



St. Andrew's Day Festal Choral Evensong

November 23, 2025 | 4 p.m.



✻ST. ANDREW'S DAY CHORAL EVENSONG✻

Voluntary

Variations de Concert, Joseph Bonnet

At the sound of the bell, all stand.

Introit

Holy is the true light, William H. Harris

Holy is the true light, and passing wonderful, lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict: from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendor, wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore. Alleluia.

Hymn 680

“O God, our help in ages past”
St. Anne

Entrance of the Pipers

Highland Cathedral, Michael Korb
Jacksonville Pipes and Drums

The processions having reached the appointed places, the Choir sings:

The Preces and Responses

Byron Adams
Daniel Jones, Cantor

O Lord, open thou our lips.
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.
Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

All sit. The Choir chants the Psalm.

Psalm 19

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God
Chant: Attwood

The First Lesson

Romans 10:8b-18

Lector A Reading from the Book of Romans

“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No

one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” But not all have obeyed the good news; for Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our message?” So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have; for “Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.”

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Magnificat

Service in A, Stephen Caracciolo

The Second Lesson

Matthew 4:18-22

Lector A Reading from the Book of Matthew

As Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Nunc Dimittis

Service in A, Stephen Caracciolo

The Sermon

The Rev. Catherine Montgomery
Vicar, St. Mary's Episcopal Church

All stand.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, The Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried, He descended into hell;

the third day he rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The People kneel as the Choir continues:

The Suffrages and Responses

Byron Adams

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer (*monotoned by all*)

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; In earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

The Choir continues the Suffrages and Responses:

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King;

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness,

And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.

And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord,

Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Three Collects

The Grace

The Welcome



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The Offertory Anthem

Lord, thou hast been our refuge, Edward C. Bairstow

Lord, thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made, Thou art God from everlasting, and world without end. Lord, what is man, that thou hast such respect unto him; or the Son of man, that thou so regardest him? Man is like a thing of nought: his time passeth away like a shadow. But thou, O Lord shalt endure for ever, and thy remembrance through out all generations. Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Sion, yea the time is come. Comfort us again now after the time that thou hast plagued us; and for the years wherein we have suffered adversity. Amen.

After the anthem, the Jacksonville Pipes and Drums play “Scotland the Brave” and “The Bells of Dunblane.”

All stand.

The Presentation of the Flags and Standards

Trumpet Tune in C Major, Henry Purcell

Patriotic Anthems

Hymn 720 (Stanza 1), “O say can you see”

O say can you see, by the dawn’s early light, what so proudly we hailed at the twilight’s last gleaming, whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight, o’er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming? And the rockets’ red glare, the bombs bursting in air, gave proof through the night that our flag was still there. O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave o’er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

God Save the King

God save our Gracious King, long live our noble King, God save the King. Send him victorious, Happy and Glorious. Long to reign over us: God save the King.

Scotland the Brave

Hark when the light is falling, Hear! hear the pipes are calling, loudly and proudly calling, down thro’ the glen. There where the hills are sleeping, now feel the blood a-leaping, high as the spirits of the old Highland men.

CHORUS: Towering in gallant fame, Scotland my mountain home, high may your proud standards gloriously wave, Land of my high endeavor, land of the shining river, land of my heart for ever Scotland the brave.

High in the misty Highlands, out by the purple islands, brave are the hearts that beat, beneath the Scottish skies. Wild are the winds to meet you, staunch are the friends that greet you, kind as the love that shines from fair maidens' eyes. *REPEAT CHORUS*

All kneel or stand as able.

The Closing Prayers and Blessings

All stand.

The Retiring Procession of the Choir and Clergy

Hymn 618

“Ye watchers and ye holy ones”

Lasst uns erfreuen

Following the departure of the Choir and Clergy, the Jacksonville Pipes and Drums shall play “Green Hills” and “When The Battle’s O’er” as members of the St. Andrew’s Society leave the Cathedral. Following the service, the Jacksonville Pipes and Drums will perform several Scottish pieces in the Bishop’s Garden. As in all Services of Music in the Cathedral, we ask that the congregation remain seated for the playing of the voluntary.

Concluding Voluntary

Psalm XIX, Benedetto Marcello

Arr. Chester Kingsbury

The Cathedral Brass

Please join us for a reception immediately following the service in Taliaferro Hall, where you’ll see tartans of Scotland, courtesy of the St. Andrew’s Society.

Special thanks to our guests:

The Jacksonville Pipes and Drums

The Cathedral Brass

and to our Color Guard

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew

George Booth, Jr., James Cox, Marc Willis, and Rob Wilmlink

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Saint Andrew

The national flag of Scotland is the Cross of St. Andrew, a white diagonal (X-shaped) cross on a blue background. By having its own patron saint and its own flag, Scotland asserts its pride in its independence from England, an integral and proud part of the United Kingdom. St. Andrew was one of the original Twelve Apostles and a brother of St. Peter, both former fishermen called to follow Christ. He is the patron saint of Greece as well as Scotland. In early Byzantine tradition, he is known as “first called.” St. Andrew is reputed to have traveled with St. John the Evangelist to Ephesus and later preached in Scythia. He is said to have been crucified on an X-shaped Cross at Patras in Archaia. His feast day is celebrated on November 30th.

There are two reasons why Andrew was adopted as the patron saint of Scotland. One is that, in AD 345, when the Emperor Constantine the Great decided to transport Andrew’s bones from Patras to Constantinople, St. Regulus (or St. Rule), a Greek monk, was instructed by an angel to take a large number of these relics to a place in the far northwest. He was told to stop at a spot on the Fife coast of Scotland, where he founded the settlement of St. Andrew. The other explanation is that the seventh century Bishop of Hexham, St. Wilfrid brought back some of the saint’s relics from a trip to Rome, and that they landed in the hands of the Scots King, Angus MacFergus, who installed them at St. Andrew’s to enhance the prestige of the new bishopric.

One legend concerning St. Andrew is that when the Pictish King Angus, faced with a large invading army, prayed for divine guidance, a saltire (the diagonal cross) appeared in the shape of a white cloud against the blue sky. Angus won a decisive victory and decreed that Andrew would be the patron saint of his country. It was not until after Robert Bruce’s victory at the Battle of Bannockburn (1314) that the Declaration of Arbroath named St. Andrew the patron saint of Scotland forever and the saltire became the national flag in 1385.

The St. Andrew’s Society Invites You...

...to learn more about your Scottish heritage. The St Andrew’s Society of Jacksonville is a social, cultural, educational, and benevolent organization. Its principal objectives are: To dispense charitable and educational assistance to Scots, lineal descendants of Scots, and to their spouses and children. To extend educational assistance to Scots and their spouses and children. To study and perpetuate Scottish traditions and culture, including Scotland’s history, heraldry, pageantry, music, literature, language, crafts, and all the arts of Scotland. Any person, regardless of age, national origin, or religious belief who possesses a genuine interest in Scottish heritage and tradition is welcome to apply for membership. The St. Andrew’s Society of Jacksonville is a 501(c)(3) corporation under the rules of the Internal Revenue Service. Donations are tax deductible. Please go to our website for more information: <http://www.jaxstandrews.org> or contact us at:



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∞UPCOMING CHORAL SERVICES∞

Advent Procession of Lessons and Carols
Sunday, November 30
4 p.m.

Christmas Eve
Wednesday, December 24
4, 6* & 11* p.m.
***Featuring the Cathedral Choir**
Holy Eucharist

Christmas Day
Thursday, December 25
10:30 a.m.
Holy Eucharist with Cathedral Choir

New Year's Eve
Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
Wednesday, December 31
4 p.m.