every mountain and hill will be leveled.
The twisted paths will be made straight,
and the rough road smooth—
and all humankind will see the salvation of God.’ ”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon: The Rev. Mary Lynn Coulson

Quiet Meditation

We take this time to turn our attention inward, opening ourselves for what God might have to say to us. You might reflect on the sermon, the scripture readings for the day, or just simply enjoy a moment with nothing to do.

The Prayers of the People

This is the time when we come together to open our hearts and tell God everything going on in our lives. We get to share with God in prayer the things that are making us worried, the things that make us laugh, and more. After all of our prayers, we will shout a loud “amen” together which means - yes, I agree!

First, let’s take a minute to think of the things we’ve done this week that we’re sorry for. Let’s be quiet for a minute and think about those things. Now we can name them out loud, or quietly in our hearts.

Remember that God forgives you, so forgive yourself and forgive others. And all God’s children said - **Amen!**

God wants to know what we’re worried about. What makes you worried? Let’s name out loud the things we’re worried about.

By naming these things in prayer, we’re handing them over to God. And all God’s children said - **Amen!**

Next, let’s think of the people we know who need God’s love. Who do you know who is sick, or sad? Who can you think of in the world who needs a warm meal, or a place to sleep, or who needs a friend? Let’s name those people out loud now.

God, be with the people who need you most, and teach us to show love to them. And all God’s children said - **Amen!**

This is a special time of year when we anticipate and hope for the baby Jesus to come into the world. What are you hopeful for today? Shout it out loud!

God, remind us that nothing can separate us from your love, not even death. And all God’s children said - **Amen!**

Now let’s tell God the things we’re excited about. What are you looking forward to this week? What is making you happy in your life right now? Shout those things out!

Thank you, God, for giving us joy and laughter in our lives. And all God's children said - **Amen!**

What are you grateful for? What in your life makes you want to say - thank you God?
Let's name some things we're grateful for right now.

We are blessed indeed. And all God's children said - **Amen!**

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

God, we are like sheep, and we get lost. We forget the needs of our neighbors and do not love you above all else.

But we don't hold our hurts alone. We hold all things together as your family.

Help us to forgive each other, and forgive ourselves, as you have already forgiven us.

Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

God forgives you. Forgive others. Forgive yourself. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you!

Community Announcements

The Offertory

Prepare the way of the Lord, make the paths straight, and all the world shall see the salvation of God.

If you would like to make a gift to St. Andrew's, please place your offering in the basket provided. Or you can give online at standrewspb.org/give-to-st-andrews. Thank you!

The Doxology

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

The Eucharistic Prayer

Eucharist means “thanksgiving.” In this meal we give thanks for all that God has done for us, and we offer ourselves back to God.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We thank you, God our Father. You are our Mother too, because your love has made us to live for you and for each other. We can share our joys and sorrows.

We thank you, God, with glad hearts, and we join with everyone who believes in you; with the saints and the angels, we rejoice and praise you as we say,

**Holy holy holy Lord, God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosannah in the highest
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosannah in the highest**

You are holy, O God. You are kind to us and to all people. For this we thank you. We thank you above all for your Son, Jesus Christ. You sent him into this world because people had turned away from you and no longer loved each other.

Jesus opened our eyes and our hearts to understand that we are sisters and brothers and that you are our Father and our Mother. Jesus now brings us together to one table and asks us to do what he did.

Loving God, we ask you to bless these gifts of bread and wine and make them holy. May they be for us the body and blood of Jesus Christ, your Son.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at supper for the last time with his friends. He took bread and gave you thanks. He broke the bread and gave it to them, saying: **“Take this, all of you, and eat it: This is my body which will be given for you.”**

In the same way he took a cup of wine. He gave you thanks and handed the cup to his friends, saying: **“Take this, all of you and drink from it. This is the cup of God’s new promise. It will be poured out for you and for everyone so that sin may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.”**

And so, O God, we remember with joy everything that Jesus did to save us. In this holy sacrifice which he gave as a gift to his church, we remember his death and resurrection. Accept us, together with Jesus. He died for us, but you raised him to new life.

Jesus now lives with you in glory, but he is also here on earth among us. And he will come again in glory; and then there will be no more suffering, no more tears, no more sadness. Until that time, you call us to receive these gifts at this table and to be filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit.

