

St Francis Episcopal Church, San Jose, CA
Morning Prayer, Tuesday, November 30, 2021

St Andrew, Apostle
(Transferred)

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You are invited to begin the service by lighting a candle.

Happy are all they that wait for the LORD. (Isaiah 30:18)

Happy are all they that put their trust in him. (Psalm 2:12)

Happy are they who know that they are poor;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs. (Matt. 5:3)

Happy are they whose delight is in the law of the Lord. (Ps. 1:1-2)

Happy are they of a gentle spirit; (Ps. 37:11)

They shall have the earth for their inheritance. (Matthew 5:5)

Happy are they who do hunger and thirst to see the right prevail;
For they shall be satisfied. (Matthew 5:6)

Happy are the merciful;

For they shall obtain mercy. (Matthew 5:7)

Happy are the pure in heart;

For they shall see God. (Psalm 24:4, Matthew 5:8)

Happy are the peacemakers;

For they shall be called the children of God. (Matthew 5:9)

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us,
that we should be called the children of God.

And such we are. (1 John 3:1)

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who only does wondrous things;

And blessed be the Name of his majesty for ever:

Let all the earth be filled with his glory. (Ps. 72:19-20)¹

¹ ~ in *Canadian Centennial Anthology of Prayer* (The Canadian Interfaith Conference, 1967).

<http://www.amazon.ca/Canadian-Centennial-Anthology-Interfaith-Conference/dp/B0087KOKTW>

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind. As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and forever. **Amen.**

Psalm 113

12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

13 The Lord looks down from heaven, and beholds all the people in the world.

14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze on all who dwell on the earth.

15 He fashions all the hearts of them and understands all their works.

16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; for all its strength it cannot save.

18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, on those who wait upon his love,

19 To pluck their lives from death, and to feed them in time of famine.

20 Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, for in his holy Name we put our trust. 22 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, as we have put our trust in you.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A reading from Romans

⁹*because^{*} if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.* ¹⁰*For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.* ¹¹*The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.'* ¹²*For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.*

¹³*For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'*

14 But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵*And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'* ¹⁶*But not all have obeyed the good news;* ^{*}*for Isaiah says, 'Lord, who has believed our message?'* ¹⁷*So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.* ^{*}

*18 But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have; for
'Their voice has gone out to all the earth,
and their words to the ends of the world.'*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

**I saw a new heaven and a new earth,
for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away
and the sea was no more.**

**And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.**

**And I heard a great voice from the throne saying,
'Behold, my dwelling is with my people.**

**'I will dwell with them and they shall be mine,
and I myself will be with them.**

**'I will wipe away every tear from their eyes,
and death shall be no more.**

**'Neither shall there be mourning,
nor crying, nor pain any more,
for the former things have passed away.'
And the One who sat upon the throne said,*
'Behold, I make all things new.'**

Revelation 21:1-5

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the
beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew

18 As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.'
²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.

²²*Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.

And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

By its light the nations shall walk, and the rulers of the earth shall bring their glory into it.

Its gates shall never be shut by day, nor shall there be any night; they shall bring into it the glory and honour of the nations.

I saw the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

And either side of the river stood the tree of life, yielding its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

The throne of God and of the Lamb shall be there, and his servants shall worship him; and they shall see his face and his name shall be on their foreheads.

To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might, for ever and ever. *Revelation 21:22-26; 22:1-4; 5:13*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.**

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
Govern and uphold them, now and always.
Day by day we bless you;
We praise your Name for ever.
Lord, keep us from all sin today;
Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
Lord, show us your love and mercy;
For we put our trust in you.
In you, Lord, is our hope;
And we shall never hope in vain.

Almighty God, who gave such grace to your apostle Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ, and brought his brother with him: Give unto us, who are called by your Word, grace to follow him without delay, and to bring those near to us into his gracious presence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

God of life and of truth,
Your Son invites us to see the world through your eyes
and we find ourselves disoriented:

You bless the poor
You bless the meek
You bless the pure in heart.
You turn our world and its values upside down.

We have signed on to follow your Son but this is strange territory.
It doesn't look anything like the life we have been taught to yearn for, to work for, to believe will bring us happiness.

Yet, You know the despair that besets
so many of our young people
who fear that their future has been mortgaged
by our greed and carelessness.

You hear the cries of those who
have traded their souls for power and money
and now have emptiness as a friend.

***You see those who are caught in lives that
lead only to weariness and anxiety.***

Set us at Jesus' feet
so we can learn to judge our lives differently.
Awaken in us that hunger and thirst for you
which will lead us to your will
and your peace.

Open our eyes to see your unexpected blessings.
Open our hearts to welcome you
when you come to us in strange ways.

Then make us into a community of blessedness
that beckons this neighborhood
into your joy.

