

# WELCOME

to St. Andrew's By-the-Sea

The Episcopal Church in Destin, Florida

part of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

**WHEREVER YOU ARE ON YOUR JOURNEY OF FAITH, ST. ANDREW'S WELCOMES YOU!**

**THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

**JANUARY 3, 2021**

**HOLY EUCHARIST • RITE II**

*Before service speak to the Lord to prepare to worship.*

*During service the Lord will speak to you.*

*After service speak to one another.*

*Please, quiet your phone.*



**HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10:00 A.M.**

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

### THE WORD OF GOD

**Prelude and Procession** *Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light* (Hymn 91) **ERMUNTRE DICH**  
harm. J. S. Bach

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

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

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.**

**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.**

**The Collect for Day**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Old Testament Lesson**

Jeremiah 31:7-14

*About 600 BC, Israel was subject to Assyrian rule. Jeremiah wrote this message of hope to the people. It is a message of homecoming: the people who have been dispersed will be gathered together.*

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
"Save, O LORD, your people,  
the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and  
those in labor, together;

a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,  
I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.  
They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,  
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall become like a watered garden,  
and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,

I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

I will give the priests their fill of fatness,

and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 84**

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! \*

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

**2 The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.**

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.

**4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

**6 They will climb from height to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**

7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.

**8 Behold our defender, O God; \*  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.**

9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, \*  
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

**10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield; \*  
he will give grace and glory;**

11 No good thing will the LORD withhold \*  
from those who walk with integrity.

**12 O LORD of hosts, \*  
happy are they who put their trust in you!**

## **Epistle**

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

*Our reading immediately follows the opening greeting of the letter. Paul thanks God for the blessings Christians has received, blessings that are unseen and eternal. God has intended that Christ's followers be so blessed since before time began.*

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Church in Ephesus

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence**

*O little town of Bethlehem* (Hymn 78)

**FOREST GREEN**

harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams

**Gospel**

Luke 2:41-52

*This is the only passage in the Bible that tells of Jesus' boyhood. Jewish men (and perhaps women and children) were expected to make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the Passover. Jesus continues to grow in many ways: he not only listens to experts in Jewish law, but even asks them questions.*

The Holy Gospel of the Lord, according to Luke

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

The Rev'd James J. Popham

**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**

In peace let us pray to the Lord. Father, in this holy season, your Son our Savior was born in human flesh. Renew your Church as the Body of Christ. Holy God,

**hear our prayer.**

In this holy season there was no room for your Son in the inn. Protect with your love those who have no home and all who live in poverty. Holy God,

**hear our prayer.**

In this holy season, Mary, in the pain of labor, brought your Son to birth. Hold in your hand all who are in pain or distress. [*Who would you have us pray for?*] *Silence...* Holy God,

**hear our prayer.**

In this holy season, your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness. Bring comfort to all who suffer in the sadness of our world. [*Who would you have us pray for?*] *Silence...* Holy God,

**hear our prayer.**

In this holy season, the angels sang, 'Peace to God's people on earth.' Strengthen those who work for peace and justice in Destin, in Florida, in our country, and in all the world. Holy God,

**hear our prayer.**

In this holy season, shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy. Give us grace to preach the gospel of Christ's redemption. Holy God,

**hear our prayer.**

In this holy season, strangers found the Holy Family, and saw the baby lying in the manger. Bless our homes and all whom we love. Holy God,

**hear our prayer.**

In this holy season, heaven is come down to earth, and earth is raised to heaven. Hold in your hand all those who have passed through death in the hope of your coming kingdom, remembering especially Joey, Jessica, Marie-Aline, John, and those we name either aloud or silently.... *Silence...* Holy God,

**hear our prayer.**

In this holy season, Christians the world over celebrate Christ's birth. Open our hearts that he may be born in us. Holy God,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* Father, in this holy season, angels and shepherds worshipped at the manger throne. Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with Mary, Joseph, St. Andrew, and all the saints through him who is your Word made flesh, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence.*

**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.**

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**

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.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory**            *Good Christian friends, rejoice* (Hymn 107)

**IN DULCI JUBILO**  
arr. James Pethel

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B**

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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**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 give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Joseph, and St. Andrew and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

**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.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

**Communion** (*All are welcome at the Lord's Table.*)

**Communion Music**

**Post Communion Prayer**

Let us pray.

God our Father, in this season you have made known to us again the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts.

