

Welcome

Gathering Song

Signs of Endings All Around Us



1. Signs of__ end - ings all a - round us— dark - ness, death, and win - ter days
2. Can it__ be that from our end - ings, new be - gin - nings you cre - ate?
3. Speak, O__ God, your Word a - mong us. Bar - ren lives your pres - ence fill.



shroud our__ lives in fear and sad - ness, numb - ing__ mouths that long to praise.
Life from death, and from our rend - ings, realms of__ whole - ness gen - er - ate?
Swell our__ hearts with songs of__ glad - ness, ter - rors__ calm fore - bod - ings still.



Come, O__ Christ, and dwell a - mong us! Hear our cries, come set us__ free.
Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them in - to__ hopes for life a - new:
Let your prom - ised realm of__ jus - tice blos - som now through - out the earth;



Give us__ hope and faith and glad - ness. Show us__ what there yet can be.
Fad - ing__ light and dy - ing__ sea - son sing their Glo - ri - as__ to you.
your do - min - ion bring now near us; we a - wait the sav - ing birth.

Opening Acclamation

Blessed are you, holy and living One.

You come to your people and set them free.

God be with you.

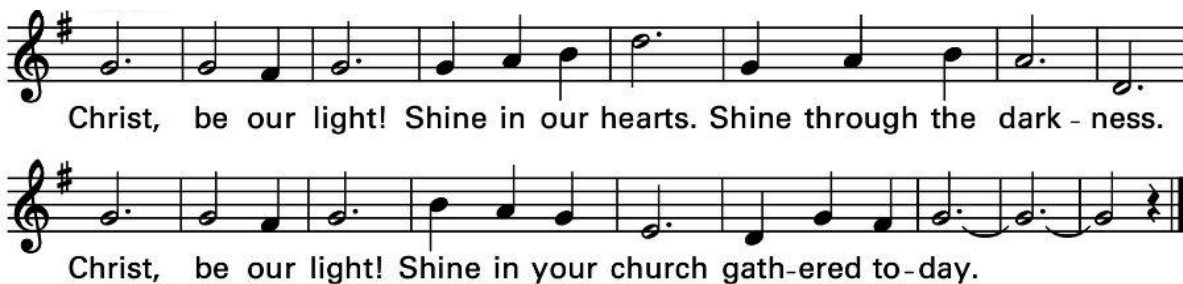
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Stir up the hearts of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lighting the Advent Wreath

In the third week of Advent, we remember the joy we have in Jesus. Jesus, as we wait for you, give us your joy, which resonates more deeply than fleeting happiness. May we loosen the constrictions of our lives to make room for your joy! **Amen.**



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The Lessons

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Let the desert and the wilderness exult! Let the Arabah rejoice and bloom like the crocus! Let it blossom profusely, let it rejoice and sing for joy! The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon. They will see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees. Say to all those of faint heart: "Take courage! Do not be afraid! Look, the Lord is coming, vindication is coming, the recompense of God— God is coming to save you!"

Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, the ears of the deaf will be unsealed. Then those who cannot walk will leap like deer and the tongues of those who cannot speak will sing for joy. Waters will break forth in the wilderness, and there will be streams in the desert. The scorched earth will become a lake; the parched land, springs of water. The lairs where jackals used to dwell will become thickets of reed and papyrus.

And through it will run a highway, a road called the Sacred Path. The unclean may not travel by it, but it will be for God's people alone; and no traveler—not even fools—will go astray. No lions will be there, nor will any fierce beast roam about it, but the redeemed will walk there—for those whom the Lord has ransomed will return. They will enter Zion shouting for joy, with everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them, and sorrow and lament will flee away.

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

Thanks be to God.

Canticle 15



1. Sing out, my soul, for God has raised and
 2. The proud of heart he shall make low and
 3. Glo - ry to you, the God of all cre -

1. blessed me And looked on me with kind - ly, lov - ing
 2. hum - ble. The gen - tle, poor and hun - gry shall be
 3. a - tion. Glo - ry to you, O Christ, the prom - ised

1. eyes. A ser - vant low - ly, yet am I be - lov - ed.
 2. filled. O Is - ra - el! God shall up - hold the prom - ise
 3. one. Glo - ry to you, O Spir - it of Com - pas - sion.

1. This won - drous God has done great things for me.
 2. Made long a - go to you and A - bra - ham.
 3. In - spire our hearts to sing our moth - er's song.

1-3. For - ev - er - more, O might - y God of mer - cy,

1-3. I will sing praise, for ho - ly is your name!

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Gradual Hymn



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The Gospel

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

While John was in prison, he heard about the works the Messiah was performing, and sent a message by way of his disciples to ask Jesus, “Are you ‘The One who is to come’ or do we look for another?” In reply, Jesus said to them, “Go back and report to John what you hear and see:

‘Those who are blind recover their sight;
those who cannot walk are able to walk;
those with leprosy are cured;
those who are deaf hear;
the dead are raised to life;
and the poor—the “have-nots”—
have the Good News preached to them.’
“Blessed is the one who finds no stumbling block in me.”

