

# Sunday Worship Booklet

November 23, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.

**Christ the King Sunday** 

# Are You New?

We are **SO** glad you are here!

St. Andrew's is a warm community just waiting to love you. If you like, you will definitely <u>find good friends</u> here.

- This booklet is designed to help you fully join us in our worship experience. If
  it feels like a lot of words to follow, don't worry. Let go, and listen. It is
  perfectly OK to let us wash you with our prayers.
- Please fill out one of our **connection cards** (or use this QR Code) so we can let you know how happy we are to meet you.
- More info about the church and what we are up to can be found in the insert to this booklet.

# The Word of God

#### Prelude

#### Pachelbel Prelude in D Minor

Before the worship begins, the priest greets the people and introduces the first hymn. The people stand, as able, to sing.



Hymnal #397

Now Thank We All Our God

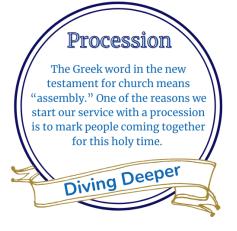
# **Opening Acclamation**

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

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

# Collect (Prayer) for Purity

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.** 





Hvmnal S-280

### The Collect (Prayer) of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under

#### Collect

A "collect", pronounced "COLLect", is a traditional type of prayer. It is written to gather or "collect" the rest of prayers together with a theme. There is a special collect for each Sunday of the church year.



his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

The people are seated for the lessons.

#### The First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:1-6

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

#### Canticle 16

Psalm is read/prayed in unison.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \* born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,

that he would save us from our enemies, \*
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers \* and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \* to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, \*
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \* for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation \* by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God \*
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \* and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

#### The Second Lesson: Colossians 1:11-20

A Reading from Colossians

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to

reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able



**Hymn 671** 

Amazing Grace v. 3-4

## The Gospel Lesson: Luke 23:33-43

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews. "One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## Sermon: The Rev. Les Carpenter

Preacher prays then all sit

#### The Nicene Creed

All stand as able and say the creed in unison.

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.

# Prayers of the People Form IV

All kneel as able

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

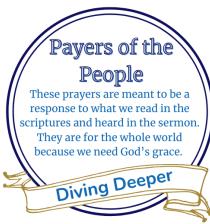
Amen.

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 Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Sam and Jennifer our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. (Especially our sick a	nd
suffering, and those who serve in the armed forces especially).	
Silence	
Hear us, Lord;	
For your mercy is great.	

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died (Especially \_\_\_\_),

that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

(Deacon) 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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The people greet one another and offer their blessings of peace.

#### Welcome and Announcements

The congregation sits as directed and announcements are shared. If you are new, this is a great time to fill out your Connection Card. There should be a paper one in your pew or you can use the QR code on the front page.

If you want to give electronically to our church the <u>best</u> way is to download the church's app (see last page) or you can make a one time gift through the QR code here.



# The Liturgy of the Table

## **Offertory Music**

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A Life of Thanks

I love to use my voice to raise a hymn of praise above. I love to use my eyes to see the beauty of love.

Thanks for eyes that I may see, for voice that I may sing, thank you God for all these gifts, thanks for everything.

I love to use my hands to bring the touch of God's great care. I love to use my feet to go and know He's always there.

Thanks for feet that I may go, for hands that I may bring, thank you God for all these gifts, thanks for everything.

# Offertory

The offering isn't only about money. We bring forward the bread wine and ourselves every Sunday to be transformed on the altar.

Think about what you would like to dedicate today.



I am your voice, your eyes, your hands, your feet with which to go; help me each day to do your will, a life of thanks to grow.

After which the people stand and sing the Doxology.



Hymn 380 v 3

## The Great Thanksgiving

(Eucharistic Prayer C, BCP 369) All stand as able

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 him thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

The cloth etc. which covers the

chalice on the altar is ornate but it is also meant to represent a

funeral cloth. In that way every time we remove them we

celebrate the opening of the tomb in the Resurrection.

Diving Deeper

# The Hymnal 1982 .

#### Hymnal #S-130 "Sanctus"

The people kneel or stand

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah. God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.** 

## The Lord's Prayer

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.

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.

It is called the Lord's prayer because Jesus wrote it. This prayer is simple and designed to bring God close. The word for "Father" in the original language is better translated "Dad" or even "Daddy."

The people sit

Ministers come forward to receive communion before sharing it. The congregation follows as directed by the ushers.

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

The people kneel as able

Let us pray,

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.

## **Blessing**

As you leave this place go forth in peace. Be assured that the past is forgiven. Know

that the future is in God's hands. Return no person evil for evil. Remember the poor. Pray for the sick. And make no peace with injustice in this world. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all now and always. **Amen**.

The Hymnal 1982

Hymnal #398

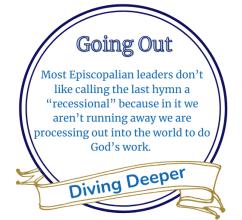
I Sing the Almighty Power of God

#### **Dismissal**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!!

**Postlude** Toccata in D Minor







# Welcome to Worship

#### Thank you for joining us!

We have two different regular worship services on Sunday, both of which include Holy Communion. Holy Communion is a sacrament using bread and wine. It reminds us of Jesus, His teachings, His sacrifice on the Cross, and His continued presence in this church. A few more things about Holy Communion.

