



*A ministry and community of prayer of  
The Episcopal Diocese of Vermont*

**A few notes about our service:**

The Green Mountain Online Abbey is a community of liturgical prayer that uses a range of resources approved by the Anglican communion and our Bishop. Within the liturgy, we offer intercessions on behalf of the community, the church, and the world. At some services, the leader will invite personal intercession, at which time you are welcome to unmute and offer your own biddings. Otherwise, please keep your microphone muted as you pray with the responder.

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As an Abbey, we also offer formation in Scripture, Anglican tradition, and the spiritual life. With some occasional or seasonal omissions, these offerings occur on Saturday mornings for 30-60 minutes, immediately following 8:00 am prayer.

Welcome!

# MORNING PRAYER

*December 1, 2025*

*Monday, the 1st Week of Advent*

*Saint Andrew the Apostle (transferred)*

## Opening Sentence

*The Officiant says the following*

Jesus answered them, "...the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me. *Matthew 11:5*

## Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* O God, open our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant* Reveal among us the light of your presence

*People* that we may behold your power and glory.

*All* Glory be to God, sustaining, redeeming, sanctifying,  
as in the beginning, so now and for ever. Amen.  
Alleluia.

*Officiant* Our God and Savior now draws near:

*People* O come, let us adore.

*Said in unison* **Jubilate** *Psalm 100*

May all lands be joyful before you, O God, \*

serve with gladness and come before your presence with a song.

For we know that you are God; \*

you yourself have made us, and we are yours;

we are your people and the sheep of your pasture.

We shall enter your gates with thanksgiving,

go into your courts with praise, \*

give thanks to you and call upon your Name.  
For you are good; your mercy is everlasting; \*  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

*Officiant* Our God and Savior now draws near:  
*People* O come, let us adore.

### **Psalm Appointed 34**

*Read responsively by whole verse*

1 I will bless God at all times, \*  
and praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the Most High; \*  
let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of God; \*  
let us exalt God's Name together.

4 I sought, and God answered me \*  
and delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon the Most High and be radiant, \*  
and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction, and God heard me \*  
and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angels encompass those who fear God, \*  
and God will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that God is good; \*  
happy are they who trust in the Most High!

9 Fear the Most High, you that are God's saints, \*  
for those who fear God lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, \*  
but those who seek God lack nothing that is good.

11 Come, children, and listen to me; \*  
I will teach you the fear of God.

12 Who among you loves life \*  
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking \*  
and your lips from lying words.

14 Turn from evil and do good; \*  
seek peace and pursue it.

15 The eyes of God are upon the righteous, \*  
and the ears of God are open to their cry.

16 The face of God is against those who do evil, \*  
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and God hears them \*  
and delivers them from all their troubles.

18 God is near to the brokenhearted \*  
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, \*  
but God will deliver them out of them all.

20 God will keep safe all their bones; \*  
not one of them shall be broken.

21 Evil shall slay the wicked, \*  
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

22 O God, you will ransom the life of your servants, \*  
and none will be punished who trust in you.

Glory be to God, sustaining, redeeming, sanctifying,  
as in the beginning, so now and for ever. Amen.

## **The Lessons**

### **First Reading**

*Reader.* A reading from **Isaiah 49:1-6**

Listen to me, O coastlands,  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The Lord called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.  
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me away.  
And he said to me, 'You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'  
But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the Lord,  
and my reward with my God.'

And now the Lord says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord,  
and my God has become my strength—  
he says,  
'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;

I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

Here ends the reading.

*read in unison* **Canticle D**

**A Song of the Wilderness** *Isaiah 35:1-7,10*

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, \*  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
It shall blossom abundantly, \*  
and rejoice with joy and singing.  
They shall see the glory of the Lord, \*  
the majesty of our God.  
Strengthen the weary hands, \*  
and make firm the feeble knees.  
Say to the anxious, "Be strong, do not fear! \*  
Here is your God, coming with judgment to save you."  
Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, \*  
and the ears of the deaf be unstopped.  
Then shall the lame leap like a deer, \*  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.  
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness \*  
and streams in the desert;  
The burning sand shall become a pool \*  
and the thirsty ground, springs of water.  
The ransomed of God shall return with singing, \*  
with everlasting joy upon their heads.  
Joy and gladness shall be theirs, \*  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Glory be to God, sustaining, redeeming, sanctifying,  
as in the beginning, so now and for ever. Amen.

