



Order of Worship for Holy Eucharist Rite II

Feast of the Epiphany

January 12, 2025

Welcome to this morning's worship!

Thank you for joining us. 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

Opening Hymn (*Please stand as you are able.*) *Songs of thankfulness and praise*

Hymnal 135

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

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

The Children's Procession to Children's Chapel

Children in grades K–5 are invited to an Epiphany Children's Chapel this morning. They will process out of the church together, following the cross, and go to our Children's Chapel downstairs for a special story, thanksgiving, and communion just for the little ones.

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

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (read responsively by whole verse)

Psalm 72:1–7, 10–14

Give the King your justice, O God, *

and your righteousness to the King's Son;

That he may rule your people righteously * and the poor with justice;

That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, * and the little hills bring righteousness.

He shall defend the needy among the people; *

he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *

from one generation to another.

He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *

like showers that water the earth.

In his time shall the righteous flourish; *

there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, * and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

All kings shall bow down before him, * and all the nations do him service.

For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, * and the oppressed who has no helper.

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he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, * and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

Gradual Hymn (standing)

In the bleak midwinter (vv. 1–2)

Hymnal 112

Matthew 2:1–12

The Holy Gospel

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: `And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gradual Hymn

In the bleak midwinter (vv. 3–4)

Hymnal 112

Homily (seated)

The Rev. Ginny Bain Inman

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

BCP p. 360

The Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Arise, Shine

George Elvey, arr. Crawford R. Thoburn

Arise, shine for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people;
but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee,
And the gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

At the Presentation

The Doxology Hymnal 380, v. 3

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP p. 367

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.PeopleWe 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–130

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)

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning	Hymnal 117
We three kings of Orient are	Hymnal 128
How bright appears the Morning Star	Hymnal 496

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

As with gladness men of old

Hymnal 119

The Dismissal BCP p. 366

Deacon Let us go forth together sharing the light of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Acolyte: Sam Inman. Readers: Norma Bullock, Shirley Keel. Chalicist: Spencer Musick. Verger: George Hanna. Ushers: Mitzi Bond, Laurinda Stokes, Craig Taylor. Greeters & Newcomer Hosts: Anne Jones, Stephen Martin. Altar Guild Members: Pat Baker, Nancy Bishop, Susan Brannan, Mary V. Compton, Nancy Kimbrough, Barbara Lawless, Sandy O'Briant. Livestream Team: Phil Barrineau, Joe Stultz.

The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God by Janice and Dennis Pollard in celebration of their second anniversary.

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We Pray For

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of West Africa

Simply put, the Anglican province of West Africa contains everybody except the Nigerians, who have their own province. This province includes Sierra Leone, since 1852 the historic center of Anglican mission work in the region, with its Fourah Bay College preparing generations of West African intellectuals and church leaders; Ghana, the strongest Anglican presence in the region these days; Liberia, one of only two territories in Africa that was never colonized, and which has historic American church ties; and the Gambia, the tiniest of them all. In post-independent West Africa, these Anglicans initiated missionary dioceses in nearby French-speaking nations; and Cameroon, Guinea, and Senegal, along with the former-Portuguese Cape Verde islands, are now part of the province.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. John's, Battleboro; Church of the Holy Comforter, Burlington; St. Paul's, Cary

Western North Carolina and all those impacted by the Fall 2024 hurricanes

Those on our parish prayer list: Mary Stalter; Norma Bullock; Moira Ermentrout; Maria Wilmoth; Jimmye Olivey; Patrick Miller; Ed Morea; Julie Dameron; Traci and Erik; Charles Claunch; Barbara Van Cleve; Jeff Cummer; Charles Kelshaw; David McGraw; Betty Atwell; Rich and Maria; Liz Wert; Carol Phillips; Ed Phelps; Mack Baker; Lauren; Downs Brown, Jr.; Martha and Jim Kaley; Nancy O'Donnell; Tina Sink Gangi; Heather; Victoria; Johnetta Shablack; Erik Flak; Frank Tatem; Pauline Tatum; Jim Tatum; Pia; Henry, Christine, and Emily Davis-Potter; Linda Heller; Katelyn Flowers; Jeannie Phillips; James; Jim and Sue Ligon; Madeline Colavito; Hilary Towle; Kayla Alford; Charlotte Lloyd; Sarah Sellers; David; Jack; Mary Rose; Sue Keith; Irina and son; Anne Franklin and family; David Stokes; Myra Stephens; Marilyn McManis; Rhonda Weaver; Amanda Avery; Lynda Sanecki; Maria Alicia Huarcaya Hermoza and Kathy Hinshaw; Daniel; Buster Lewis

