



A Creative Spiritual Community

Book of Alternative Services
Holy Eucharist



Second Sunday of Advent
December 7, 2025
10:00 a.m. service

Welcome to St. Andrew's -
all are welcome here.



Sunday Ministries	8:00	10:00
Sidespersons/Greeters		Kathy / Irene / Dennis
Readers	Judy Curran	Anne Callon
		Shirley Salkeld
Intercessor	David Smethurst	Catherine Whiteley
Chalice		Patricia Hatt
Coffee		Bradshaw, Sterne
Altar Guild	2	2



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Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - We gather on lands which have been the home of SENĆOTEN and HUL'QUM'NUM' speaking Coast Salish peoples from time immemorial, and their encounter with the Creator in this place goes before our own.

Opening hymn (CP#102)

Prepare the Way, O Zion

1 Prepare the way, O Zion,
your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley
a level way appear.
Greet one who comes in glory,
foretold in sacred story.

Refrain:

***Oh, blest is Christ that came
in God's most holy name.***

2 He brings God's rule, O Zion;
he comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom,
and justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding,
for grace and joy abounding.

Refrain

3 Fling wide your gates, O Zion;
your Saviour's rule embrace.
His tidings of salvation
proclaim in every place.
All lands will bow before him,
their voices will adore him.

Refrain

The Gathering of the Community

Presider As farmers wait for rainfall
and prisoners wait for freedom,
All **we wait for the coming of God.**

Presider As exiles yearn for home
and peacemakers yearn for justice,
All **we long for the coming of God.**

Presider As travelers search for shelter
and disciples look for answers,
All **we prepare for the coming of God.**

Candle-lighting Prayer

Presider We light these candles
as a reminder of the coming of Christ.
All **We gather to partner for a world of peace
where all of creation will flourish.
May compassion and love be kindled in the hearts of all.
We pray, work, and wait for the blossoming of peace.**

The first two blue candles are lit.



Candle-lighting Song ***Be Still and Know***

Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am God.

I am the one who gives you peace
I am the one who gives you peace
I am the one who gives you peace

Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am God.

Presider God of peace,
All you are the way:
 to what we need,
 to what we can become,
 and to what we can do.
 Amen.

Collect of the Day

Presider Illuminating God,
All clear our lives of hatred and despair
 and sow in us seeds of care;
 so that peace may spring forth in us
 as we await the coming of the Christ,
 who with you and the Holy Spirit,
 lives and reigns, one God,
 now and for ever. Amen.

Proclamation of the Word

Reader A reading from Isaiah (11:1-10).

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying while we wait.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

¹ Give the king your justice, O God,

and your righteousness to the king's son;

² that he may rule your people righteously

and the poor with justice;

³ that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,

and the little hills bring righteousness.

⁴ He shall defend the needy among the people,

rescuing the poor and crushing the oppressor.

⁵ He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,

from one generation to another.

⁶ He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,

like showers that water the earth.

⁷ In his time shall the righteous flourish;

there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

¹⁸ Blessed are you, Lord God, the God of Israel,

for you alone do wondrous deeds!

¹⁹ And blessed be your glorious name for ever

and may all the earth be filled with your glory.

Amen. Amen.

**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.**

Reader A reading from the Letter to the Romans (15:4-13).

Hear what the Spirit is saying while we wait.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual hymn (CP#100) ***Comfort, Comfort Ye People***

1 Comfort, comfort ye my people;
speak ye peace: thus says your God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness
bowed beneath oppression's load;
speak ye to Jerusalem
of the peace that waits for them:
tell her that her sins I cover,
and her warfare now is over.

2 Hark! The herald's voice is calling
in the desert far and near,
calling us to new repentance
since the reign of God is here.
Oh, the warning call obey!
Now prepare for Christ a way;
let the valleys rise to meet him
and the hills bow down to greet him.

Presider May God be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew (3:1-12).

All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Presider The Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

(Gradual hymn continued)

3 Make ye straight what long was crooked;
make the rougher places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble
as befits Messiah's reign.
For the glory of the Lord
now o'er earth is shed abroad,
and all flesh shall see the token
that God's Word is never broken.