**The Gospel**

*Reader:* A reading from the **Gospel of John 1:35-42**

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

Here ends the reading.

*A full minute of silence is observed as we reflect on the teachings and ministry of Jesus.*

### **An Affirmation of Faith**

*Officiant* Let us say together in faith  
Holy, holy, holy  
is the Lord God almighty,  
who was, and is, and is to come.  
We believe in God, who created all things:  
for by God's will they were created  
and have their being.

We believe in God the Son,  
who was slain:  
for with his blood,  
he purchased us for God,  
from every tribe and language,  
from every people and nation.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:

the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'  
Even so come, Lord Jesus!  
Amen.

### **The Prayers**

*Officiant*     Awaiting his coming in glory,  
                    as our Savior taught us, so we pray

Our loving God in heaven,  
holy is your Name,  
may your reign 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 all creation, the power,  
    and the glory are yours,  
    now and for ever. Amen.

### **Suffrages**

V. Help us, O God our Savior;  
R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.  
V. Look upon your congregation;  
R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.  
V. Declare your glory among the nations;  
R. And your wonders among all peoples.  
V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;  
R. Never forget the lives of your poor.  
V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;  
R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.  
V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;  
R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

## **The Collects**

*Advent Seasonal Prayer*

God of Mystery and grandeur,  
Who wrap yourself in darkness,  
Who make dark waters and thick clouds your pavilion:  
Tend us, your Advent people, who watch for you.  
Like seeds cracked open in the cold, dark, winter earth,  
Prepare us to blossom with the radiance of your likeness  
in our lives and in our hearts. Amen.

*Officiant:*

Almighty God, who gave such grace to your apostle Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ, and brought his brother with him: Give unto us, who are called by your Word, grace to follow him without delay, and to bring those near to us into his gracious presence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The Officiant says*

I invite your prayers of thanksgiving and intercession at this time.

*During the silence people may add their own prayers. Please unmute yourself to share your prayer aloud. When you have completed your prayer, return the microphone to mute.*

*Officiant:* Lord in Your mercy

*People:* Hear our prayer

*The Officiant concludes with the Collect for Mission*

### **A Collect for Mission**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

## **The General Thanksgiving**

*The Officiant and People say together*

Almighty God, of boundless mercy,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world  
by our Savior Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts  
we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips,  
but in our lives,  
by giving up ourselves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our best vision,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## *Together*     **A Collect of Dedication**

Beloved God: As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, once again we offer ourselves to you. May the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever. Amen.

## **Dismissal**

*Deacon*     Our Redeemer says, 'I am coming soon.'

*People*     Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

## **Concluding Sentences**

May the Savior, who is coming, find us watching and waiting. *Amen.*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Glory to God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation in the church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **Commemoration**

Most biographical notes on this Apostle begin “Andrew was Simon Peter’s brother,” and he is so described in the Gospels. Identifying Andrew as Peter’s brother makes it easy to know who he is, but it also makes it easy to overlook the fact of Andrew’s own special gift to the company of Christ. The Gospel according to John tells how Andrew, a disciple of John the Baptist, was one of two disciples who followed Jesus after John had pointed him out, saying, “Behold the Lamb of God” (John 1:29). Andrew and the other disciple went with Jesus and stayed with him, and Andrew’s first act afterward was to find his brother and bring him to Jesus. We might call Andrew the first missionary in the company of disciples.

Though Andrew was not a part of the inner circle of disciples (Peter, James, and John), he is always named in the list of disciples, and the Gospel of Matthew records Jesus’ calling them from their occupation, and their immediate response to his call. Andrew was also the disciple who brought the boy with the loaves and fishes to Jesus for the feeding of the multitude.

We hear little of Andrew as a prominent leader, and he seems always to be in the shadow of Peter. Eusebius, the early church historian, records his going to Scythia, but there is no reliable information about the end of his life. Tradition has it that he was fastened to an X-shaped cross and suffered death at the hands of angry pagans. Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland.

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