



Holy Eucharist Rite II
Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 11th, 2022
10:00 am Service

The Word of God

Candle-Lighting Service

Celebrant In the beginning was the Word- spoken and breathed, a promise made and kept.

All *Persevere in hope, keep the faith- God's promise is true.*

Celebrant The Word was in the beginning, and through him all things come into being.

All *Eternal and near at hand, Already and not-yet, God's promise is the foundation of all life.*

Celebrant Keep going! Persevere in joy, giving voice to God's presence yet again.

~Candle is lit~

Light One Candle *~as candle is lit~*

St. A's Kids Choir

Light one candle for hope,
One bright candle for hope,
He brings hope to every heart,
He comes, He comes. *(Repeat)*

Light one candle for peace,
One bright candle for peace,
He brings peace to every heart,
He comes, He comes. *(Repeat)*

Light one candle for joy,
One bright candle for joy,
He brings joy to every heart,
He comes, He comes. *(Repeat)*

Opening Hymn- *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

Hymnal 76

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes. Below the treble staff, there are five numbered lines of lyrics corresponding to the notes above them.

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

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

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

Celebrant 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.***

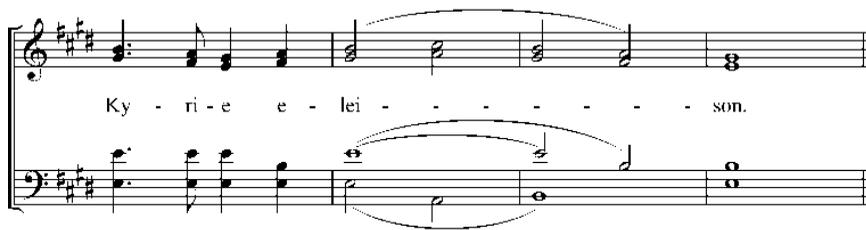
Kyrie

My Heart Sings Out 15

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Chri - ste e - lei - son.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. ***Amen.***

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Reader A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (35:1-10)

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm Appointed

Reader The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 146 verses 4-9. Let us read in unison.

***Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the Lord their God;***

*Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
 who keeps his promise for ever;
 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
 and food to those who hunger.
 The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *
 the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
 The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; *
 he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
 The Lord shall reign for ever, *
 your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!*

The Epistle

Reader A reading from the letter of James (5:7-10)

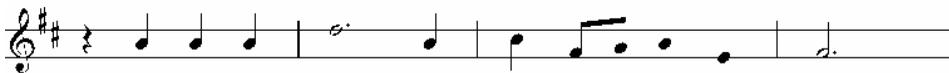
Be patient, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord (v. 1)*

Hymnal 438



1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!
 2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!
 3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!
 4 Tell out, my soul, the glo-ries of his word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
 Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
 Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
 Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.



ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
 his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
 Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord



in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.
 his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y - One.
 the lun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
 to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

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All stand

The Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (11:2-11).

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.” As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’ Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Fr. Stephen Shortess

The Nicene 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.

Prayers of the People: Form I

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Reader With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

Reader For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, especially the members of The Anglican Church of Kenya, Church of the Annunciation in Luling, and Grace Church in Port Lavaca; and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; David and Rayford our Bishops; Stephen, Patricia, and Tom our priests, their families, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader For our President, our Governor, and all our elected officials, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, especially those who devote their time to help with Alcoholic Anonymous in Seguin, let us pray to the Lord.

People ***Lord, have mercy.***

Reader For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

People ***Lord, have mercy.***

Reader For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering; especially Ann Ramsey, Julie Champion, Lynwood Jones, Amy Lacey, Mari Allmond, Evelyn Engblom, Dennis Engblom, Elizabeth Walker, Les Shephard, Karen Harris, Abe Zapata, Charlie Smith, Mary Gibson, Frances Billeaud, Dan Reimer, Chris Krippner, Letty O'Brien, Bill Edwards, Rhonda Cushatt, Evelyn Neumann, Dr. Richie Spence, Tom Lehman, Margaret Hopkins, Vanessa Nussel, Colin Baker, Donald Schwartz, Lael Seagert, David Hamer, Alex McInnis, Penny Sengler, Theresa Zapata, Jean Norris. For our friends and family who are homebound or residing in care and recovery facilities, especially: Carole Schievelbein, Mary Louise Donegan, Helen Martinson, Audrey Herron, Kenneth Minter, and Betty Rainey; let us pray to the Lord.