**To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body of your Son Jesus Christ.**

**Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out**

**in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

**The Blessing**

**Dismissal**

Alleluia. Let us go forth in peace carrying the light of Christ into the world.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude** *As with gladness men of old* (Hymn 119)

**DIX**

arr. David Cherwin

# Announcements for January 3, 2021

**TODAY** is the Second Sunday after Christmas Day. Our 10 a.m. service will be live streamed on our Facebook page. Please, remember that the service videos remain available for viewing indefinitely. So if we miss the livestream of the service, we still may worship virtually at a more convenient time. We also now are posting Sunday and feast day sermons on the St. Andrew's By-the-Sea website (<https://standrewsbtssepiscopal.org>) and Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/standrewsdestin>). Copies of Sunday sermons are available every Sunday in the narthex (lobby), as well.

**PLEDGE CARDS** If you have not filled out a pledge card, please, do so as soon as possible. We will need pledges and contributions of \$101,020.00 to sustain our ongoing ministries in 2021. As of this week, we have received 20 pledges totalling \$59,730. Pledge cards may be placed in the collection basket or returned to the church office.

**CENSUS** And while we are at it, let us remember to fill out and return our census forms.

**WEDNESDAY HEALING SERVICE** At noon on Wednesday, January 6, we will initiate our weekly Healing Holy Eucharist in the church sanctuary. The service will include special prayers for healing of our community and individual infirmities and afflictions.

**EPIPHANY FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS** We will observe the feast of the Epiphany on January 6, 2021, with a Festival of Lights at 6 p.m. in the church. The core of the service is a tracing of the history of St. Andrew's from Jesus to the present, accompanied by the lighting of candles representing key figures in our historical timeline.

**VESTRY** On Sunday, January 10 at the 10 a.m. service, we will commission our vestry and officers for 2021, and vestry will meet after the service.

**BISHOP'S VISIT** Bishop Russell will be here at our 10 a.m. service on January 17. He will take the occasion to induct and institute (lest we say "install") our new rectors.



## *a bon mot from jo+*

I lost one of the children in a shopping mall one year on a Christmas shopping spree with all five children. I was frightened. I was frantic. I cried. I called his name. I sent the other children to search – in pairs, and I stayed in one place in the center of the mall where they could find me. It was only a couple hours before we found him. Mary and Joseph did not realize that Jesus was not with them. And after three whole days they found him in the Temple. He was quite comfortable. He was not in distress. And he couldn't understand why they were concerned. After all he was in his Father's house. By the age of 12 years Jesus already knew that God was his father. He had traveled with his earthly family, with Mary and Joseph and likely most of the people of his home in Nazareth to Jerusalem. It was the annual pilgrimage to celebrate the festival

of the Passover when Jews celebrated both Israel's deliverance from Egypt and the Festival of Unleavened Bread. It was the start of a new year for them all. For Jesus it was the start of a new way of life where he would obey his father in heaven as well as his parents. His earthly parents did not understand his actions. But that is the case with all parents, is it not? Mary and Joseph must have felt relieved when they found Jesus sitting in the outer court of the Temple. Here was their boy sitting among the experts of Jewish law. Had he been here for all the eight days of the festival? They watched their son's behavior with those learned elders. He not only was listening, he asked thoughtful questions. And he answered their questions. They were in awe of their own son's appreciation of Jewish law. He left his spiritual home in Jerusalem and went back to Nazareth to increase "in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor" (Luke 2:52) to prepare himself for the mission that lay ahead of him.

Here at the start of a new year, my prayer is that we continue to grow in our understanding of our relationship with God the Father and his son Jesus, so that we can live into our mission here in this place, our spiritual home.



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE\*

**For immediate concerns:** Scott Anderson, Larry Griffin, Jessica Harris, Jeffrey King, Mark, Sandy, Fr. Lee Jefferson, Nancy Martino.

**For the repose of the soul:** Joey Ford, Jessica Harris, Marie-Aline Razet, John Weinard

**Anglican cycle of Prayer:** The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. John's in Mobile, Alabama

**Diocesan Prison Ministry Cycle:** The inmates and their families, and the staff of Jackson County Corrections Facility in Marianna, Florida, for the victims of crime everywhere, and for captives, refugees, and evacuees, and all who remember and care for them

\* Please, call or email the church to add someone's name to the prayer list.

### Jesus Christ Head of the Church

**The Rt. Rev. J. Russell Kendrick**  
4<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

**The Revs. James J. & Jo P. Popham**  
Rectors

**Karen Perez Lowe**  
Administrator

**David Alan Puckett**  
Organist, Choir Master, & Sexton

**Nicole Emma Brueder**  
Treasurer (non-stipendiary)

**Barbara J. Nelson**  
Assistant Treasurer (non-stipendiary)

### Vestry Members

#### Class of 2021

Jim Cooper  
Becky Chidsey  
Rick Boyer

#### Class of 2022

Tom Hanlin

#### Class of 2023

Kathy McGee  
Palma Jorgensen  
Barbara Nelson

Karen Perez Lowe, Clerk for the Vestry

**Delegates:** Ron Marro, Becky Chidsey  
**Alternates:** Rick Boyer, Barbara Nelson

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