We ask these things in the name of Jesus
who blesses us with your living presence
and fills our lives with your life-changing truth. **Amen.**²

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**
Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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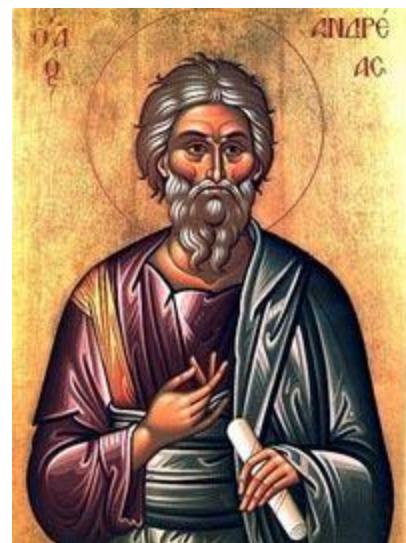
ANDREW THE APOSTLE

(30 NOV NT)

Most references to Andrew in the New Testament simply include him on a list of the Twelve Apostles, or group him with his brother, Simon Peter. But he appears acting as an individual three times in the Gospel of John. When a number of Greeks (perhaps simply Greek-speaking Jews) wish to speak with Jesus, they approach Philip, who tells Andrew, and the two of them tell Jesus (Jn 12:20-22). (It may be relevant here that both "Philip" and "Andrew" are Greek names.) Before Jesus feeds the Five Thousand, it is Andrew who says, "Here is a lad with five barley loaves and two fish." (Jn 6:8f) And the first two disciples whom John reports as attaching themselves to Jesus (Jn 1:35-42) are Andrew and another disciple (whom John does not name, but who is commonly supposed to be John himself -- John never mentions himself by name, a widespread literary convention).

Having met Jesus, Andrew then finds his brother Simon and brings him to Jesus. Thus, on each occasion when he is mentioned as an individual, it is because he is instrumental in bringing others to meet the Saviour. In the Episcopal Church, the Fellowship of Saint Andrew is devoted to encouraging personal evangelism, and the bringing of one's friends and colleagues to a knowledge of the Gospel of Christ.

Just as Andrew was the first of the Apostles, so his feast is taken in the West to be the beginning of the Church Year. (Eastern Christians begin their Church Year on 1 September.) The First Sunday of Advent is defined to be the Sunday on or nearest his feast (although it could equivalently be defined as the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day).



Several centuries after the death of Andrew, some of his relics were brought by a missionary named Rule to Scotland, to a place then known as Fife, but now known as St. Andrew's, and best known as the site of a world-famous golf course and club. For this reason, Andrew is the patron of Scotland.

When the Emperor Constantine established the city of Byzantium, or Constantinople, as the new capital of the Roman Empire, replacing Rome, the bishop of Byzantium became very prominent. Five sees (bishoprics) came to be known as patriarchates: Rome, Alexandria, Antioch, Jerusalem, and Byzantium. Now, the congregation at Rome claimed the two most famous apostles, Peter and Paul, as founders. Antioch could also claim both Peter and Paul, on the explicit testimony of Scripture, and of course Jerusalem had all the apostles. Alexandria claimed that Mark, who had been Peter's "interpreter" and assistant, and had written down the Gospel of Mark on the basis of what he had heard from Peter, had after Peter's death gone to Alexandria and founded the church there. Byzantium was scorned by the other patriarchates as a new-comer, a church with the political prestige of being located at the capital of the Empire, but with no apostles in its history. Byzantium responded with the claim that its founder and first bishop had been Andrew the brother of Peter. They pointed out that Andrew had been the first of all the apostles to follow Jesus (John 1:40-41), and that he had brought his brother to Jesus. Andrew was thus, in the words of John Chrysostom, "the Peter before Peter." As Russia was Christianized by missionaries from Byzantium, Andrew became the patron not only of Byzantium but also of Russia.

Andrew is the national saint of Scotland. George (23 Apr) is the national saint of England, Patrick (17 Mar) of Ireland, and Dewi = David (1 Mar) of Wales. George, who was a soldier, is customarily pictured as a knight with a shield that bears a red cross on a white background. This design is therefore the national flag of England. It is said that Andrew was crucified on a Cross Saltire -- an 'X' -shaped cross. His symbol is a Cross Saltire, white on a blue background. This is accordingly the national flag of Scotland. A symbol of Patrick is a red cross saltire on a white background. The crosses of George and Andrew were combined to form the Union Jack, or flag of Great Britain, and later the cross of Patrick was added to form the present Union Jack. Wales does not appear as such (sorry!). Whether there is a design known as the cross of David, I have no idea.

by James Kiefer

Note: there is a cross of St. David. It is similar to the cross of St. George, but is yellow on black.