



Order of Worship for Holy Eucharist Rite II

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 11, 2024

Welcome to this morning's worship!

Thank you for joining us today. If you are new to our service, please take a moment to fill out our visitor's card so we can get to know you. Please use this bulletin, the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP), and the blue Hymnal to follow along in worship. Nursery care is available down the stairs at the back of the church. Activity bags are available at the back of the church to keep little hearts and hands engaged.

Prelude

Introit (*choir*)

The Word Was God

Rosephanye Powell, Text: John 1:1–3

Opening Hymn (*Please stand as you are able.*)

O wondrous type! O vision fair

Hymnal 137

The Opening Acclamation

BCP p. 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Song of Praise

Christ is the world's true Light

Hymnal 542

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The Children's Procession

Children in grades K–5 are invited to process out of the church and head downstairs to the Children's Chapel, where we will celebrate the upcoming season of Lent with a special story, offering, and music. We will return for the Eucharistic Prayer.

***This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine! (Sing 3 times.) Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine! (Sing 3 times.) Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!***

The Word of God

A Reading from the Hebrew Bible

2 Kings 2:1–12

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**

People ***Thanks be to God.***

The Psalm (*read responsively by whole verse*)

Psalm 50:1-6

- 1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; *
 he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 *Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, **
 God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
 before him there is a consuming flame,
 and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 *He calls the heavens and the earth from above **
 to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, *
 those who have made a covenant with me
 and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 *Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; **
 for God himself is judge.

Gradual Hymn (*standing*)

Christ upon the mountain peak (vv. 1-2)

Hymnal 129

The Holy Gospel

Mark 9:2-9

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Gradual Hymn

Christ upon the mountain peak (vv. 3-4)

Hymnal 129

The Sermon (*seated*)

The Rev. John de Beer

The Prayers of the People for Epiphany (*standing or kneeling*)

Let us pray to God, who is made manifest in Jesus Christ.

As the prophet Isaiah rang out, “Arise, shine; for your light has come”; empower your Church, O God, to ring out the Good News of the Light of your son Jesus, which pierces even the deepest darkness. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

As a star rose high into the nighttime sky to draw the nations to the Christ-child; send your blessing, O God, on this nation, and every nation, and draw the whole world to your peace and truth. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

As John the Baptist guided throngs of people to the edge of the wilderness and baptized Jesus in the River Jordan, we pray that you would guide our country and our leaders to the ways of justice and righteousness. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Like the Magi who traveled from afar to bring gifts and celebrate the Savior’s birth; we pray for this community and the gifts we bring to you. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

As Jesus climbed the mountaintop, and proclaimed blessings on the people of the world; we pray for the sick and the distressed, the hungry and cold and homeless, for refugees and those seeking safety. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

As Jesus called his disciples to leave their nets and boats, and follow him; we pray for those we love and who have answered your call to follow Jesus to your Heavenly Kingdom. Give them your peace. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, Light of the World, hear our prayers, and make us reflections of your Light, that the places of darkness in our world would be pierced by your Light, and that all nations would be drawn to you and be overwhelmed with joy. *Amen.*

The Confession and Absolution

The Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

This Little Light of Mine

arr. John W. Work

Jeff Chowning, Catherine Clifton, Ashley Ellin, Hannah Schlotterer, Sean Toso

At the Presentation

The Doxology

Hymnal 380, v. 3

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP p. 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

Sanctus

Hymnal S-128

The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

We are offering Communion in both kinds. If you do not want to receive Communion but would like to come forward for a blessing, come to either side of the altar rail and place your arms across your chest in the form of an "X" or cross.

Communion Hymns (sung by all)

O light of Light, Love given birth

Hymnal 134

O Jesus, joy of loving hearts

Hymnal 649

O God, unseen yet ever near

Hymnal 332

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP p. 365

Epiphany Blessing

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

Closing Hymn

Ye watchers and ye holy ones

Hymnal 618

The Dismissal

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Postlude

We welcome the Rev. John de Beer as our guest preacher and celebrant today.

