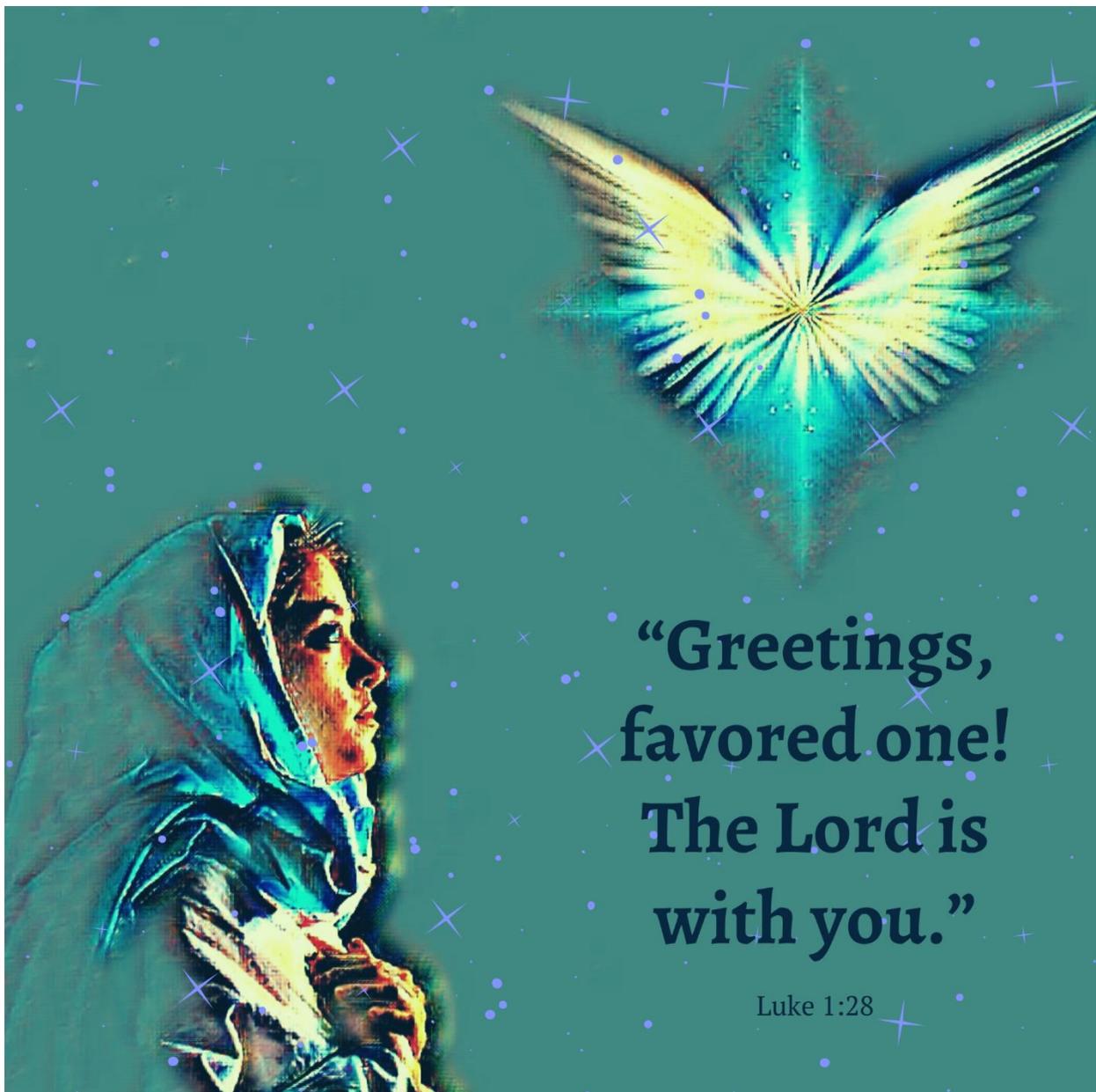




# ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

## **Holy Eucharist with Spiritual Communion The Fourth Sunday of Advent December 20, 2020**



**“Greetings,  
favored one!  
The Lord is  
with you.”**

Luke 1:28

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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**

**Special Music** *Inisheer*

### **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**

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

## **Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

Jesus, you are the greatest gift. Fill our home with love and make us ready to receive you. **Amen.**

### **First Reading:**

#### **A Reading from Romans 16:25-27**

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

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

#### **Canticle 15 (said responsively by half verse)**

##### **The Song of Mary (Luke 1:46-55)**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
**for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.**

From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
**the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.**

He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
**in every generation.**

He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
**he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
**and has lifted up the lowly.**

He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
**and the rich he has sent away empty.**

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
**for he has remembered his promise of mercy,**

The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
**to Abraham and his children for ever.**

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.**

## **Second Reading:**

### **A Reading from Luke 1:26-38**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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

## **Homily**

Lindsey Seeger

## **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](mailto: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**

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**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**

**Special Music** *Don Oíche úd I mBeithil*

**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***

### **Special Music** *Úir-chill a' Chreagáin*

Thank you to this week's Worship Teams:

The Lavender Family, Online Readers & Intercessors  
Christine Patrizze, Online Flowers  
Kathleen Hartshorne and Jim Moore, Guest Musicians  
&  
Lindsay Seegers, Guest Preacher

Lindsey has served as a licensed lay preacher in the Episcopal Church for the past seven years. She lives out her calling as Director of Curriculum and Instruction at Kitchens for Good, a tuition-free culinary school for adults with histories of incarceration, foster care, and homelessness. Lindsey, lover of poetry and pierogies, lives in Solana Beach with her husband Andrew, and their pups: Hannah and Kenny Doggins.

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