

Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church

Christmas Day Second Service



So that everyone is able to worship safely, please respect the various social distancing and other safeguarding measures put in place, and follow any directions given by the ushers.

PREPARATION

1 Welcome

Grace and peace to you from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

2 Collect for Purity

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
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.**

3 Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
The first commandment is this:
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind
and with all your strength.'

The second is this:

'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

There is no other commandment greater than these.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

4 Confession and Absolution

God is love and we are God's children.

There is no room for fear in love.

We love because God loved us first.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence

God our Father, we confess to you

and to our fellow members

in the Body of Christ

that we have sinned in thought,

word and deed,

and in what we have failed to do.

We are truly sorry.

Forgive us our sins,

and deliver us from the power of evil,

for the sake of your Son who died for us,

Jesus Christ, our Lord.

God, who is both power and love,

forgive *us* and free *us* from *our* sins,

heal and strengthen *us* by the Holy Spirit,

and raise *us* to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

5 Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

6 Collect of the day

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

7 Gospel

When it is announced:

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

At end:

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

8 Talk

9 Prayers

10 Peace

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Taking of the Bread and the Wine

11 Offering

**Yours Lord is the greatness, the power, the glory,
the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in
heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from
you, and of your own do we give you.**

The Great Thanksgiving

12 Eucharistic Prayer

We remain standing

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise to the Lord.

*[Question: Why is it right to give thanks and praise?
 Answer: Listen, and we will hear.]*

Lord of all life,
 you created the universe,
 where all living things reflect your glory.
 You give us sun and moon and star-lit sky,
 everything that gives us light,
 light for our eyes, our hearts, our minds.

You give us the fish in the sea,
 the birds of the air,
 and every plant and tree;
 the life that sleeps in the winter earth,
 and awakens again in the spring.

You give us friends and families,
 neighbours and folk we do not yet know,
 human communities here on earth
 to reflect the communion of love
 in your life as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

You give us good things and happy times
to enjoy and to celebrate together
as we do at this Christmas season.
In sharing and enjoying these we already taste
the goodness of your coming kingdom,
a feast intended for all your children.

You give us your love,
holding us close not just in the good times,
but in times of suffering and sadness too.
Making his home among us
your Son Jesus knew all about human hurts and pains.
In him you have entered even the darkest places
and flooded them with your presence
so that they can never again separate us from you.

You made each of us in your own image and likeness,
to join with the choirs of angels in the skies above
Bethlehem and, in our lives as well as our words,
to sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We thank you, loving Father,
because, when we turned away from you,
you sent Jesus, your Son, to be born at Bethlehem,
to reveal your glory in a human life,

to die for us on the cross,
and to be raised from death for our sakes,
that our sins might be forgiven,
the power of evil in the world broken,
and we be drawn into your own life of love
to share in your joy and enjoy your glory forever.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

*[Question: Why do we share this bread and wine?
Answer: Listen, and we will hear.]*

On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'

So, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit,

and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

[Question: How do we follow Jesus Christ?

Answer: Listen, and we will hear.]

Help us, Holy Father, to love others
as you have loved us,
as we wait together for that day
when suffering, evil and sin will be no more,
and the whole creation, held securely in your hands,
will be made new.

And now with all our brothers and sisters
living and departed
we give you glory, through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.

Amen.

The Sharing of the Bread and the Wine

13 Breaking of the Bread

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

14 Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

**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.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Christ is the true bread which has
come down from heaven.

Lord, give us this bread always.

15 Communion

*Please approach the nave altar as directed by an usher
and return to your seat following the one-way system in
operation.*

THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

16 Sentence

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious.
And his mercy endures for ever.

17 Post-Communion Prayer

God our Father,
whose Word has come among us
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:
may the light of faith illumine our hearts
and shine in our words and deeds;
through him who is Christ the Lord.
Amen.

18 Blessing

May the Father,
who has loved the eternal Son
from before the foundation of the world,
shed that love upon you his children.
Amen.

May Christ,
who by his incarnation gathered into one
things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with joy and peace.
Amen.

May the Holy Spirit,
by whose overshadowing Mary became the God-bearer,
give you grace to carry the good news of Christ.

Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain among you always.

Amen.

19 Dismissal

Go in peace to proclaim the Word made flesh.

Glory, thanks, and praise to God!

Musical voluntary

The musical voluntary at the close of a service is the concluding part of our act of worship. Please treat it as such, and allow the music to end in prayerful silence rather than applauding.

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
 Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
 Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
 and praises sing to God the King, and Peace to men on earth.
 For Christ is born of Mary; and, gathered all above,
 while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of
 wond'ring love;

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n!
 So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.
 No ear may hear his coming; but in this world of sin,
 where meek souls will receive him still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray;
 cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
 We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell:
 O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

Hark, the herald-angels sing
 glory to the new-born King:
 peace on earth and mercy mild,
 God and sinners reconciled:
 joyful all ye nations rise,
 join the triumph of the skies,
 with th'angelic host proclaim,
 "Christ is born in Bethlehem".

*Hark the herald-angels sing
glory to the new-born King.*

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

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
ris'n with healing in his wings;
mild, he lays his glory by,
born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth,
born to give them second birth.

Collect for Christmas Day

Almighty God,
you have given us your only-begotten Son
to take our nature upon him
and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin:
grant that we, who have been born again
and made your children by adoption and grace,
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

This morning's reading: Luke 2:1-20