

WELCOME TO SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday, February 2, 2025

9:00 AM



In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, welcome! I am honored and delighted that you have chosen Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church as a place to worship this morning. If this is your first time to visit I encourage you to fill out a **Connect Card** on the back of the pew in front of you, and drop it in one of the offering plates so we can learn about you and thank you for worshiping with us. Please also pick up one of the red folders which includes information about Saint Andrew's life and ministry. I invite you to participate in today's worship service and thank you for joining us this morning.

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Dr. Linda Patterson, Director of Music

The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

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The Word of God

CANDLEMAS PROCESSION

The congregation stands.

The Presider greets the people with these words

Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Dear people of God, forty days ago we celebrated the joyful feast of the Incarnation of Jesus. Today we recall the day on which he was presented in the temple, fulfilling the law of Moses. Led by the Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the temple, recognized the child as the Christ, and proclaimed him with joy. United by the same Spirit, we now enter the house of God, where we shall recognize Christ in the breaking of bread.

Let us pray.

O eternal God, who has created all things; on this day you fulfilled the petitions of the just Simeon: We humbly ask you to bless and sanctify these candles for our use.

Graciously hear our prayers and be merciful to us, whom you have redeemed by your Son, who is the light of the world, and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The following canticle is then sung or said, during which the candles are lighted, if the people are not already holding them.

A Light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.

**A Light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.**

Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised.

**A Light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.**

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see.

**A Light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.**

The Presider then says the following prayer

Let us pray.

O God, source of all light, today you revealed to the aged Simeon your light which enlightens the nations. Fill our hearts with the light of faith, that we who bear these candles may walk in the path of goodness, through Jesus Christ the Light of the World.
Amen.

THE PROCESSION

Priest Let us go forth in peace.
People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

During the procession, all carry lighted candles; and appropriate hymns, psalms, or anthems are sung. In a suitable place, the procession may halt while the following or some other appropriate Collect is said.

The light of Christ has come in - to the
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world. The light of Christ has
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come in - to the world. world.
has come.

1. Final ending

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We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O Lord, in the midst of your temple. Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to the world's end; your right hand is full of justice.

Let us pray.

O God, you have made this day holy by the presentation of your Son in the Temple, and by the purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Mercifully grant that we, who delight in her humble readiness to be the birth-giver of the Only-begotten, may rejoice for ever in our adoption as his sisters and brothers; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The people kneel.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

After the Collect, all extinguish their candles.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1-4

The people sit.

A Reading from the Book of Malachi.

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

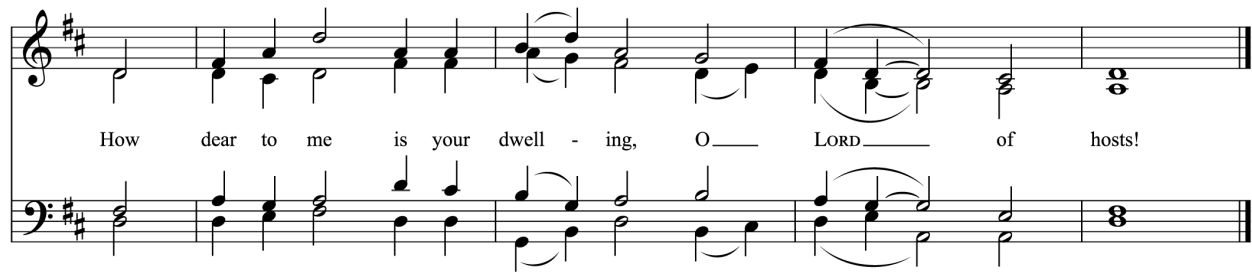
For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 84

Remain seated.



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¹ How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

² The sparrow has found her a house

and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.

Antiphon

³ Happy are they who dwell in your house! *

they will always be praising you.

⁴ Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *

whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Antiphon

⁵ Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *

for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

⁶ They will climb from height to height, *

and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

Antiphon

⁷ LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *

hearken, O God of Jacob.

⁸ Behold our defender, O God; *

and look upon the face of your Anointed.

⁹ For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *

and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

Antiphon

¹⁰ For the LORD God is both sun and shield; *

he will give grace and glory;

¹¹ No good thing will the LORD withhold *

from those who walk with integrity.

¹² O LORD of hosts, *

happy are they who put their trust in you!

Antiphon

SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:14-18

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 93 Angels, From the Realms of Glory

Children are invited to follow the Processional Cross to Children's Chapel.

GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

All stand.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;

for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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

THE SERMON

THE CREED
All stand.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
**by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**
**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people kneel.

We long for the promise of God to be fulfilled, standing with Anna and Simeon, praying for the redemption of the world, saying, "Let our eyes see your salvation."