People ***Lord, have mercy.***

Reader For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People ***Lord, have mercy.***

Reader For all who have died, in the hope of the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

People ***Lord, have mercy.***

Reader For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

People ***Lord, have mercy.***

Reader That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

People ***Lord, have mercy.***

Reader In the communion of St. Andrew and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People ***To you, O Lord our God.***

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A moment of silence is kept.

Celebrant 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 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.**

Peace

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.

Announcements

Birthday Prayers

Celebrant and People **O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants Connor Sharp, Kay Fouts, Mary Gibson, Joanne Hunter, Angela Lackie, Jennifer Spencer, Elizabeth Roeder, and Pam Roitsch, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Anniversary Prayers

Celebrant and People **O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon your servants, John & Tracy Donley and Patrick & Amy Casey, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem-He Shall Feed His Flock

Kelly Ranft & Kayla Hinton- Soloists

Doxology-

Celebrant and People: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The Great Thanksgiving- Eucharistic Prayer D

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Sursum Corda-

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.**

Celebrant It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Celebrant Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Celebrant Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Sanctus

Hymnal S 129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

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After the Sanctus: You may kneel or remain standing for the rest of the Eucharistic Prayer.

Celebrant We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Celebrant Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

Celebrant When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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.”

Celebrant 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.” Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ’s death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

All ***We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.***

Celebrant Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for you holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of you Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with St. Andrew and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

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

Celebrant and People ***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, for ever and ever. Amen.***

Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast.***

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S161

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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Invitation

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

Communion Hymn 1- O come, O come Emmanuel (v. 5&6)

Hymnal 56

(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som

1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile

1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 2 slow, and teach us in her ways to go.
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 5 light, and close the path to mis - er - y.
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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Communion Hymn 2- *Watchman, tell us of the night*

Hymnal 640

1 Watch-man, tell us of the night, what its signs of prom - ise
 2 Watch-man, tell us of the night; high - er yet that star a -
 3 Watch-man, tell us of the night, for the morn - ing seems to

are. Trav - eler, o'er yon moun - tain's height, see that glo - ry -
 scends. Trav - eler, bless - ed - ness and light, peace and truth its
 dawn. Trav - eler, dark - ness takes its flight, doubt and ter - ror

beam - ing star. Watch-man, does its beau - teous ray
 course por - tends. Watch-man, will its beams a - lone
 are with - drawn. Watch-man, let thy wan - derings cease;

aught of joy or hope fore - tell? Trav-eler, yes; it
 gild the spot that gave them birth? Trav-eler, a - ges
 hie thee to thy qui - et. home. Trav-eler, lo! the

brings the day, prom - ised day of Is - ra - el.
 are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.
 Prince of Peace, lo! the Son of God is comel

Two groups may sing antiphonally, alternating by sentences.

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Communion Hymn 3- *Blessed be the God of Israel*

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1. Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free and
 2. With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call. the
 3. My child, as pro - phet of the Lord you will pre - pare the way, to

rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree. So
 oath once sworn to A - bra - ham; from foes to save us all; that
 tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway. Then

have the pro-phets long de - clared that with his might - y arm God
 we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise, in
 shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease, to

would turn back our en - e - mies and all that wish us harm.
 ho - li - ness and right - eous - ness to serve God all our days.
 drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

Postcommunion Prayer

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Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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.**

Blessing

Postcommunion Hymn- *Rejoice! Rejoice, believers*

Hymnal 68

1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
 2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;
 3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve-ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark-ened sphere!