As the messengers set off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out to the wasteland to see—a reed swaying in the wind? Tell me, what did you go out to see—someone luxuriously dressed? No, those who dress luxuriously are to be found in royal palaces. So what did you go out to see—a prophet? Yes, a prophet—and more than a prophet! It is about John that scripture says,

‘I send my messenger ahead of you
to prepare your way before you.’

“The truth is, history has not known a person born of woman who is greater than John the Baptizer. Yet the least born into the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon Caryn Blanton

Executive Director of Shoreline Community Services

The Creed

From Daily Prayer for All Seasons

We believe in God, Creator of all: The two-legged, the four-legged, the winged ones, and those that crawl upon the earth and swim in the waters.

We believe in God, One Who Walked with Us: Our Brother Jesus born in humility, who lived and died for us and who will come again to bring us to glory.

We believe in God, Spirit with Us: Ever present and ever guiding, upholding us and showing us the principles to live by.

We hear God's voice through the prophets.

Creator, One Who Walked with Us, Spirit with Us, Holy One:

We are named in the waters of baptism as your own, all of us related, all of us your children.

We watch for signs of your homecoming and thank you for this sacred circle of life. Amen.

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 Bill Scott, Ethel, Sue, Rodge Wood, and 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 *Come Now, O Prince of Peace*



1. Come now, O Prince of Peace, make us one bod - y,
2. Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y,
3. Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior,
4. Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y,

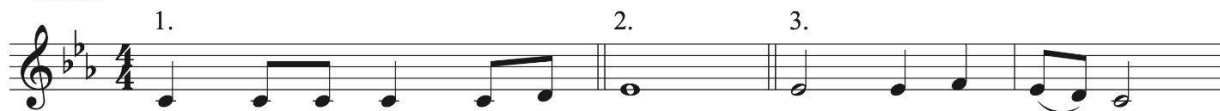


Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec-on-cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec-on-cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec-on-cile all na - tions.
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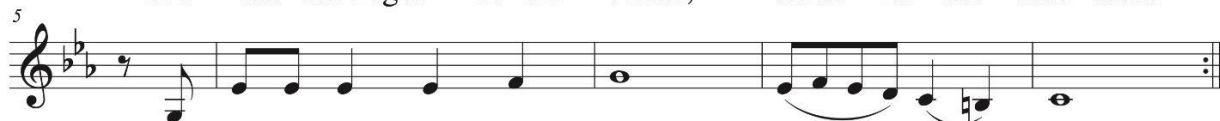
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God In Us

Canon



You are the Light of the World; Shine in our dark - ness.



Em - man-u - el, God with us, God in us.

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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.

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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.

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

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

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

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

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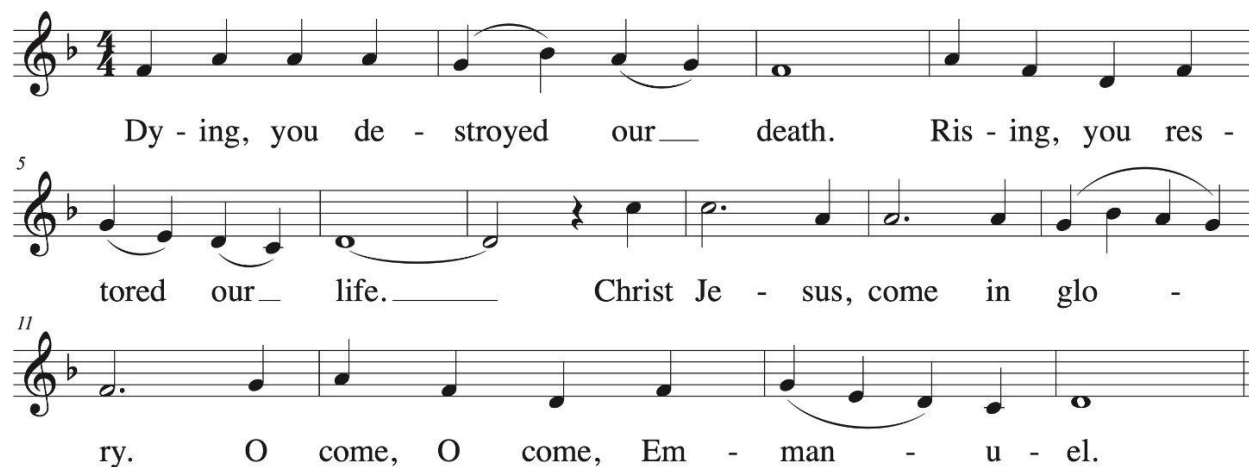
Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

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 blessed Andrew and 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.