For the Church and our call to work for reconciliation in Christ's name. We pray especially for Sean, the Presiding Bishop; Andy, Hector, Jeff, and Kai, our Bishops; Daryl, our Rector; Benjamin, our Church Planter; Amy and Michael, our Iona School students; and those discerning a call to ministry. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. David's, Austin; St. George's, Austin; and St. James', Austin. We remember our Church Plant, Espíritu Santo, its volunteers and supporters, and those that they minister with. Strengthen them as they reach out to you in prayer and hope, we pray, **Let our eyes see your salvation.**

For those in civil authority, that they may make decisions for the common good, we pray, **Let our eyes see your salvation.**

For all those in places of strife, war and conflict; for those who suffer from systems of oppression and injustice; embolden us to respond with your love, justice, and mercy, we pray, **Let our eyes see your salvation.**

For those who are without shelter, for those who hunger, for victims of inclement and violent weather; and for all those who are sick and suffering, especially Jim, Dixie, Charlie, Randy, Joe, Clarissa, and Linda; open our hearts to respond in Christ's name, we pray, **Let our eyes see your salvation.**

For all those who have died, especially Pat Cruse, and know already the salvation that Christ promises; for all those who mourn, we pray, **Let our eyes see your salvation.**

For the many blessings of our lives, for ourselves and all those we love, especially for Billie and Connie, who are celebrating birthdays this week, we pray, **Let our eyes see your salvation.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**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.**

The Priest stands and says

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

All stand.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY: Nunc Dimittis from Service in D Major

Charles Wood

*Lord, Thou lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace,
For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared for all the world to see.
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.*

DOXOLOGY

Hymn 380, verse 3

The people stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Celebrant says

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
<i>People</i>	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a proper preface is said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS S 130 *Holy, holy, holy (Schubert)*

Celebrant and People

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a piano part on the left and a vocal part on the right. The piano part is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The vocal part is in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are". The vocal part is a simple melody, and the piano part provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the vocal staff.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, 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.

The people kneel.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand

before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Andrew and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People and Celebrant

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

INVITATION

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN 277 Sing of Mary, Pure and Holy

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

EPIPHANY BLESSING

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN 517 How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place

DISMISSAL

CLOSING VOLUNTARY: Sonata in C Major, Op. 65, no. 2, 3rd movement Allegro
Maestoso e vivace Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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*The flowers are given to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for my family and friends
by Joyce Perkins.*

NOTES ABOUT THE MUSIC: Today we are celebrating the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord, which only happens on a Sunday about every seven years. The Feast begins outdoors, with the lighting of candles and a procession into the Nave, so no Opening Voluntary will be played this morning. We chanted Psalm 84 in January, but it is repeated today as part of the Feast's lectionary readings. Our Sequence hymn, "Angels From the Realms of Glory," is found in the Christmas part of the Hymnal, but its text fits our Presentation, especially the final verse: "in his temple shall appear." The Hymnal's headings are useful, but sometimes a hymn fits in more than one place. Today's Offertory repeats the text of the Gospel, the Song of Simeon, or the Canticle, *Nunc Dimittis*. There are many settings of the Nunc Dimittis, and this setting comes from an Evening Service by Charles Wood, which we used for the Diocesan Choral Festival last fall. It is a very expressive setting, with Simeon's words first stated by the Bass section and later echoed by the Tenors, Altos, and Sopranos. We are fortunate to have a strong Bass section at both 9 AM and 11:15, so we will enjoy hearing the Canticle this morning at both services. Our Closing hymn is a metrical setting of our Psalm, Psalm 84.

LOOKING AHEAD

To receive "The Line," our weekly e-newsletter, please email: office@standrewsbcs.org

Morning Prayer is offered Tuesday through Friday, 8 AM in the church.

Evening Prayer is offered Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 5 PM in the church.

The 9:00 AM & 11:15 AM Sunday services are also live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube and found on our website: www.standrewsbcs.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 2 "Christian Prayer: Many Types for Many Purposes" three-part series, 10:15 AM
- February 5 Annual Parish Meeting & Potluck, 6 PM in the Parish Hall
- February 7 First Friday Open Doors, 6 PM to 8:45 PM
Harpichord demonstrations by Bonnie Harris-Reynolds, 6:30 PM
Ballet Folklórico Los Altos De Jalisco performance, 6:30 PM on the Church steps
Van Alsyne Family & Papovich Family recital, 7:30 PM inside the Church
Choral Compline by Candlelight, 8:30 PM
- February 7-8 Diocesan Council in Fort Worth
- February 8 DOK, 9AM
- February 9 Christian Prayer: Many Types for Many Purposes" part 2, 10:15 AM
Second Sunday Lunch, 12:30 PM at Billy's Grille and Bar
Plass Recital Series: Méloides by Fauré featuring Dr. Daniel Johnson,
Bass/Baritone, accompanied by Pamela Connolly
- February 11 Vestry Meeting, 6 PM
- February 15 Brazos Church Pantry, 10 AM
- February 16 Christian Prayer: Many Types for Many Purposes" part 3, 10:15 AM
- February 18 Bach's Lunch, 12:15 PM
- February 20 Card Committee, 10 AM
- February 21 Third Friday Compline, 8:30 PM

WEEKLY MINISTRIES

- Sunday The Holy Eucharist, 7:30 AM, 9 AM & 11:15 AM
Faith Formation for all ages, 10:15 AM
- Monday Brotherhood of St. Andrew Bible Study, 6 PM at St. Francis Church
- Tuesday Good Grief Group, 9:30 AM in the Parlor
Youth Conversation Café, 6:30 PM at Starbucks in Kroger
- Wednesday Choir Practice, 3 PM & 7 PM in the Music Room
Bell Choir, 6 PM in the Sharp Room (except the 1st Wednesday of the month)
20/30 Vision, 6 PM in the Upper Room
- Thursday Men's Breakfast, 7:00 AM in the Parish Hall
Ladies Breakfast, 8:30 AM at Toasted Yolk
- Friday Music Play with Ms. Patty, 9:30 AM in the Parish Hall



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