The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
 The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
 rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride-groom is at hand!
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

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Dismissal

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Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude-*Rejoice, rejoice Believers*

Wendi Gustafson- Organ

Ministers in the Lord's Service

Celebrant- Rev. Patricia Riggins

Preacher- Fr. Stephen Shortess

Lay Reader- Robin Walker

Crucifer- Colin Spencer-Dibble

Ushers- Carlotta Coffman, Margaret Taylor, & Jackie Ball

Offertory Tellers- Margaret Taylor & Syd Bauer Vestry of the Week-Alan Cockerell

Altar Guild- Dorothy Bauer, Martha Bruns, Marty Keil, Linda Williams, Jackie Ball

Musicians- Wendi Gustafson- Music Director/Organ

Leo Garcia- Choir Director/Cantor, Kelly Ranft & Kayla Hinton- Soloists

Camerasmen/Technicians- Jack Merrell, Betty Anderson, Will Follis, Warren Wundt

Sound- Jim Anderson



Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Lou Dangel in thanksgiving for the birthday of Dr. Gena Dangel Tabery; also by Sally & Mark Keddal in honor of Joanne Hunter's birthday; and by Joyce Lee celebrating Joyce Richey and in loving memory of her father, Col. John M. Willis, Jr on their December birthdays.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022: THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Chapel)

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Church)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022

10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (McKeogh Hall)

12:00 p.m. Service for Healing (Chapel)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022

8:00 a.m. Brotherhood of St. Andrew's (McKeogh Hall)

AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) meets at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings in the Youth House on Crockett Street.

Please send prayer requests by email to: secretary@standrewseguin.org

Announcements

The St. Andrew's Veterans Ministry is assisting the St. James Veterans Ministry in hosting their annual **Feed My Sheep Dinner** to provide children's gifts and food vouchers for needy families in the community. The event will take place on **December 15 at the Knights of Columbus Hall**. All St. Andrew's members are invited to volunteer on **December 15 at 2:30 pm to prepare and transport the gifts or at 4:00 pm to conduct the modified drive-through dinner**. **Contact Robert Pike at 830 560-2326** to participate in the event.

St. Andrew's Family Movie Night!! Join us **Friday, December 16th at 6 pm in McKeogh Hall** for a viewing of *A Christmas Carol*-the perfect movie for the season! Also, Pam Roitsch will lead us in making a beautiful Christmas tree ornament. Bring your cozy blankets and pillows and snuggle up for a fun evening! Admission is free, so bring your family and friends!

'Tis the season to be jolly! Christmas just wouldn't be the same without some caroling. **Help us bring some Christmas cheer to our homebound members next Sunday, December 18th**. We will meet at the church at **3 pm** and drive to each of our homebound members together to sing carols at their homes. We will then meet back at McKeogh Hall to warm up with some hot chocolate. If you would like to carol with us, please inform Fr. Stephen, Melinda Ingersoll, or the Church office.

St. Andrew's will join Emmanuel's Lutheran Church for a **Service of the Longest Night on Wednesday, December 21st**. The service will be held **in the Chapel** here at St. Andrew's **beginning at 7 pm**. This is a quiet, contemplative service honoring the grief that often arises during the holidays.

In observance of the Christmas holiday and New Year's **the church office will be closed from Thursday, December 22nd to Monday, December 26th**. We will reopen at 9 am on **Tuesday, December 27th**. We hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy **New Year!**

Christmas Eve Services

5:00 p.m.- (Church) - Christmas Pageant (livestream)

8:00 p.m.- Not so Midnight Mass (Chapel)

Christmas Day Service

10:00 a.m.- (Chapel)

If you or your child are interested in participating in the Christmas Pageant this year, please contact Jennifer Shortess (jennifer.shortess@gmail.com) or Tracy Donley (tracydonley4@gmail.com).

Mark your calendars!! On these dates we will have a 10 am service only- Christmas Day- December 25th, New Year's Day- January 1st. Let us all come together and celebrate as one congregation on these special days!

NEW 2023 FLOWER CALENDAR IN NARTHEX!- Do you have a special day you wish to remember: an anniversary or birthday to celebrate, a loved one to honor, or an offering of thanksgiving for your many blessings? You may give the gift of altar flowers for worship by signing up on the new 2023 flower calendar in the narthex. Flowers are \$50.00, with checks made payable to St. Andrew's (note flowers on the memo line). If you are worshipping at home but would still like to give the gift of altar flowers, please contact the church office and we will be happy to assist you.

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