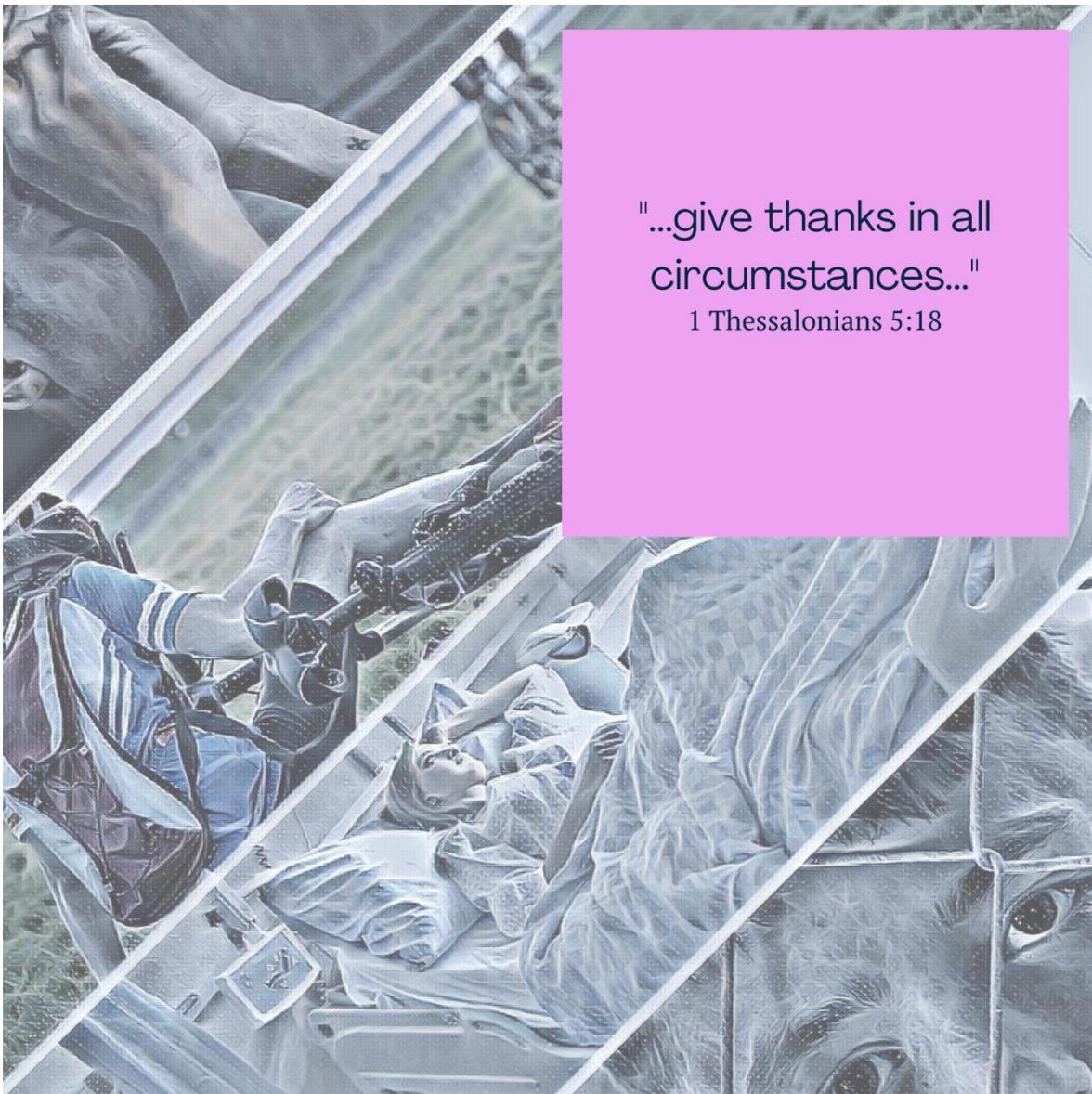




ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Mission: To Reveal God's Love by Nourishing the
Community through Worship, Acceptance, and Service.*

Holy Eucharist with Spiritual Communion The Third Sunday of Advent December 13, 2020



"...give thanks in all
circumstances..."

