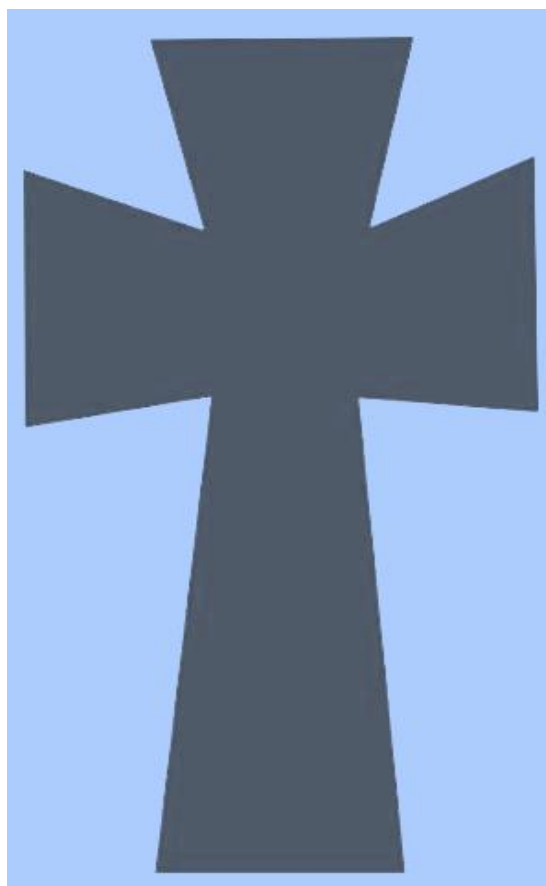


ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
SHIPPENSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA



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ADVENT 1
VIRTUAL SERVICE

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The season of Advent means there is something on the horizon, the likes of which we have never seen before. It is not possible to keep it from coming, because it will. The fullness of God will arrive within our lives. This is the hope we live into during this season of Advent.

What is possible is to not see it, to miss it, to turn just as it brushes past you.

So, stay. Sit. Linger. Tarry. Ponder. Wait. Behold. Wonder.

There will be time enough for running, for rushing, for worrying, for pushing. For now, stay, wait, and rest in silence.

Something of the fullness of God is on the horizon for us.

In anticipation of Christ revealed anew,

Faithfully,

Mother Barbara

Worship lies at the heart of our Christian life, for our turning toward God through praise, repentance, thanksgiving, and communion with the Risen Christ through the sacraments, all offered in community, opens our hearts to be changed by the life-giving love of God. It is also in worship that we profess our love of God, deepen our experience of God, and reconnect with our core identity, as expressed through our baptismal vows. And it is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as people of God.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Today begins a four-week journey to Christmas and we begin our Advent work of watching, waiting, and preparing. Each week, as the frenzied pace toward Christmas grows busier, louder, and more insistent, we will gather in this holy spot where our hearts can find rest. We will light the candles of Advent and take a few quiet moments to contemplate and meditate and hope. The prayers this year are from the curriculum “Preparing to Become the Beloved Community” offered by the Episcopal Church and which we as a parish will engage with this Advent season as we prepare our hearts for the in-breaking of God’s kingdom of love for all of God’s beloved children.

Light of the world, in grace and beauty, mirror of God’s eternal face, transparent flame of love’s free duty, You bring salvation to our human race.

Sacred Mystery, we light the first candle of Advent for hope and truth.

(Lighting of the 1st candle)

We kindle it with hope. We long for you to come to our world, to break through and reign with compassion, justice, and peace.

Sacred Mystery, break through all that keeps us from you. Help us to see the truth about oppression, as we prepare to become the beloved community. We ask for your mercy and to see your image in one another. This Advent visit us with your justice, love, and peace. Amen.

1. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! _____
 2. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! _____
 3. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! _____
 4. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! _____

1. Thou art the pot - ter, I am the clay! _____
 2. Search me and try me, Mas - ter, to - day! _____
 3. Wound - ed and wea - ry, Help me, I pray! _____
 4. Hold o'er my be - ing Ab - so - lute sway! _____

1. Mold me and make me Aft - er thy will, _____
 2. Pur - er than snow, Lord, Wash me just now, _____
 3. Pow - er all pow - er Sure - ly is thine! _____
 4. Fill with thy Spir - it 'Til all shall see _____

1. While I am wait - ing, Yield - ed and still. _____
 2. As in thy pres - ence Hum - bly I bow. _____
 3. Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine! _____
 4. Christ on - ly, al - ways, Liv - ing in me! _____

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

SONG OF PRAISE: CANTICLE OF THE TURNING

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous thing that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blessed. Could the world be about to turn?
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

The Collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. Very often, this “collecting” prayer summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray,

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

We turn our hearts to hear from the holy scriptures for truth to be revealed in our hearts. During Advent we will engage with the prophet Isaiah who foretold the birth of the Messiah.