Sermon The Rev. Kelly Duncan

Anthem *Who Would Send a Baby*, M.K.Beall

Affirmation of Faith

All We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.

We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Peace

Presider The peace of God be always with you.

All And also with you.

Offertory hymn (CP#106) *There's a Voice in the Wilderness*

1 There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
a call from the ways untrod:
prepare in the desert a highway,
a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted,
the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places
where the Lord our God may go!

2 O Zion, give voice to good tidings,
ascend to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people
the coming of their King.
The works of pride all perish,
like flowers they shall decay;
the power and pomp of nations
shall pass like a dream away.

3 But your word, O God, is faithful,
your arm, O Lord, is strong;
you stand in the midst of nations,
and you will right the wrong.
You will feed your flock like a shepherd,
and fold the lambs to your breast;
in pastures of peace you'll lead them,
and give to the weary rest.

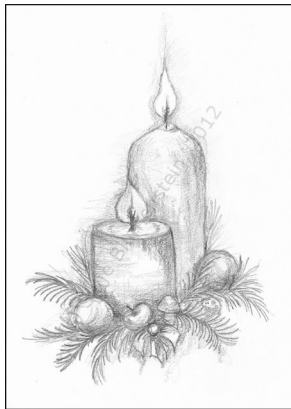
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prepare in the desert a highway,
a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted,
the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places
where the Lord our God may go!

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Generous God,
All you have created all that is,
and you provide for us in every season.
Bless all that we offer,
that through these gifts,
the world will receive your blessing.
In the name of Jesus, Emmanuel, we pray.
All **Amen.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Presider May God be with you.
All **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to God.**
Presider Let us give thanks to God.
All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
Presider Mystery of winter skies...



Presider ...and that the world would be touched
by his glory:

All *Sanctus*



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry; Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Blest is the One who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider Holy and gracious God...
...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.
Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

Presider We come in memory and hope...
...all glory and honour are yours,
all-loving God, now and forever.

All



The Lord's Prayer

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

All **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.**

Fraction Anthem

Polish Carol

Bread of life, now gi-ven for us, wine of hope, poured here in love,
as we now re - call your pro-mise, bring us all to be as one.
Bread once scat tered on the hill-side, as one loaf is gath-ered here;
make us all to live for - ev - er in Christ's bo - dy that we share.

Presider These are the gifts of God for the people of God.
All Thanks be to God.

Holy Communion



Communion hymn (JN#250) ***Make Me a Channel of Your Peace***

1 Make me a channel of your peace:
where there is hatred let me bring your love
where there is injury your pardon, Lord
and where there's doubt, true faith in you

2 Make me a channel of your peace:
where there's despair in life let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light
and where there's sadness ever joy

3 Oh Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console
to be understood as to understand
to be loved as to love with all my soul

4 Make me a channel of your peace
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving to all that we receive
and in dying that we're born to eternal life



Communion hymn (JN#85) *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

1 Let there be peace on earth
and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth,
the peace that was meant to be.

With God as our Father
family all are we.
Let me walk with my family
in perfect harmony

2 Let peace begin with me
let this be the moment now
with every step I take
let this be my solemn vow:
to take each moment and
live each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
and let it begin with me!

Communion hymn (JN#192) *Prayer for Peace*

1 Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet.
Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace.

2 Love before us, love behind us, love under our feet.
Love within us, love over us, let all around us be love.

3 Light before us, light behind us, light under our feet.
Light within us, light over us, let all around us be light.

4 Christ before us, Christ behind us, Christ under our feet.
Christ within us, Christ over us, let all around us be Christ.

Prayer after Communion

Presider Advent God, for whom we wait,
we thank you for feeding us
with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ
who, at his first advent, came to seek and
save that which was lost:
grant that, on the last day,
he may be found in us,
and we in him;
through the same, Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Closing Sentences

Presider With love and compassion,
All come, Lord Jesus.

Presider With judgement and mercy,
All come, Lord Jesus.

Presider In wisdom and truth,
All come, Lord Jesus.

