



S A I N T A N D R E W ' S C H A P E L

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22nd, 2024

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

The prelude is a sacred curtain dropped between the world and the sanctuary. The dimming of the lights is the signal for the congregation to observe silence. During this time, be prayerful and reverent in preparation for the worship of our holy God in His sanctuary. (Please silence all phones and non-medical electronic devices.)



“She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

Matthew 1:21–23

PRELUDE

*The Sleep of the Infant Jesus*  
*A Spotless Rose*

G. Martin/D. Pace  
H. Howells/D. Pace

Sinfonia

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT

*O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide*

Text: F. von Spee, 1623/trans. M. Seltz, 1965 Music: *Gesangbuch*, Augsburg, 1666

O Savior, rend the heavens wide;  
Come down, come down with mighty stride.  
Unbar the gates, the doors break down;  
Unbar the way to heaven's crown.

Here dreadful doom upon us lies;  
Death looms so grim before our eyes.  
O come, lead us with mighty hand  
From exile to our fatherland.

Chancel Choir

✙ Those who are able, please stand.  
\* Please sign and pass the black attendance registers when the offering is collected.  
Scripture reading may be found on page 978 of the pew Bible.  
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CALL TO SOLEMN ASSEMBLY

Psalm 96:7–9

Minister: *Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.*

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Nº 203

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN/st. 3 arr. D. Willcocks

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

\**Sanctus*

F. Schubert

Holy, Holy, Holy. Holy is the Lord.  
Holy, Holy, Holy. Holy is the Lord.  
Holy is the Father, Holy is the Son.  
Holy is the Spirit. Blessed Three in One.  
Holy is the Father, Holy is the Son,  
Holy is the Spirit. Blessed Three in One.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Nicene Creed*

Unison: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

\*The word *catholic* refers to the universal church

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

\*HYMN

Nº 213

*What Child Is This* GREENSLEEVES

\*OFFERINGS & OFFERTORY

*Nativity Carol*

Text: Traditional

Music: W. Mathias

Rejoice and be merry in songs and in mirth,  
O praise our Redeemer all mortals on earth,  
For this is the birthday of Jesus our King,  
Who brought us salvation—His praises we'll sing!

A heavenly vision appeared in the sky;  
Vast numbers of angels the shepherds did spy,  
Proclaiming the birthday of Jesus our King,  
Who brought us salvation—His praises we'll sing!

Likewise a bright star in the sky did appear,  
Which led the wise men from the east to draw near;  
They found the Messiah, sweet Jesus our King,  
Who brought us salvation—His praises we'll sing!

And when they were come, they their treasures unfold,  
And unto Him offered myrrh, incense, and gold.  
So blessed for ever be Jesus our King,  
Who brought us salvation—His praises we'll sing!

Chancel Choir

\*DOXOLOGY (LASST UNS ERFREUEN)

Nº 733

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Amen.

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

\*READING OF SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 5:1–21

SERMON

Dr. Burk Parsons

“The Christian Walk” Part 5

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN

See Insert

*God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*

GOD REST YOU MERRY

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Allegro* from *Concerto Grosso no. 8*

A. Corelli

Sinfonia

Following the benediction, let us greet and welcome one another as Christ has welcomed us, for the glory of God (Romans 15:7), remembering what our Lord teaches us in the Scriptures: “Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor” (Romans 12:10).

Advent Evensong Worship Service 5:00 pm