Acolytes: Jonathan Spinks, Josie Starrett, Lindy Taylor. **Readers:** Deb Harris Richardson, Tommy Webb. **Chalicians:** Virginia Haskett, Anne Webb. **Verger:** Debbie Dowd. **Ushers:** Mitzi Bond, Bob Emmaus, Charles Kappauf, Laurinda Stokes, Craig Taylor. **Greeters & Newcomer Hosts:** Bill Hill, Anne Jones, Charles Kelshaw. **Altar Guild:** Carolyn Hackett, Judy Hackett, Anne Jones, Linda Van Ormer, Gail Walters. **Livestream Team:** Jorge Chaires, Tim Fleming.

The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Reid Gaskins by his daughters; and by George and Charlyne Hanna in loving memory of their son, Justin, George's parents, George and Rosa Hanna, and Charlyne's parents, Albert and Alma Farah.

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We Pray For

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

There have seemingly always been tensions in the historic nation of the Sudan, especially between the south (which identified with East African nations) and the north (which identified with North African Arabs and with Egypt). A long civil war ended with the creation of a new nation, South Sudan, in 2011, and six years later Anglicans created a new Episcopal Church of South Sudan, with perhaps 3 ½ million members. Sadly, they have serious ethnic divisions. The American Friends of the Episcopal Church of the Sudans, founded in 2005, tries to be supportive of Anglicans in the two Sudans.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Michael and All Angels', Charlotte; St. Peter's, Charlotte

Those on our parish prayer list: Mary Stalter, Norma Bullock, Moira Ermentrout, Maria Wilmoth, Jimmye Olivey, Patrick and Margaret Miller, Ed Morea, Julie Dameron, Traci and Erik, Barbara Cernansky, Ella Janssen, Gabriel, Charles Claunch, Libby Eberhard, Gwen Snead, Ali Avery, Barbara Van Cleve, David Heflin, Jeff Cummer, Charles Kelshaw, David McGraw, Maureen Morea, Carolyn Ritchie, Betty Atwell, Eva Harris, Harold Johnson, Bob Emmaus, Judy Gecinger, Liz Wert, Wes Hood, Carol Phillips, Leslie Deaton, Ed Phelps, Tom Walton, Mack Baker, Amber Morales, Lauren, Phillip Marion, Downs Brown, Jr., Martha and Jim Kaley, Ben Dormus, Nancy O'Donnell, Tina Sink Gangi, Florine, Vickie, Heather, Victoria, Dean Barrett, Bob, Leslie, Johnetta Shablack, Doug Baker, Erik Flak, Bill Hill, Little Vik, Ginny Inman

Those serving in our military: Tom Stauffer, Paul Zeigler, Stephen Johnson, Benjamin Phillips, Kenneth Gearhart, Alex Reyes, Michael McNeil, Jordan Payne, Catharyn Nosek

The departed: Robison Brown James, father of Susan James Frye

Those expecting: Megan and Ryan Waide

Birthdays: Ashley Angel, Rhonda Bentz, Jeff Chowning, Julia Davis, Thea DeLoreto, Timothy Feifs, Susan Frye, Judy Hackett, Rose Hood, Chuck Kennedy, Sarah Sellers, Johnetta Shablack, David Stokes

Anniversaries: Joe and Pat Stultz

Prayer requests can be sent to Susan Frye at parish@standrewsgso.org or 336-275-1651, ext. 1. Names remain on our parish prayer list for six weeks. Please let Susan know if you would like a name to continue to be listed.

Today!

It's Children's Chapel Day for Our K-5 Friends

Today our K-5 kids will process out of the church as usual at children's ministry time, but they will head downstairs to the Children's Chapel to celebrate the upcoming season of Lent with a special story, offering, and music time. They will return by the Eucharistic Prayer.

Formation Class Continues—Join Us after Worship in the Cloister

Our *Biblical Perspectives* adult formation offering led by Samuel Moss continues today. Ancient texts, manuscripts, geography, and history converge in this penetrating examination of the Bible as Holy Writ. **Recordings of the first two sessions are now available. Look for links in this week's *eNews*.**

Invite—Welcome—Connect & Interested Members—Meet after Worship in Kids of the Kingdom Room

All IWC committee members and interested members are invited to a meeting after worship today. We will be making plans for a March 10 welcome event and preparing invitations. Please contact Jon Anderson (jsavestry@yahoo.com) or Jennifer Jones (jenjones07282@gmail.com) to learn more about IWC.