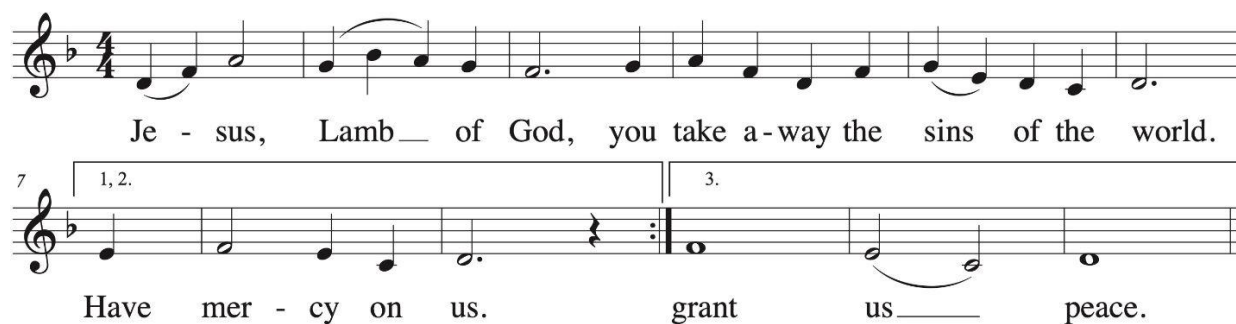
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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 individual prayer, a minister is available to pray with you during communion.

Communion Music

There's a world at war
Caught in suffering
Silent casualties
Oh God, grant us peace

In these sleepless nights
I can hardly breathe
Despite brutality
I know that we'll be free
I know that we'll be free

So let the light in, keep it shining
Let it break into the darkness
All the love dares us to see
We'll all be free

In these desperate times
Love will hold us here
Love will join our hands
Teach us to have no fear

We'll All Be Free, William Matthews

So we lay our hate down
To wash their feet
When we see our brother
Oh, we'll all be free
Yes, we'll all be free

Let the light in, keep it shining
Let it break into the darkness
All the love dares us to see
We'll all be free
(x2)

We'll be free, free, we'll all be free
(Repeat)

Let the light in, keep it shining
Let it break into the darkness
All the love dares us to see
We'll all be free
(x2)

Tell your sister, tell your brother
Tell your father, tell your mother
Tell yourselves, tell everybody
We'll all be free
Tell the lovers, tell the haters

Tell the prisoners, tell the jailers
Tell the world, tell everybody
We'll all be free
(x2)

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

Blessing of St. Clare

Live without fear.
Your creator has made you holy,
Has always protected you,
And loves you as a mother.
Go in peace to follow the good road
And may God's blessing be with you always,
In the name of the One, Holy, and Living God.
Amen.

The Sending Song

Canticle of the Turning



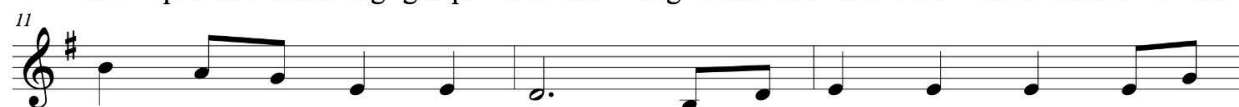
1. My _____ soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the God of my heart is
2. Though _____ I am small, my _____ God, my all, you _____ work great _____ things in
3. From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a stone will be left on
4. Though the na - tions rage from _____ age to age, we re - mem - ber who holds us



great, And my spir - it _____ sings of the won - drous things that you
me, And your mer - cy will last from the depths of the past to the
stone. Let the king be - ware for your jus - tice _____ tears ev - 'ry
fast: God's _____ mer - cy _____ must de - liv - er _____ us from the



bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
end of the age to be. Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
ty - rant _____ from his throne. The hun - gry poor shall _____ weep no more, for the
con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp. This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, So from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, You will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; There are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, 'Til the spear and rod can be



name be _____ blest. Could the world be a - bout to _____ turn?
strong to _____ flight, for the world is a - bout to _____ turn?
mouth be _____ fed, for the world is a - bout to _____ turn?
crushed by _____ God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a -



way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to _____ turn!

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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

2023 Pledge Drive: More Than Enough

Did you know that monthly donations from our members is 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. Our 2023 goal for pledges is \$180,000 - will you join us? Please return your pledge card in person on Sunday, mail it back or pledge via our website.

Blanket Drive

Please bring blankets, sleeping bags, rain ponchos, and other warm items for our unhoused neighbors. Weather is getting colder! People need warmth! Please drop them off in the box at the back of the church anytime now until January. Thank you!

Upcoming Baptism Opportunity

If you're considering baptism for yourself or a loved one, please speak with Mother Mary Lynn. Our next service with baptisms will take place on January 8. Email our rector today: marylynn@standrewspb.org.

Rebel Women Bible Study on Wednesdays

The Bible is full of kick-ass women who bucked the status quo. Ruth, Naomi, Deborah, Jael— meet the real women of the Bible in this approachable, fun, book-club-style group. Come connect with other women asking big questions and seeking support on the spiritual journey. This is a casual group that would love to welcome you! Join us on Wednesdays, 9:30am - 10:30am in the sanctuary. Questions? Contact Mother Mary Lynn: marylynn@standrewspb.org.

Beloved! Youth Epiphany Retreat - February 3-5 at Camp Stevens

Two nights accommodations at Camp Stevens, five delicious Camp Stevens meals, campfires, worship, games, activities, friends, laughter and more. Save the dates and contact Charlette Preslar for info: cpreslar@edsd.org.