
Saint Andrew's

episcopal church

HOLY EUCHARIST

Third Sunday of Advent
Year A



welcome!

Thank you for joining us today!

Our service outline can be found in this booklet; the congregation says the text in **bold**. In addition to this booklet, we will be using the “**Book of Common Prayer**” and “**Hymnal 1982**,” both found in the pews. Our **readings** during the season of Advent are printed in this booklet and come from the Rev. Dr. Wil Gafney’s “**A Women’s Lectionary for the Whole Church Year A.**”

At Saint Andrew’s, **children are included in all aspects of our worship service;** we welcome their presence and all the sounds that come with it! There is a **changing table available** in our nursery; exit the sanctuary at the front and proceed down the hallway.

ALL are invited to the Lord’s table, regardless of where you come from, what you believe, or who you love.

Masks are optional, but please **be considerate** of those who choose to mask. **Maintain social distancing** as appropriate. **Stay home if you are sick** or have recently tested positive for or been around others who have Covid-19; and get **vaccinated ASAP!**

Ushers are in the narthex at the back of the sanctuary and are happy to answer any questions.

WELCOME!

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Reader Today we light the first, second, and third candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is HOPE, the second candle is PEACE, and the third candle is JOY."

The candle is lit.

Reader Joyful Savior, as this candle shines, we remember Mary—daughter of Miriam's line, heir of Hannah's courage, shaped by the faith of foremothers who carried your promises in their own bodies. Let the joy she sang take root in us: joy that lifts the lowly, topples the mighty, and proclaims your justice with hope that will not be silenced.

People **Come, Emmanuel. Stir up our joy.**

Gathering Hymn – *The Hymnal 1982, Open your ears, O faithful people, H 536*

All stand as able

Remain standing as able

Celebrant Blessed be the one holy and living God.

People **Glory to God forever and ever.**

People **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Trisagion – *The Hymnal 1982, S 100* *All stand as able*

Collect of the Day *Remain standing as able*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

First Reading – Ruth 4:11-17 *All may be seated*

Reader A reading from the book of Ruth

¹¹All the women and men who were at the gate, along with the elders, said, “We are witnesses. May the Faithful God grant that the woman who is coming into your house be like Rachel and Leah; the two of them built up the house of Israel. May you prosper in Ephrathah and establish a lineage in Bethlehem; ¹²and, may your house, through the children that the Fount of Life will give you by this young woman, be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar gave birth to for Judah.” ¹³So Boaz took Ruth as his own for a wife. He came to her and the Source of Life granted her a pregnancy, and she gave birth to a son. ¹⁴Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the Faithful God, who has not deprived you this day of next-of-kin; and may the child’s name be renowned in Israel! ¹⁵He shall be to you a restorer of life and a provider in your latter years; for your daughter-in-law has given birth to him, she who loves you, she who is more to you than seven sons.” ¹⁶Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and she fostered him. ¹⁷The neighbor-women gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.”

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 78:1-8 *Text is chanted; all remain seated*

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



¹Give ear, my people, to my | teaching;
incline your ear to the utterances of my | mouth.
²I will open my mouth in a | proverb;
I will utter riddles from of | old,
³Which we have heard and | known,
and which our mothers and fathers have | told us.
⁴We will not hide them from their daughters and | sons;
we will recount to generations to | come

Repeat last two measures

the praiseworthy deeds of She Who Speaks | Life,
and her might, and the wonderful works she has | done.
⁵She gave her decrees for Rebekah’s de | scendants
and placed teaching among Sarah’s | offspring,
which she commanded their mothers and | fathers
to make known to their daughters and | sons.
⁶In order that a coming generation, children yet to be, might | know,
and will rise up and tell their daughters and | sons.
⁷Then they will put their confidence in | God,
and not forget the works of God, but will keep her com | mandments;

Second Reading – Galatians 4:1-7 *All remain seated*

Reader A reading from the book of Galatians

¹I say that as long as heirs are minors, they are no better than slaves, though they are the masters of all; ²but they remain under guardians and trustees until the time set by the father. ³So also for us; while we were minors, we were enslaved by the constitutive elements of the world. ⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent God's own Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption like children. ⁶And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of God's own Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation – The Hymnal 1982, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, H 56 (verse 4 only)

All stand as able

Holy Gospel – Matthew 1:1-16 *Remain standing as able*

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

A genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of Miriam, the daughter of Anna:

Sarah was the mother of Isaac,

And Rebekah was the mother of Jacob,

Leah was the mother of Judah,

Tamar was the mother of Perez.

The names of the mothers of Hezron, Ram, Amminadab,

Nahshon and Salmon have been lost.

Rahab was the mother of Boaz,

and Ruth was the mother of Obed.

Obed's wife, whose name is unknown, bore Jesse.

The wife of Jesse was the mother of David.

Bathsheba was the mother of Solomon,

Naamah, the Ammonite, was the mother of Rehoboam.