Advent Blessing



Closing hymn (CP#109)

When the King Shall Come Again

1 When the King shall come again, all his power revealing,
splendour shall announce his reign, life and joy and healing;
earth no longer in decay, hope no more frustrated,
this is God's redemption day longingly awaited.

2 In the desert, trees take root, fresh from God's creation;
plants and flowers and sweetest fruit join the celebration;
rivers spring up from the earth, barren lands adorning.
Valleys, this is your new birth; mountains, greet the morning!

3 Strengthen feeble hands and knees; fainting hearts, be cheerful!
God, who comes for such as these, seeks and saves the fearful.
Deaf ears, hear the silent tongues sing away their weeping;
blind eyes, see the lifeless ones, walking, running, leaping!

4 There God's highway shall be seen where no roaring lion,
nothing evil or unclean, walks the road to Zion:
ransomed people homeward bound all your praises voicing,
see your Lord with glory crowned, share in his rejoicing!

Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve our God

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Passacaglia in d, BuxWV 161, D. Buxtehude*



Weekly Cycle of Prayer
Sunday, December 7, 2025

In our parish, we pray for Barbara Uibel and Alexander Finch, Marvin Underwood, Gerald & Aalie Van Grootheest, and Peter & Magda Van Zyl.

In our community, we pray for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, its Bishop, and your faithful people.

In our region, we pray for the Parish of Christ Church, Gabriola Island, The Rev. Suzanna Bates and the people of the parish and surrounding community.

In our Diocese, we pray for Anna, our Bishop, and the Abbey Church, and Emmaus Community.

In our Ecclesiastical Province of BC and Yukon, we pray we pray for The Right Rev. Clara Plamondon, Bishop of the Territory of the People.

In Canada, we pray for The Primate, Archbishop Shane Parker and the staff of the Primate's Office of the Anglican Church of Canada.

In the world, we pray for The Church of Bangladesh.



Quarterly Mission
January - March 2026
Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness

***** This Week at a Glance *****
(December 7— December 14 2025)

Sunday	December 7th 2025 - Second Sunday of Advent 8:00 am Holy Communion BCP 10:00 am Holy Eucharist BAS
Monday	10:00 am Labyrinth walk 1:30 pm Friends of St. Andrew delivery
Tuesday	1:30 pm Friendship Circle
Wednesday	11:30 - 12:30 Neighbour's Lunch 2:00 pm Zoom Prayer Gathering <i>(Please contact the church office for the link)</i>
Thursday	10:00 am Holy Eucharist 11:00 am Advent Study Series in the church 11:30 am Brunch Bunch 7:00 pm Choir practice
Friday	1:30 pm Friends of St. Andrew delivery
Saturday	11:30 am Brunch Bunch
Sunday	December 14th 2025 - Third Sunday of Advent 8:00 am Holy Communion BCP 10:00 am Holy Eucharist BAS
<i>Looking Forward</i>	
December 21st	Christmas Lessons & Carols Service, at 4 pm
February 13th, 2026	Vintage Fashion Show and Tea Fundraiser at the Church
February 22, 2026	Annual Vestry meeting in the Hall, after the 10 am service



Advent and Christmas 2025

Celebrate the season at St Andrew's, Sidney!

Advent Study Series - Thursdays at 11am in the church. We'll be using the study guide called *The Meaning is in the Waiting* as we look carefully at four biblical characters and how they waited. Bring yourself, your impatience, and your questions!

Friendship Circle Christmas Celebration - join us on December 16th in the hall anytime between 1:30 and 3:30 for festivities - singing carols, eating goodies, games, and most of all sharing the joy of Christmas with each other!

Neighbours Lunch Christmas Dinner - Wednesday, December 17th from 11:30am to 12:30pm. Come one, come all and enjoy a delicious Christmas dinner with all the fixings!

Christmas Lessons & Carols Service—Sunday, December 21st at 4pm in the church. Enjoy entering into seven biblical readings, singing as many Christmas carols and hearing our (expanded) choir sing anthems. A feast of carols!