Be with those who follow Jesus as they work for peace and to bring justice and love to others. And bring us all at last together with all the saints, to live with you and be with you in heaven. **Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The bread is broken.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Let us take Christ within our bodies, and become the Body of Christ.

Wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith you are welcome to receive the bread and wine made holy.

Please come forward to receive communion. One station will offer bread and wine - the minister will dip the bread into the wine and then place it in your hands. The other station will offer only bread, as well as gluten-free wafers. If you need gluten-free wafers, please say “gluten free” to the person distributing bread. If you prefer not to receive the bread, we invite you to come forward with your hands crossed at your shoulders, and the priest will offer a blessing for your presence with us today.

Communion Music

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on

our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the

saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine

train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Helmsley*, melody Augustine Arne (1710-1778); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.

Birthday Blessing

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.

The Post-Communion Prayer

God of peace, you nourish us with bread from heaven. In this time of waiting, give us peace in the darkness. Help us seek light and be light in the world. This we ask in the name of Jesus, your eternally living dream. Amen.

The Blessing

May the slowly-growing light of Advent
remind you of the hope and peace we have in Christ.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Sending Song

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine (repeat)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

I've got the light of freedom
I'm gonna let it shine (repeat)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Jesus gave it to me
I'm gonna let it shine (repeat)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

The Dismissal

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

Announcements

New Church Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday, 9am - 1pm. Come visit Faith Dougherty, our new operations manager, in the church office! She can help with updating your address, taking a pledge, or anything operations related. Email her: info@standrewspb.org.

Thank You for Your Pledges - We've Surpassed Our Goal!

We are happy to report that we have received \$173,000 in pledges for 2021. This surpasses our goal of \$155,000. Incredible! Seven new pledging units (families) have stepped up and made a financial commitment for the coming year. With the additional funds, we will be able to welcome even more people into this awesome faith community. If you have not yet pledged and would like to join this successful campaign, please pledge online: standrewspb.org/give-to-st-andrews/pledge-online. Thank you for your faithfulness, generosity and love!

Mother Mary Lynn Featured on a Podcast

Our very own rector, the Rev. Mary Lynn Coulson, spoke about the gospel on this week's Faith to Go podcast. This is a weekly offering from the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego, free or charge, to anyone interested in having faith discussions with your friends and with your family. Fresh interpretations of scripture that relate to every day life will help the Bible come alive for you. Learn more: myfaithtogo.org/podcast.

Messy Advent

Join Family Minister Kari Robinson on Sunday, December 12 after the service for fun activities for all ages. We'll meet on the lawn from approximately 11:30am - 1pm.

Soup and Decorating

Stay after service on Sunday, December 19 for soup and to help decorate our church for Christmas! Music Director Renee Calvo will play the organ while we have a festive time of decking the hall.

Blue Christmas Service, December 21, 5:30pm

Let's be honest. Sometimes the holidays are hard. But they're a little bit better when we can name that reality and be honest about it with others! Come to the Blue Christmas Service on Tuesday, December 21 at 5:30pm in the sanctuary for some music and meditation. Childcare available from 5-7pm. Masks required. We'll be together on the longest night of the year -- the winter solstice. If you would like to stay after the service for the weekly Tuesday Night Hunger Supper, you are more than welcome. Questions? Contact Mother Mary Lynn: marylynn@standrewspb.org.

Christmas Services

You're invited to our Christmas services! Come as you are. Bring a friend.

Friday, December 24, 5pm - Outdoor, no-rehearsal children's pageant

Friday, December 24, 7pm - Indoor, candlelight Christmas service - masks required

Saturday, December 25, 10am - Indoor Christmas service - wear your Christmas jammies and bring your favorite present from the morning!

Saturday, December 25, 11 - Christmas brunch potluck - Bring a dish to share with our unhoused neighbors on Christmas day. Sign up by contacting Caryn Blanton: caryn@shorelinecs.org.

First Sunday Formation

Save the date: Sunday, January 2, 9am - 10am. Join us for scintillating conversation about topics that matter. Bring your questions, your Bible, and your honesty. We want to explore questions of faith, life, death, spirituality and more with you! Conversations take place in our parish hall.

Acolyte Adventure!

Sunday, January 9, 11:30am - 1pm. New and returning acolytes (worship service helpers) in third grade and above, are invited for lunch, a scavenger hunt and acolyte practice. This will be a time of fun and learning! Questions? Contact Family Minister Kari Robinson: family@standrewspb.org