A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH

Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil--

to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.

You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.

We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

We have begun a new liturgical calendar year, Year B, which will highlight the Gospel of Mark, the first

gospel written, and which depicts the life, teachings, death, resurrection and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. When we worship in person, we stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus' words and actions, and we turn toward the Gospel book, as an outward sign of the turning of our hearts to the Way of Love. We offer a Sequence Hymn which is designed to ready our hearts for the truth to be revealed in the Gospel or the "Good News" .

SEQUENCE HYMN *1982 Hymnal #56 (verses 1 and 2)*

O come, O come, Emmanuel

(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som

1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile

1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-37

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

Mother Barbara

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon Wanda Kloza

At the beginning of this Advent season, let us offer our prayers to God, saying: Lord, have mercy.

That our gracious Savior may rouse us from sleep and make us attentive to the nearness of his presence, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may discover God' s word in every sound of this world, God' s touch in every human embrace, and God' s love in every gesture of self-sacrifice among us, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That divine energy and holy grace may bring our heart to vigilance and make us see with uncovered eyes the Christ who suffers in his people' s agonies, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may come to recognize in our holy assembly gathered in heart, spirit, and prayer that Jesus the Christ is with us here to make our songs of praise and pleading his own, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That God' s coming into the days and years of our human history may be always new, always brimming with light to drive all darkness away, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That' s God' s healing grace and mercy be upon those who have been exposed to or have been infected with the Coronavirus, and those who asked for our prayers: Dick Weller and his family, Ashleigh Mann, Chris, Rebecca, Jonathan, Pierre, Sassie, Tony Yancoskie, Janet, Melissa, Katherine, Kathy, Deb, Cameron, Jan McCrory, Emma Jean Bankson, Shirley and Robert Glick, Chuck Bloom, Richard, Evan, Roseann, Jack, Kathleen, Amy, Ellen, Tabitha, the Williams Family, Alice, Samantha, Wanda, Margaret, Brian Rotz, Brian Helman, the Watts Family and Pedro, Rachel Mooney, Stan and Dottie, and those who are grieving the loss of a loved one: Laura, Christina, David, Jonathan, and Joseph, Laura and Pat, Deanna, Kathy, Jeanine, Ellen, Fred, Tom, Susan, Connor and Matthew, Blake and Katherine, and those whom we name, either silently in our hearts or aloud. Let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, have mercy.

Make ready our hearts for your coming, O Lord, and receive our prayers in the name of the one who comes, our gracious Savior, Jesus, the Christ.

Amen.

THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, so that we may support the continued mission and ministry of Christ of bringing in the kingdom of God, here among us.

THE OFFERTORY

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

The second section of the service of the Holy Eucharist is the Ministry of the Table. We as Episcopalians always believe the consecration and the sharing of the “Body and Blood of Christ” is the pinnacle moment in the service, understanding all that we have engaged with previously in the service has been designed to open our hearts to receive, and the moment out of which our lives will unfold.

The experience of the Holy Eucharist is multi-faceted and diverse. It can be to and for us a time of forgiveness, comfort, strength, joy. It is also a time when the past, present, and future come together in one moment. This is the mystery of faith. There is a deep a sense of remembrance of the Last Supper that is made real to us in the present moment and which contains the hope of the promise. One could say, this is a taste of heaven.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (EUCHARISTIC 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 have sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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 Na me:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One 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, you 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, saying, "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 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.

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. We can think of this prayer not so much as ours, but Jesus' own prayer, his own words, in the power of his presence in our midst. Our giving utterance to the words of "Our Father" is really Christ speaking through us in the power of the Spirit.

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 BREAD

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Our Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as we proclaim your resurrection. We love you above all things, and long for you in our souls. Since we cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

The priest offers God' s blessing upon God' s people. The words commonly are given in the trinitarian name of God, accompanied by the sign of the cross.

THE ADVENT FOUR-FOLD BLESSING

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN LEVAS #14

Soon and very soon

1. Soon and ver - y soon_____ we are goin' to see the King,_____
2. No more cry - in' there_____ we are goin' to see the King,_____
3. No more dy - in' there_____ we are goin' to see the King,_____
4. Soon and ver - y soon_____ we are goin' to see the King:_____

1. Soon and ver - y soon_____ we are goin' to see the King,_____
2. No more cry - in' there_____ we are goin' to see the King,_____
3. No more dy - in' there_____ we are goin' to see the King,_____
4. Soon and ver - y soon_____ we are goin' to see the King;

1. Soon and ver - y soon_____ we are goin' to see the King,
2. No more cry - in' there_____ we are goin' to see the King,
3. No more dy - in' there_____ we are goin' to see the King,
4. Soon and ver - y soon_____ we are goin' to see the King;

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

The point of worship is to praise God, be transformed by the grace of God, fed by the spiritual food offered through communion and community, and then sent out into the world for ministry and mission. “The worship has ended, let the service begin!”

