

St. Andrew, Apostle
Christ the King
Sunday, November, 26, 2023, 11:15am



St. Andrew, also called St. Andrew the Apostle, one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus is the brother of St. Peter. He is the patron saint of Scotland and Russia.

In the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke), Peter and Andrew were called from their fishing by Jesus to follow Him, promising that He would make them fishers of men.

Early church legends recount his missionary activity in the area about the Black Sea. A 4th-century account reports his death by crucifixion, and late medieval writings describe the cross as X-shaped. He is represented with an X-shaped cross like that depicted on the Scottish flag.

Opening Praise Song

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our unworthiness and ask His grace and mercy. Through Ezekiel, God said that He would search for My sheep and will seek them out.

C: I confess that I have wandered away as an erring sheep, preferring the pleasures of this world rather than the rich pastures You have provided. Forgive me, O Lord.

P: Paul wrote that God has put all things in subjection under Christ's feet.

C: I confess that I have not always been a loyal child, but have made decisions based on my own thoughts and desires. Forgive me, O Lord.

P: Jesus foretold that He will judge people about how they treated others, the hungry, strangers, and prisoners.

C: I confess that I have not always sought to share Your love and meet the needs of the people around me. I cannot change without Your grace, mercy, and strength. Forgive me, O Lord.

P: Rejoice! The One who comes to judge is the same Jesus who is the one who gave His body and shed His blood for you. He rose from death, and by His grace we shall follow Him to His eternal kingdom. As a called and ordained servant of Jesus and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Together, we pray,

C: Gracious God, move us to reflect Your love for us in all that we say and do, so that Your light shines through us each day until Your Son returns to usher us into Your eternal kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

Children's Time

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Revelation 19:11-12, 16

L: This is the Word of the Lord,

C: Thanks be to God!

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter,

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(Matthew 25:31–46)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Praise Song

The Sermon *Christ the King*

The Gathering of our Gifts and Tithes

The Prayers of His Children

P: Lord, in Your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

P: ...who taught us to pray,

C: LORDS PRAYER.

God's Benediction

Sending Praise Song

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