All Helping Hands Invited to Buildings & Grounds Meeting—Right after Worship in the Library

Our first monthly Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting is today after worship. This is an open meeting for those who already have raised their hands and for anyone who has ideas or would like to help now and then with buildings and grounds projects. We will meet in the Library to review the current needs of the church, take suggestions, and share ideas about where and how you can help. More hands make lighter work! Please contact Nick Klett (nick@nickklett.com) with questions.

Good Soup for Good—Order Your Soup by TODAY – We've Kept the Store Open an Extra Day!

Which do you prefer? Something warm and tasty for lunch or supper? Or making a purchase knowing that your \$\$ will support a cause dear to your heart? Aha! The St. Andrew's Soup Sale does both! Order at standrewsfundraisers.square.site/ or scan the QR code right here > > > > > > . Choose (this is the warm and tasty part) from three traditional favorites—Tomato Bisque, Corn Chowder, Italian Sausage and White Bean—or new and intriguing West African Sweet Potato Peanut. The cause dear to St. Andrew's hearts is the Afghan refugee family we sponsor—parents and five little girls. Such an easy decision!



Get Your Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Tickets after Church in the Parish Hall

Our Pancake Supper is this Tuesday, February 13, 5:30–7:30 p.m.! Tickets will be offered for purchase after worship in the Parish Hall at \$7 each or \$15 for a family ticket. You can buy them at the door, too, but why wait?

Affordable Housing is a Priority—Please Complete Assets Inventory Survey by Today

As 2024 begins, the **Interfaith Affordable Housing Initiative (IAHI)** invites Greensboro congregations of all faiths each to prepare a letter stating their willingness to participate in the work ahead. A next step is for each congregation to prepare an **inventory of relevant interests, skills, and knowledge among its members**. No commitment is implied; the inventory serves both to introduce the possibilities for service to people of faith, and to inform leadership about where resources exist. Today we are asking St. Andrew's parishioners to complete a short outline of questions in an Assets Inventory. Survey handouts are available at the church entrance and in the Parish Hall. *Please respond to the questions thoughtfully and with a prayer in your heart. Then put the completed survey in the labeled collection spot in the Parish Hall. Questions? Please contact Virginia Haskett at vbhaskett@yahoo.com.*

Announcements

ECW Valentine Meeting, Monday, February 12

Join us tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall for Valentine making! Some supplies will be provided but if you have any that would help (construction paper, empty envelopes, markers, glue sticks, etc.) please bring them. See you for a fun evening of creativity and fellowship. Refreshments will be served.

Our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is this Tuesday, February 13, 5:30–7:30 p.m.!

Join us for pancakes, sausage, baked apples, and great fellowship on Shrove Tuesday. Bring a friend and tell your neighbors! We also need volunteers to make it happen. Sign up at bit.ly/PancakeHelp24.

All Middle & High School Youth—It's Pancake Time, this Tuesday, February 13

Our youth will be helping out at our favorite syrup-soaked event of the year, the Pancake Supper, this Tuesday! **Servers, drink fillers, bussers, and anyone who looks great in an apron are all needed for this fun night of service.** Contact Martha Chaires at martha@standrewsgso.org to confirm that you can come!

Ash Wednesday Services, February 14

We will offer Ash Wednesday services with imposition of ashes at **7:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. in the Chapel**. If you would like to attend an evening service, we invite you to join the 50th Annual Convocation-wide Ash Wednesday observance at **7 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, 901 E. Friendly Ave.**

Families of Toddler—Pre-K Kids, Let's Celebrate Lent with Activity Eggs!

This year during Lent, the children in our pre-K playroom and nursery will be receiving Activity Eggs each Sunday, beginning on February 11. These eggs, each with a special activity inside, will help introduce our youngest children to one of the greatest mysteries of the church year. There are twelve eggs total, one for each Sunday in Lent, for Ash Wednesday and the days of Holy Week, and one more to kick off the Easter season. Simply show up to church on Sundays to receive your eggs, but if you have to miss a week or two you are welcome to email Martha to find a time to pick up your eggs.

