

The Feast of St. Andrew (Observed)
November 24, 2024

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Hymns are found in the blue *Hymnal 1982* in your pew.
The 'S' numbers are located at the front of the hymnal.

The service begins in quiet and prayer.

Prelude: *Prelude for the Feast Day of Saint Andrew the Apostle* Robert Allworth
(1943-2017)

Oliver Steissberg, Organ

Bagpipe Processional

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn 494: *Crown him with Many Crowns*

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

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

People **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.**

Gloria, Hymn S-278: *Glory to God* (10:00 am only)

People **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.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, who gave such grace to your apostle Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ, and brought his brother with him: Give us, who are called by your Holy Word, grace to follow him without delay, and to bring those near to us into his gracious presence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: *Deuteronomy 30:11-14*

Moses said to the people of Israel, "Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19:1-6



Antiphon: *The statutes of the Lord rejoice the heart.*

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world. [ANT.]
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat. [ANT.]

The Second Lesson: *Romans 10:8b-18*

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" But not all have obeyed the good news; for Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have; for "Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 231: *By All Your Saints*

verse 2: St. Andrew

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel: *Matthew 4:18-22*

As Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

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

Please stand or kneel

All powerful and ever-present God, you looked in love on Andrew, the ordinary fisherman, and called him to be a disciple and friend of Jesus, your Son. We honor him for the witness of his life and martyrdom and are pleased to call him our patron saint. Today, with Andrew, we come before you in prayer. *A brief silence.* Every day we stand in the shade of trees we did not plant. We live in houses we did not build. We eat food we did not produce. We ponder ideas that are not original to us. So too, we live in a body with a mind and a spirit that we did not choose or create. Let us never take for granted the many blessings you have freely bestowed upon us.

People **God of love, hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for St. Andrew's Church: for the new members we are formally welcoming today, and for our longtime members whose faithfulness has brought us to this day. May we all find joy and fulfillment serving you in this place in your Son's name. **God of love, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are hungry in our community and throughout the world. Our world is blessed with enough food of the earth for every person to eat and be satisfied. May our generous support of organizations like Food Gatherers help ensure all people will be fed and nourished. **God of love, hear our prayer.**

God of peace, we ask for healing for the divisions in our nation. Teach us to listen deeply to one another and learn to respect each other in spite of our differences. Fill our land with your spirit of reconciliation that we may truly be one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. **God of love, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble. Put your life-giving Spirit within weary bodies, hearts, and minds. Restore those who struggle with broken relationships, personal crisis, or poor health. We hold up to you in prayer those on our prayer list and all whose struggles are known to you alone. *Pause* May they be restored to wholeness and health in your good time and in your good way. **God of love, hear our prayer.**

In a moment of silence, let us pray for those who are dear to us. *Silence* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them and love one another as he loves us. **God of love, hear our prayer.**

O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come: we pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, including Roberta S. Schwandt and Barbara Becker, in whose memory the flowers are given this morning, and all those we love but see no longer. *Silence* Give to the departed eternal rest. **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory Anthem: O Clap your Hands John Rutter (b. 1945)
The St. Andrew's Adult Choir

Children's Entrance Hymn 549: Jesus calls us

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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.

The Celebrant offers our thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ.

Sanctus S-128: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

The people stand or kneel as the Celebrant gives thanks for the reconciling work of Christ through his passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine.

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

People **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic prayer.

Celebrant By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit of all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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. 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.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem S-165: Jesus, Lamb of God

Please come forward and stand or kneel at the rail. The priest will place the bread in your outstretched palm (Consecrated rice wafers are available for those with wheat allergies - simply ask the priest). You may dip (intinct) the bread in the wine in the small cup held by the Eucharistic minister. Alternatively, you may indicate your desire to drink from the common chalice by consuming the bread and remaining at the rail after the Eucharistic minister passes; another Eucharistic minister will bring the large chalice over for you to drink from directly. Please know that Christ is fully present in both the bread and the wine - there is no requirement to receive both. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward, cross your hands over your chest, and receive a blessing.

Communion Voluntary: Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him

arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

The St. Andrew's Junior Handbell Choir

Communion Anthem: I am the Living Bread

Michael McCabe (b. 1941)

The St. Andrew's Adult Choir

Communion Hymn: Will You Come and Follow Me

1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but
3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but
4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but

call your name? Will you go where you don't
call your name? Will you care for cruel and
call your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
call your name? Will you quell the fear in -
call my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know And nev - er be the same? Will you
kind And nev - er be the same? Will you
free And nev - er be the same? Will you
side And nev - er be the same? Will you
you And nev - er be the same. In your

let my love be shown, Will you let my life be
risk the hos - tile stare, Should your life at -
kiss the lep - er clean, And do such as
use the faith you've found To re - shape the
com - pa - ny I'll go Where your love and

name be known, Will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
this un - seen, And ad - mit to what I
world a - round, Through my sight and touch and
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown In you and you in me?
pray'r In you and you in me?
mean In you and you in me?
sound In you and you in me?
grow In you and you in me.

When Lay Eucharistic Visitors are taking Holy Communion to those unable to be with us in person, we say the following

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

New Member Welcome

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 544: Jesus Shall Reign

Dismissal

The young people are invited to come forward during the hymn to participate in the dismissal.

Young people Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Symphony No. 3 in F Sharp Minor op. 28, I: Allegro maestoso

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Oliver Steissberg, Organ