

# WELCOME TO SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday, December 28, 2025

10:15 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 visiting, 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.

Daryl T. Hay+  
Rector

The Rev. Daryl T. Hay, Rector  
Dr. Linda Patterson, Director of Music  
The First Sunday after Christmas Day  
Sunday, December 28, 2025

The Rev. Benjamin Sánchez, Church Planter  
The Rev. Karl Griswold-Kuhn, Guest Preacher  
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two  
10:15 AM

## The Word of God

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude on "Silent Night" from *Voici Noël*, Op. 1, No. 6

Guy Bovet (b. 1942)

### OPENING HYMN 89 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

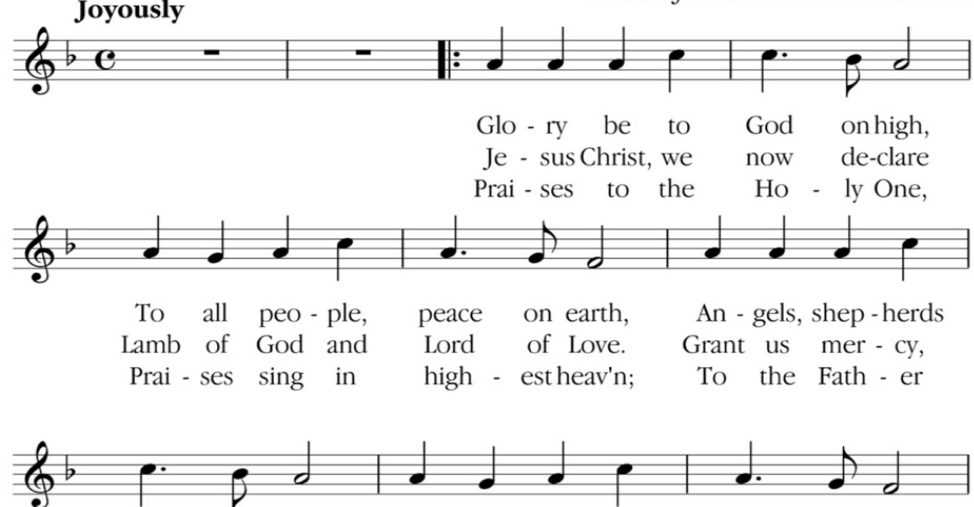
*The Celebrant may say*

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.**

### OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE

*The following is sung, all standing*

*Joyously* *The St. James Christmas Service*



Glo - ry be to God on high,  
Je - sus Christ, we now de - clare  
Prai - ses to the Ho - ly One,

To all peo - ple, peace on earth, An - gels, shep - herds  
Lamb of God and Lord of Love. Grant us mer - cy,  
Prai - ses sing in high - est heav'n; To the Fath - er

draw - ing nigh, Join to ce - le - brate His birth.  
hear our prayer, Give us grace from heav'en a - bove.  
and the Son and the Ho - ly Spi - rit giv'n.



## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The people kneel.*

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

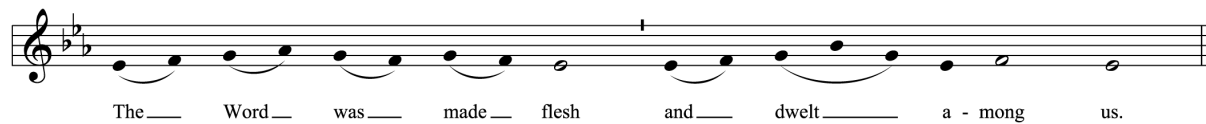
I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.  
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;

and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

# PSALM 147:13-21

*Remain seated.*



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<sup>13</sup> Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; \*  
praise your God, O Zion;

<sup>14</sup> For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
he has blessed your children within you.

*Antiphon*

<sup>15</sup> He has established peace on your borders; \*  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

<sup>16</sup> He sends out his command to the earth, \*  
and his word runs very swiftly.

*Antiphon*

<sup>17</sup> He gives snow like wool; \*  
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

<sup>18</sup> He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*  
who can stand against his cold?

<sup>19</sup> He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

*Antiphon*

<sup>20</sup> He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

<sup>21</sup> He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
to them he has not revealed his judgments.  
Hallelujah!

*Antiphon*

## SECOND READING: Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so

that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 81 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

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

GOSPEL: John 1:1-18

*All stand.*

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

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Karl Griswold-Kuhn  
Campus Missioner for Texas A&M University

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.*

As we join the whole creation and celebrate with joy the Word made flesh, let us offer prayers to God who dwells among us to the end of time.