- All baptized people (regardless of Christian Tradition) are invited to receive Communion with us. If you prefer, you can come forward for a blessing. When the minister comes to you, cross your arms across your chest to indicate your preference
- If you don't want to come forward feel free to stay in your seat.
- If you have a gluten sensitivity, Gluten free wafers are available on request.
- If you have mobility concerns tell an usher and we would be happy to bring Communion to you.
- For more info on the basics of the Episcopal church, check out our "Priest Me" podcast on YouTube.

#### 8 AM Rite I

Our 8 am service is smaller and more contemplative than our 10:30. Most Sundays, it is spoken (without music). It uses traditional (Old English) language throughout. For those new to this form of worship, it can take some getting used to, but it is also special to pray in the language of Shakespeare. For the service, you will need to use the *Book of Common Prayer*, which is the black book in your pews with the cross on the front. The priest will call out page numbers as we go. We also provide a sheet with today's readings, which will be helpful for praying the psalm and following todays teaching

#### 10:30 AM Rite II

This is our principal (largest) service on Sunday. It includes music and singing in addition to prayer. We offer a "Sunday Booklet" to help you follow this service. You will also need the blue "1982 Hymnal" found in the pew.



#### Children's Chapel/Sunday School/Nursery

Children are always welcome in worship at St. Andrew's! To support our families, we do offer nursery care (0-PreK), and Children's Chapel (Elementary Age) during the 10:30 service. Ask an usher, and they will tell you where to drop off your kids prior to the service. Your children will join you for Communion.

#### Youth Ministries and Acolyting

We love to see our youth grow in service and fellowship with us. There is an active youth group. Indicate your interest on the Connection Card and we would love to reach out to you with more Info. Also, children and youth often participate in our Sunday Worship by serving as acolytes (Those in red robes with a white top). If you are interested in learning more ask Rev. Les or any member of the Vestry (church board)

#### **Adult Sunday School**

Meets at 9:15am in the Rector's Study. It is a lovely and informal Bible study. Join Us!

#### Healing Service Wednesdays 10:30 AM

Each Wednesday, we offer an additional prayer service. This includes the option of Unction (prayers with anointing of Healing Oil). This is an ancient and beautiful practice in Christianity.

#### **Getting Involed**

We have so many active ministries, it can be difficult to know where to start. If you want to get more involved here, but aren't sure how to start, fill out one of the **connection cards** in your pew. We will follow up and make sure that you find a meaningful way to start. The Connection card is a way to make sure we have your correct contact info and you are getting the news you want.

# **Prayers and Celebrations**

# **Prayers Requested**

For the Sick and Those in Need:

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Catherine Vickie Joan Lisa Linda Barbara Chris Blake **Phyllis** Bob Jinx Jeff Wayland Steve Ben Teresa Ben Marvena

Zanetta Kellie
George Melinda
Pris Marie

For those serving in our Armed Forces:

Sean Fletcher James
Veronica Will Thomas
Jericca Rodney Austin
Matt Jonathan Landon M.
Eric Adam
All Veterans

For the Deceased:

## On for Next Sunday? (check it out here)

8 AM

LAY: Ramona Orzell LEM: Ramona Orzell

**Food Pantry** 

Rita Coggins Rosemary Clark Missy Fillietez 10:30 AM

LAY: Sarah Dial
LEM: Sandy Suggs
Omari Ansong

Acolytes: Walker Wells

Jack Lea

**Ushers:** Dan Melnyk & Don Mucci **Vestry Greeters:** Ashley Newcomb

Helen Galligan



# **Altar Flowers today**

are given to the Glory of God by Ramona Orzell in thanksgiving for her many blessings



#### **Family Advent Wreaths**

Today after the 10:30am service in the Parish Hall.







#### **Christmas Pageant**

Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am service.

We are starting to fill our roles for the Christmas pageant this year. If you already know what you want to be please let the office know.









Church Office closed next Wednesday-Friday

# "Wings of Love Bag Ministry"

December Items for
United Community
Ministry Christmas Gift
Bags that youth will
put together and
deliver. Also, monetary
donations for Carriage
Apartment Christmas
in lieu of the Angel
Tree. Bags go out
December 7th and
return December 14th.

January list for My
Sister's House. Send
out January 11th and
return January 18th.
February bags will be
filled to support St.
Andrew's Food
Distribution.

No Healing Service next Wednesday, Nov 26th.

#### Outreach

Toys for Peacemakers
Christmas Store donation box
created by the Sunday School,
will be in the commons near the
tea table. In case you missed the
opportunity. The store is open
December 5th & 6th. Signup to
help on Peacemakers website:
<a href="https://rockymountpeacemakers.org/donate/">https://rockymountpeacemakers.org/donate/</a>

## Learn and Ring!

We are recruiting ringers for Handbells. If interested please contact Polly Beaver 713.855.2226 (Text) or email at Musicpcb0107@gmail.com



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Christ the King Sunday 11.23.25





Led by the Spirit, we lovingly serve God through worship, fellowship, spiritual growth, and ministry.

"Authority"

Title for Today's Homily Preacher: The Rev. Les Carpenter

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