Blue Christmas Service - Monday, December 22nd at 7pm. Sometimes we don't feel jolly at Christmastime. This is a quiet, contemplative service that allows us to express all the emotions we feel at this time of year. Please invite your friends and acquaintances and offer to accompany them to this service if they'd find it helpful.

A blessed and holy season to you!



CHRISTMAS OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES THIS YEAR:

1. **White Gift Sunday** — Today we'll bless all our donations and then get them to the Lions Toy Drive for families in need on the Peninsula next week
2. **Giving Tree** — Thanks to all who signed up to fill a bag with goodies to make our friends' Christmas special. Please bring your gifts to church on Sunday, December 14th. And if you didn't get a tag before, please feel free to drop off warm mitts, socks, and toques at the church for use at any time of the year. For those who would prefer a donation to the Friends or Neighbours Lunch programs also ensure that we can take care of our under-housed neighbours.
3. **Food Donations** - The Peninsula Lions Food Bank is in need of donations of food, especially, personal hygiene items, school snacks, canned fruit, canned meats, and meal additions such as Hamburger Helper, Sidekicks etc. . If you can donate any to help fill the Food Bank's Shelves for Christmas food, please bring it to the church on Sunday, December 21st.

Thank you for your generosity

Announcements

WELCOME TO VISITORS TO ST. ANDREW - Would you like to receive a tax receipt for your offering (over \$20)? Please pick up an offering envelope from the plastic stand on the credenza at the entrance to the church. It is so lovely to have you at church today.

COUGH, COLD, FLU, COVID SEASON PROTOCOLS AT ST ANDREW'S - Now that the weather is cooling and we are more likely to stay inside, cough/cold, flu and COVID season is upon us. If you feel at all unwell, please do not come to church. If you are able, consider joining in the livestream of the 10am Sunday morning service through the web-site here: <https://www.standrewssidney.ca/blog> until you have recovered. If you feel that you may be coming down with something but aren't entirely sure, please wear a mask to church. Thank you for thinking of the vulnerable and immuno-compromised members of our community!

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION - join us on December 16th in the hall anytime between 1:30 and 3:30 for festivities - singing carols, eating goodies, games, and most of all sharing the joy of Christmas with each other!

Readings for December 14th, 2025



1st Lesson:	Isaiah 35:1-10
Canticle:	Luke 1:46b-55
Epistle:	James 5:7-10
Gospel:	Matthew 11:2-11

Sources

Text: Gathering of the Communion: *Source:* Ruth Burgess. Posted on *Of Life, Laughter and Liturgy* (<http://stranzdocs.blogspot.ca/2007/12/advent-liturgy-for-visit-of-archbishop.html>), alt.

Affirmation of Faith, and Prayer Over the Gifts: St Michael's Anglican Church, Bryanston, South Africa and found at <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/51ff7805e4b08e8b33d40fad/5fca8ae6453475472aaad565/1607109356845/Advent+Sunday+2+-+6+December+2020.pdf>.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Rev. Jolene Cadenbach, Pastor of Arcadia United Church of Christ in Arcadia, CA.

Collect of the Day: Alternative Collects, General Synod, Anglican Church of Canada, 2019.

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Christmas Service Schedule

- **Wednesday, December 24th at 5pm** - Pick-up Christmas Pageant with Holy Eucharist - The young and the young-at-heart are most welcome to adopt a character as we reenact the Christmas story. All are welcome to this beautiful and lively service!
- **Wednesday, December 24th at 7pm** - Holy Eucharist. Bring your friends and family as we celebrate the birth of Christ together!
- **Wednesday, December 24th at 10pm** - Holy Eucharist with candle-lighting. This beautiful service is a wonderful way to celebrate the coming of the Christ child.
- **Thursday, December 25th at 10am** - Holy Eucharist on Christmas Day
- **Sunday, December 28th** - First Sunday after Christmas: services at 8am and 10am.
- **Sunday, January 4th** - Epiphany of our Lord (trans.): services at 8am and 10am, with chalking the door at 10 am.

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and may all the earth be filled with your glory.
Amen. Amen.

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Amen.





8:00 Holy Communion

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