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

INSTRUMENTAL OFFERING

Kevin Gorman, *pianist*

Waltz in A Flat Major Op 30 no. 15

Worship Ministers

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| Officiant & Homilist | The Rev. Barbara Hutchinson |
| Pianist | Kevin Gorman |
| Vocalists | Jay Williams |
| | Mary Beth Williams |
| | Kevin Gorman |
| Guest Organist & Vocalist | Michelle DiBona Trefren |
| Lector | Lisa Woolley (Isaiah) |
| Gospel & Prayers of the People | The Rev. Deacon Wanda Kloza |

Dismissal

James and Thomas Williams

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW' S

Today, November 29, 20120

Virtual Worship (anytime)

10:00 AM Extended Table” Communion (call Mother Barbara to set a time for you to receive)

7:00 PM Preparing to Become the Beloved Community (Virtual)

7:30 PM AA meeting

8:00 PM Compline (Virtual)

Monday, November 30, 2020

7:30 PM AA meeting

8:00 PM Compline (Virtual)

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

9:30 AM Meditation in the Church (In-person & Zoom)

8:00 PM Compline (Virtual)

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

8:00 PM Compline (Virtual)

Thursday, December 3, 2020

8:00 PM Compline (Virtual)

Friday, December 4, 2020

Mother Barbara' s Weekly Story-reading to our young ones (anytime)

8:00 PM Compline (Virtual)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to St. Andrew' s Episcopal Church. We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us this morning, Sharing community, gathered in heart and spirit, is a holy honor for which we are all grateful.

Our worship together is offered online through the end of the year due to Diocesan safety protocols as a result of the increasing cases of COVID-19. This decision may cause you great grief as it means celebrating a major feast day of our church in a new way. We are doing our best to maintain our traditions that are so dear to our heart, but re-imagine them in new ways that keep us all safe and

well. If you have any concerns, questions, or wish to share the multitude of emotions you may be feeling during this time, please call Mother Barbara at 717-333-5590.

Ways to receive the Holy Sacrament. As Episcopalians we value the holy love, strength and nourishment which is provided to us by the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Often the whole of our being yearns to receive, to feel filled with the Holy Spirit's grace, to know the presence of the Risen Christ "here and now" and to share this in community. In order for us to remain safe from COVID and other health concerns, our worship as a gathered body of Christ is suspended through the end of the year. But that does not mean we cannot embrace and engage with the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Here are the ways this sacrament will be available to you:

1. **Home Communion Visit.** If you feel comfortable from a health safety perspective, you can invite Mother Barbara to come to your home and offer a pastoral visit and the sharing of the reserved sacrament with you. This may be a particularly helpful offer to those who leave home only for essential reasons (grocery store, pharmacy). This is seen as a gift and joy for Mother Barbara so please do not imagine this as an inconvenience. She wants to do this.
2. **If you are strictly in isolation,** meaning due to your own health concerns or a need to fully quarantine so you may visit with your families at some later date and you do not leave your home for any reason, Mother Barbara or a Lay Eucharistic Visitor can drop an envelope off at your home which will contain a consecrated wafer and the service of Communion under Special Circumstances from our Book of Common Prayer, page 396. You could then 1) speak on the phone to Mother Barbara or a Lay Eucharistic Visitor, who can pray through the service with you, 2) watch the video Mother Barbara created while you are consuming, so you have a sense of sharing the service with someone else, or 3) pray through the service and consume the consecrated wafer alone. The preference here, of course, is if at all possible, you are in community with one other person when consuming the consecrated element, since Holy Eucharist is always considered a communal act.
3. **Participate in the "Extended Table" Service.** We cannot gather as a group in the church for health reasons right now. However, we do have permission for Mother Barbara and one other person, which is required for the celebration of the Eucharist, to celebrate the

Eucharist in the church (masked and with safe distancing). At the end of that service, the worship assistant will leave the church. Then any people who would like to come and receive communion may come into the church to do so. These visits would be scheduled, so we are certain Mother Barbara and one other person are in the church at the same time. We would do an abbreviated service so you have a sense of participating in the service, but which would last about 15 minutes. The area to receive will be disinfected after each person leaves.