1 Thessalonians 5:18

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Diocesan Statement of Unity

As part of the Jesus Movement and the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego, we pledge to love our neighbors and protect the most vulnerable among us, remembering our baptismal vows to “strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.” We live these pledges out by actively engaging in dismantling racism. For many of us, this will mean learning more about our racial identity, listening to those who have experienced racial prejudice, speaking out against racism, and showing up alongside those in our community working to change unjust systems in our society. We also live out this pledge at worship during this pandemic, by wearing face-coverings, respecting distancing guidelines, foregoing the common cup and refraining from congregational singing unless safely inside our cars or home.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Hymn

People Look East

Wonder, Love, and Praise-#722



1 Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more
3 Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the
4 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more
5 An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who

crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
seed is plant - ed there: give up your strength the seed to
nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when wings are
light the bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y
brings new life to earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley



a - ble, trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.
nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may flour - ish.
fro - zen God for fledg - ing time has cho - sen. Peo - ple, look
weath - er, bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.
hum - ming with the word, the Lord is com - ing.

East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.

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Opening Acclamation

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

All ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.***

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant The Lord be with you,

All ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

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 for ever.
Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Living God, fill us with your joy and wonder in all your creation. Help us to keep our hearts and hands open to others. **Amen.**

First Reading:

A Reading from 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Reader The Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (*Prayed responsively by half verse*)

Psalm 126

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The Lord has done great things for them."

4 The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.

5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.

6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Second Reading:

A Reading from John 1:6-8,19-28

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.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

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

Homily

The Rev. Brenda Sol

Contemplative Silence

The Prayers of the People

Form III

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The Parish Prayer list is located in your Friday eBlast. Please send your prayer requests to prayer@standrewsepiscopal.org. Names will remain on the prayer list for four weeks.

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Confession of Sin

Celebrant 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.***

Celebrant Adds

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

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

Virtual Offering

While the campus is closed, contributions and pledge payments can be mailed to the office, but please consider moving your payment to Bill Pay through your bank, online at standrewsepiscopeal.org/give, or by texting “donate” to 760-227-7012 and choosing either Pledge Payment or online Donation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

For a Birthday

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 heart may the peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For an Anniversary

Eternal God, look with favor upon the world you have made and especially upon these couples. Give them wisdom and devotion in the ordering of their lives together, that each may be to the other a strength in need, a counselor in perplexity, a comfort in sorrow, and a companion in joy. Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their life. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offertory Hymn

Star-Child, earth-Child

Voices Found - #35

The musical score is written for voices and piano. It features a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#) in the 2/4 time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive, with five lines of lyrics provided below the staff. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady bass line and a treble line with chords.

1 Star - child, earth - child, go - be - tween of God,
2 Street child, beat child, no place left to go,
3 Grown child, old child, mem - ory full of years,
4 Spared child, spoiled child, hav - ing, want - ing more,
5 Hope - for - peace child, God's stu - pen - dous sign,

love child, Christ child, hea - ven's light - ning rod,
 hurt child, used child, no one wants to know,
 sad child, lost child, sto - ry told in tears,
 wise child, faith child, know-ing joy in store,
 down-to - earth child, star of stars that shine,

Refrain

This year, this year, let the day ar - rive, when

Christ-mas come for ev - ery - one, ev - ery - one a - live!

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Spiritual Communion

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

All ***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of***

trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Consecrated bread and wine are displayed.

All Lord Christ, we believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our heart, our soul, and our mind. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

The Blessing

The blessing of God Almighty, the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia

Closing Hymn

The desert shall rejoice

Wonder Love and Praise - #722

The musical score is written for a hymn in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a quarter note G, followed by eighth notes A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and a half note G. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand. The lyrics are: 'The desert shall rejoice and blossom as a rose: 1. It shall 2. For the 3. For the 4. For the'.

blos - som a - bun - dant - ly and re - joice with praise and sing - ing.
 ears of the deaf shall hear And the blind, their eyes be o - pened.
 tongue of the mute shall sing and the lame will dance with glad - ness.
 ground will be - come a pool and the dry land springs of wa - ter.

Words: Gracia Grindal (b. 1943)
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