Maacah was the mother of Abijam and the grandmother of Asa.

Azubah was the mother of Jehoshaphat.

The name of Jehoram's mother is unknown.

Athaliah was the mother of Ahaziah,

Zibiah of Beersheba, the mother of Joash.

Jecoliah of Jerusalem bore Uzziah,

Jerusha bore Jotham; Ahaz's mother is unknown.

Abi was the mother of Hezekiah,

Hephzibah was the mother of Manasseh,

Meshullemeth was the mother of Amon,

Jedidah was the mother of Josiah.

Zebidah was the mother of Jehoiakim,

Nehushta was the mother of Jehoiachin,

Hamutal was the mother of Zedekiah.

Then the deportation of Babylon took place.
After the deportation to Babylon
the names of the mothers go unrecorded.
These are their sons:
Jechoniah, Shealtiel, Zerubbabel,
Abiud, Eliakim, Azor and Zadok,
Achim, Eliud, Eleazar,
Matthan, Jacob, and Joseph, the husband of Miriam.
Of her was born Jesus who is called Christ.
The sum of generations is there: fourteen from Sarah to David's mother;
fourteen from Bathsheba to the Babylonian deportation;
and fourteen from the Babylonian deportation to Miriam, the mother of Christ.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

Nicene Creed – *The Book of Common Prayer, Page 358* *All stand as able*

Prayers of the People *All stand as able*

Leader Sisters and brothers, strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Let us seek the Lord praying, "Let us see your glory, O Lord; *Come to us and save us!*"

Lord, save your Church from weakness of heart. Give us strength to prepare this world for the coming of your Christ. And give us patience when it seems Christ's kingdom does not come quickly enough.

Silence

People Let us see your glory, O Lord;
Come to us and save us!

Leader Lord, save this nation from disordered priorities and misplaced hope. May our values mirror your values. May we be a nation that gives justice to the oppressed, food to the hungry, and care to the stranger.

Silence

People Let us see your glory, O Lord;
Come to us and save us!

Leader Lord, save your creation from human misuse. Bless us to play a part in the redemption you have planned for all of creation.

Silence

People Let us see your glory, O Lord;
Come to us and save us!

Leader Lord, save this city from hopelessness. Give us a vision and a future. Raise up prophets who will speak hope and encouragement to the people of our region.

Silence

People Let us see your glory, O Lord;
Come to us and save us!

Leader Lord, save the sick and the sorrowful in the midst of their affliction. May they experience the healing work of their Messiah. Make happy all those who have you for their help.

The congregation adds their petitions and thanksgivings, followed by silence

People Let us see your glory, O Lord;
Come to us and save us!

Leader Lord, bless all members of your heavenly kingdom. May they obtain eternal joy and gladness in your presence—where sorrow and sighing are no more.

Silence

People Let us see your glory, O Lord;
Come to us and save us!

Confession and Absolution – *The Book of Common Prayer, Page 360* All stand or kneel as able

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people greet each other and exchange signs of peace.

Celebrations All may be seated.

We pray for persons desiring prayer for special celebrations, such as anniversaries of birth, baptism, marriage, etc. We would like to invite members to come up if they feel so called or identify themselves from their seat.

All **O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as they celebrate. Grant that they may continue to grow in wisdom and love, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. (Ephesians 5:2)

Offerings may be made at standrewsdsm.org/give or may be deposited in the plate and/or Orange Bucket to support organizations combatting hunger in Iowa.

Offertory – *The Hymnal 1982, Comfort, Comfort, H 67*

Great Thanksgiving – *The Book of Common Prayer, Page 367, Prayer B* All stand as able

Sanctus – *The Hymnal 1982, S 124* Remain stand as able

The Celebrant continues on Page 368 in the Book of Common Prayer

Fraction Anthem – *The Hymnal 1982, S 161* Remain stand as able

All are invited to come forward for communion, sanitizing hands, forming a line. The **wine will be offered in the common cup** (wiping and turning after each use). **Intinction will also be available using a separate bowl and non-alcoholic wine.** The **fullness of communion** is available by receiving both or either the bread and wine. **If you would like a blessing** instead of bread and wine, please cross your arms over your chest. Individuals at a higher risk of Covid infection are encouraged to participate (or not!) in the way that makes them **most comfortable**.

Communion Music – *Gather, Advent Gathering, Gather 324*

Sending Out of Eucharistic Visitors All stand as able

Celebrant In the name of Saint Andrew's, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.
People **We, who are many, are one body, for we all share one bread, one cup.**

Post Communion Prayer All stand as able

Celebrant Let us pray.
People **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Announcements

Blessing – All standing, a priest may offer this or another blessing:

Celebrant The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, Mother of us all, be upon you and remain with you always.
People **Amen.**

Closing Hymn – *The Hymnal 1982, Hail to the Lord's Anointed, H 616*

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