- 4. Christmas Eve Celebration.** Our bishop has offered us an amazing opportunity to receive the Holy Eucharist on Christmas Eve. We are able to distribute to you (not by mail, a consecrated host for you. There will be a small envelope with either 2 small wafers in it, or a larger envelope with the host which can be broken into 4 parts. You would choose which you would need based on your family size. These small envelopes are then in a larger red envelope specially marked to indicate the contents are the Holy Sacrament. There will be an Order of Service for you to use on Christmas Eve while engaging in this sacrament. You will receive ideas of how to set aside holy space to reserve this consecrated bread before you will consume it and how to bring this act of the sharing of the sacrament it into the rhythm of your family life. **We also invite you to join us at 7 p.m. on Christmas Eve by Zoom where we will have a short service, pray through the prayers offered in Communion under Special Circumstances, and sing *Silent Night* together.**

Please call Mother Barbara to discuss these options so we can determine what may be best for you and your family. Our prayer is that everyone can be fed by the sacrament during these times of isolation and the Feast of the Incarnation, otherwise known as Christmas.

Advent Mailing Packet. You should have received your Advent Packet. If not please contact Melanie at office@standrewsship.org to have one mailed to you. There are many opportunities for us to worship, deepen our spiritual lives, serve our neighbors, and grow as Christians available to you during the season of Advent. Families with children will be receiving Advent Wreath Making Kits, which are so much fun to create and will help us mark the journey through these weeks leading up to Christmas. Those who would like a Compline Prayer Bag, complete with blue votive candle holder, candle, vial of holy water, and shell, along with the liturgies, please let Mother Barbara know. She is happy to send one to you or for you to pick one up.

We invite you to contribute to the **Mary Grace Shearer MSW for the Advancement of Social Work Scholarship** offered in gracious recognition of the nearly 40 years of faithful service Mary Grace offered to the ministry of The Episcopal Home. We are so grateful for her amazing work and the legacy of love which she is leaving behind. The parish has made a gift of \$5,000 in gratitude for Mary Grace' s ministry and we invite you to make individual gifts as well. If you would like to contribute by check, you can either send a check to St. Andrew' s Episcopal Church and earmark it as the Mary Grace Shearer Scholarship or you can mail the check directing to TFEC (The Foundation for Enhancing Communities) at the following address: 200 N. 3rd Street, 8th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101. If you would like to make an online donation, please do so by going to <https://www.tfec.org>. We thank you for your generosity.

We invite you to join us as we engage in **meditation or centering prayer on Tuesday mornings** at 9:30 a.m. You are welcome to come into the church and meditate in person with us (wearing a mask and sitting apart from one another) or connect with us by Zoom. Please email Mother Barbara for the Zoom link. This is a time when your soul can rest and be restored through the loving presence of God.

Our Community Meal program has expanded due to increased need in our community. We have picked up one additional time of preparing and serving the meal, thanks to the generous hearts of our members. We will now be serving the community meal to our hungry neighbors on the 4th Monday of the month. If you would like to join our community meal teams, please let Mike Stitt know. There is increased need for meal preparation because there are more hungry people in our area now. We are currently serving "to go" meals due to the COVID precautions.

Our food pantry. Thank you for all those who have recently contributed. It is a joy to see the pantry full and the bench also filled with food ready to be placed outside as needed. You are a generous people.

Next Weekend' s Worship Services:

Church at Home – anytime. Join us for a pre-recorded service of glorious music, sacred scripture, reflection, and prayer.

The Next “Extended Table” Worship Service will be on Sunday, 12/13/20.

If you would like to come to the church, either individually or as members of the same household, to receive bread and wine that have been consecrated that morning at a church service with Mother Barbara and one other person (2 people are required to celebrate the Eucharist since it is a communal act and sacrament), please let Mother Barbara know so she can give you a time slot to come and participate in receiving the consecrated elements. Mother Barbara will lead you through an abbreviated service of the Holy Eucharist, lasting approximately 15 minutes, so that you have a sense of settling into the space, connecting with the rhythm of the liturgy, and then to receive the blessed sacrament. If you have any questions, please let me know. You may reach Mother Barbara at 717-333-5590 (cell) or by emailing her at rector@standrewsship.org.

ST. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*We are a Christ-centered community dedicated to living authentically, thinking inclusively,
and opening our hearts to the movement of the Holy Spirit among us.*

Leadership

Diocesan Bishop The Rt. Rev. Audrey Scanlan

Rector The Rev. Barbara Hutchinson

Parish Secretary Melanie Varner

Sexton Brett Erickson

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Interim Church Musician Kevin Gorman

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