EYC Welcomes Jankoba Sambola for Program and Shared Meal—February 18, 5-6:30 p.m.

Next Sunday, Jankoba Sambola will join us to tell us about his life growing up in the church in Liberia, and we'll continue our semester-long film project on Discipleship and the many ways we find to follow Jesus in our everyday lives. **We will also provide supper on this night!** Check this week's *eNews* and *News for Children, Youth, & Families* email from Martha for our EYC Spring Calendar.

EYC, we hope you and your families also will take advantage of the NCCJ Interfaith Tour offering on February 18 (see next announcement), before heading to EYC with Jankoba Sambola and a shared meal.

ALL are Invited to NCCJ's Interfaith Tour—February 18, 1-5 p.m.

Dedicated to building bridges of understanding and respect between people of all beliefs, the NCCJ Interfaith tour offers an opportunity to explore some of our community's many vibrant faith traditions by visiting different houses of worship to connect with, learn from, and find common ground with each other. Together, we'll visit three local congregations at Jewish, Islamic, and Buddhist houses of worship. Register now at <https://www.tfaforms.com/5042689> for this free, family-friendly program, and please share this invitation with friends, family, and neighbors!

Support the Altar Guild with Easter Flower Dedications—Submit by March 18

One of the duties of St. Andrew's Altar Guild is to decorate our worship space for special services, including Easter. On this festive day, we would like the church altar to be full of beautiful flowers, especially lilies. We invite you to support the Altar Guild with an honorary or memorial Easter Flower Offering. The bulletin for Easter Sunday will list all donors and dedications. Gifts should be received by **Monday, March 18**, and may be made online at bit.ly/2024EasterFlowers at church using the special flower envelopes in the pews, or by mail (see *eNews* for instructions).

Have an Announcement? Please Submit by Friday!

Announcements for *eNews* and the Sunday bulletin can be emailed to Susan Frye, Parish Administrator, at parish@standrewsgso.org. Please submit all news items by the **Friday** the week before the requested publication week.

Supporting St. Andrew's

Thank You for Your Generous Support

We are grateful for your gifts that sustain our mission and ministry. If you have questions about your giving, please email Ray Marsh at bookkeeper@standrewsgso.org, or leave him a message at 336-265-1651, ext. 3. Ray is in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays. To make a new gift or continue your pledge, visit abundant.co/standrewsepiscopalch/give, scan the QR Code at right, or mail a check to *St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Bookkeeper, 2105 W. Market St., Greensboro, NC 27403*.





Love Grows Here

Join us for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter 2024

- Feb. 13** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 5:30–7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 14** Ash Wednesday Services
7:30 a.m. & 12 p.m. (*St. Andrew's Chapel*)
7 p.m. at *Church of the Redeemer (901 E. Friendly Ave.)*
- Feb. 25** Lenten Formation, *Sundays at 11:15 a.m.*
- Mar. 1–2** *Living Your Story: Women's Retreat*
- Mar. 10** New Member Liturgy & Welcome Breakfast
- Mar. 16** Lenten Quiet Day
- Mar. 22–23** Dismantling Racism: Reclaiming Our Baptismal Promises (*Diocesan offering*)

Holy Week

*Labyrinth will be available in the Chapel, and
The Way of the Cross will be available in the Sanctuary.*

Mar. 24 Palm Sunday Service, 10 a.m.

Mar. 28 Maundy Thursday Service, 7 p.m.

Mar. 29 Good Friday Service, 12 p.m.

Mar. 31 Easter Sunday Service, 10 a.m.
(Easter Egg Hunt after service)

Lenten Resources for Reflection and Prayer

Living Well Through Lent 2024: Practicing Forgiveness with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind, from Living Compass
Available at <https://www.livingcompass.org/lent-2024-about>

Have a Beautiful, Terrible Lent! from Kate Bowler
Available at <https://katebowler.com/lent/>

Lenten Meditations from Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD)
Available at <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/>

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