



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 Christmas Eve/Christmas Day December 2020

Joy to the world...



and peace on earth.

This liturgy is reprinted from the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer

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

Carols

Hark! The herald angels sing

The Hymnal 1982-# 87

1 Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King! Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled! Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; with the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem! *Refrain:* Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord; late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity. Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel! *Refrain*

3 Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. Risen with healing in his wings, light and life to all he brings, hail, the Sun of Righteousness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! *Refrain*

Angels we have heard on high

The Hymnal 1982- # 96

1 Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night, and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight. *Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer? What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear? *Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

3 Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. *Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Go, tell it on the mountain!

The Hymnal 1982- # 99

Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere! Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

1 While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent fields by night, behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. *Refrain*

2 The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*

3 Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

Opening Hymn

O come, all ye faithful

The Hymnal 1982-# 83

1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; come, and behold him, born the King of angels; *Refrain:* O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

2 God from God, Light from Light eternal, lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb; only-begotten Son of God the Father; *Refrain*

3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above; glory to God, glory in the highest; *Refrain*

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; *Refrain*

Opening Acclamation

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

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

Amen.

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,

Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant The Lord be with you,

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. ***Amen.***

First Reading:

A Reading from Titus 3:4-7

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Reader The Word of the Lord

All ***Thanks be to God.***

The Psalm (*Prayed responsively by half verse*)

Psalm 97

1 The Lord is King;
let the earth rejoice; *

let the multitude of the isles be glad.

2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, *
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.

3 A fire goes before him *
and burns up his enemies on every side.

4 His lightnings light up the world; *
the earth sees it and is afraid.

5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens declare his righteousness, *
and all the peoples see his glory.

7 Confounded be all who worship carved images
and delight in false gods! *

Bow down before him, all you gods.

8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments, O Lord.

9 For you are the Lord,
most high over all the earth; *
you are exalted far above all gods.

10 The Lord loves those who hate evil; *
***he preserves the lives of his saints
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.***

11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.

12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, *
and give thanks to his holy Name.

Second Reading:

A Reading from Luke 2:(1-7) 8-20

[In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.]

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken

place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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

Homily

The Rev. Brenda Sol

Contemplative Silence

During the Christmas season, we omit the Confession.

The Nicene Creed

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

Form VI

The Reader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who
are alone.***

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the
needy.***

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Susan our Bishop; and
all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in God's Church.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, including those on our
parish prayer list:

*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.*

Please add your own prayers of intercession and thanksgiving.

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask
only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not,

or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 standrewsepisopal.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

Once in royal David’s city

The Hymnal 1982- # 102

1 Once in royal David’s city stood a lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed: Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

2 He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all, and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall: with the poor, the scorned,

the lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

4 For he is our life-long pattern; daily, when on earth he grew, he was tempted, scorned, rejected, tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he feels for all our sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.

6 Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing round, we shall see him; but in heaven, where his saints his throne surround: Christ, revealed to faithful eye, set at God's right hand on high.

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.***

Hymn of Praise

Silent night, holy night

The Hymnal 1982- #111

1 Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace.

2 Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior, is born!

3 Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

The Blessing

May God bless you and keep you;
God's face shine on you,
And be gracious to you;
May God's face turn towards you

And give you peace;
And the blessing of God almighty,
The Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer
Be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia
All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia

Closing Hymn

Joy to the World

The Hymnal 1982- # 100

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing.

2 Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love.

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