For the wedding of the human and divine natures in Christ Jesus.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For Sean, the Presiding Bishop; Andy, Hector, Jeff, Kai, and Brian, our Bishops; Daryl, our Rector; Benjamin, our Church Planter; Amy, our Iona School student; and those discerning a call to ministry. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Paul's, Katy; St. Philip the Evangelist, Houston; St. Stephen's, Houston; and St. Thomas', Houston. We also pray for our Church Plant, Espíritu Santo.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For all believers who put their trust in the incarnate Son of God.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, and for peace and justice.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For the giving of our blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to the whole human race.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Pam, Arthur, and Benjamin. Thank you for the gift of their lives and the joy they bring to our community. Bless them in the year ahead with health, happiness, and a deepening awareness of your love.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For travelers, for the sick and the suffering, especially Charlie, Julia, Jessica, Ross, Liz, Kristy, Linda, and Kimber, for the hungry and the oppressed, for those in prison, and for the dying and the dead.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Remembering our most glorious and Blessed Virgin Mary, Andrew, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

**To you, O Gracious God.**

*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.*

*Celebrant*            The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*              **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 ANTHEM: "And the Glory" from *Messiah* by Handel (1685-1759)

*And the Glory of the Lord shall be revealed, And all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.*

Isaiah 40:5

### DOXOLOGY

*The people stand.*

Hymn 380, verse 3



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The Celebrant says*

*Celebrant*            The Lord be with you.  
*People*                **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*            Lift up your hearts.  
*People*                **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant*            Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
*People*                **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 Holy, holy, holy  
*Celebrant and People*

*The St. James Christmas Service*

Gently [in One]

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord,  
God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are  
full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he, 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 Mary, Joseph, 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

### FRACTION ANTHEM

*The St. James Christmas Service*

**Gently [In One]**

O Lamb of God, O Ho - ly  
Child, who takes the sin of the world a - way; Have  
mer - cy on us, lamb so mild, the babe, the  
son of Ma - ry. This, this is your bo - dy



## INVITATION

## DISTRIBUTION

## COMMUNION HYMNS

101 Away In A Manger

105 God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## CHRISTMAS BLESSING

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; 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 99 Go, Tell It on the Mountain  
*Sung by all, standing*

DISMISSAL

CLOSING VOLUNTARY: Postlude on *Mendelssohn* (Hark! The Herald Angels Sing)  
Sir David Willcocks (1919-2015)

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*The flowers are given to the Glory of God in thanksgiving of our wedding anniversary by Terri and Daryl Hay, and in loving memory of Richard, and thanksgiving for Robert, Shelly, and Dianna by Joyce Perkins.*

NOTES ON THE MUSIC: Our Offertory Anthem is excerpted from Handel's Messiah, Part 1, where it is the Opening Chorus.

David Willcocks is well known for his settings of English carols, collected into sets and published in England. His most famous Carol arrangement is a setting of "O Come All Ye Faithful," used worldwide, during which a starting chord occurs on the word "Word" (of the Father). Today's Closing Voluntary mirrors the interest and excitement of his carol arrangements.

## LOOKING AHEAD

To receive “The Line,” our weekly e-newsletter, please email: [office@standrewsbcs.org](mailto:office@standrewsbcs.org)

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

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

The 10:15 AM Sunday service is live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube as well as found on our website: [www.standrewsbcs.org](http://www.standrewsbcs.org)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

December 31	Snacks & Game Night, 9 PM Service for New Year’s Eve with the Holy Eucharist, 11:15 PM
January 1	Church Office Closed
January 4	Christmas Lessons & Carols, 10:15 AM
January 6	The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ with the Holy Eucharist, 12:15 PM
January 11	The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ with the Holy Eucharist, 8 & 10:15 AM <i>If you are interested in being baptized, please contact the Church Office</i>
January 18	Fork & Forté Luncheon Group, 11:30 AM Plass Recital Series: Alexander Busby, 2 PM
January 19	Church Office Closed in observance of MLK Jr. Day
January 20	Bach’s Lunch, 12:15 PM
January 21	Public Service of Healing with the Holy Eucharist, 5:30 PM Rector’s Book Club, 6 PM
January 25	Annual Parish Meeting, 9:15 AM

## **WEEKLY/MONTHLY MINISTRIES**

**Sunday** – The Holy Eucharist: 8 and 10:15 AM | Faith Formation, 9:15 AM

**Monday** – Brotherhood of St. Andrew Bible Study, 6 PM (offsite)

**Tuesday** – Good Grief Group, 9:30 AM | Youth Café Conversations, 6 PM (offsite)

**Wednesday** – Choir Practice, 3 & 7 PM | Handbell Rehearsal, time varies (contact Linda for more details) | 20–30 Vision, 6 PM

**Thursday** – Men’s Breakfast, 7 AM | Ladies Breakfast, 8:30 AM (offsite) | Card Committee (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month)

**Friday** – Music Play with Ms. Patty, 9:30 AM

**Saturday** – DOK, 9 AM (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month) | Flower Guild: Flower Arranging, 10 AM | Brazos Church Pantry Volunteer Day (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month)



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