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: Mary White, mother of Arthur White; Wayne Ford, stepfather of Catherine Clifton Hardman

Birthdays: Mike Cronin, Linda Cummer, Shirley Keel, Charles Kelshaw, Pat Stultz, Lindy Taylor

Please send prayer requests to Susan Frye at <u>parish@standrewsgso.org</u> or 336-275-1651, ext. 1. Names remain on our parish prayer list for six weeks. If you would like a name to remain on the list, please let Susan know. Please also email Susan with birthdays or anniversaries for the bulletin.



Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. We will introduce **Star Words** in our worship, distributing star-shaped cards, each with a word on one side. As we consider together what it means to Look for the Light, reflecting on these words can serve as a simple spiritual practice, inviting you to set your intention for the new year.

After Church, Join Us for Coffee, Conversation, & Chalking the Doors (Parish Hall)

Our Epiphany Celebration continues after our worship. We'll have Coffee & Conversation in the Parish Hall, with chalk available and instructions for those wishing to bless their homes in 2025 with the ancient tradition of **Chalking the Doors**. This practice consists of marking a blessing in chalk to invite God's blessing on a home, church, or other entryway, and on all who enter its doors during the year. The markings are usually made above the front door in this pattern: 20 + C + M + B + 25. The numbers reflect the new calendar year. The letters have two meanings—as the initials of the traditional names of the three magi (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar), and as the initials of the Latin phrase *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, or "Christ bless this dwelling." The + signs are for the Cross of Christ. Before, during, or after the chalking of the door, a prayer might be offered: O God of Stars and Journeys, we ask your blessing on this threshold. May all whose journeys lead them through these doors be blessed with health, generosity of spirit, a joyful heart, and deep peace. O God of Welcome, may all who enter this doorway rejoice to find Christ living among us, and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is the incarnate Word, now and forever. Amen. Additional information about Epiphany and this tradition is included in our "Epiphany at Home" handout available after church today and in our Weekly eNews.

The Table is Set and Ready for Our Donations! Help Make an Abundant Life Meal with Friends Drop-Off Today & January 14 for Community Dinner January 14

Each month, St. Andrew's partners with other Episcopal churches to cook for Abundant Life's community dinners at the Church of the Holy Spirit. Thank you to those who delivered meals this morning for this Tuesday's meal. If you haven't signed up yet, please check the signup sheet at https://bit.ly/AbundantLifeStA, using the tab for the current month, and contact Barbara Cooke (336-521-0040 or bjcooke58@gmail.com) to coordinate delivery of meals to her home this Tuesday.

Tonight at 5 p.m.!—EYC Epiphany Edition: Bring Canned Goods for Sharing & Greens for Burning

This Epiphany our youth are going to party like it's 1999—or 567 AD! All middle and high schoolers are invited to share the light tonight with the ancient ceremony of the Burning of the Greens. Hang on to your greenery (Christmas trees, wreaths, and garlands welcome!) and bring it to church at 5 p.m. We'll celebrate Jesus' light coming into the world with bright, blazing fires of greens and a brief ceremony, followed by s'mores and hot chocolate. Like the magi who arrived a little late to the stable in Bethlehem, bring a gift to share—but instead of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, we ask that you bring canned goods to help stock the food pantry at **Urban Ministries**. In order to share the light and maximize on the gifts, we're inviting other Episcopal youth from around our city, so be ready to welcome new friends!

Announcements

Start the New Year with ECW—January 13 at 2:00 p.m.

The St. Agatha and St. Mary's Chapter of Episcopal Church Women (ECW) will meet at 2:00 p.m. tomorrow in the Parish Hall. Deacon Pam will present information about our Daughters of the King chapter at St. Andrew's. Please invite a guest and join us on this date and the second Monday of each month. Contact Janice Cox Pollard at <u>icallcox@gmail.com</u> for more information.

It's Time for Breakfast at Green Valley Grill – January 17 at 8:30 a.m.

All are invited to an informal breakfast gathering at Green Valley Grill on January 17 at 8:30 a.m. We look forward to sharing food and fellowship with friends of St. Andrew's. Please RSVP by noon the day before to Jonathan Stephens at 615-480-3804 or stephens.jonathan.r@gmail.com.

Join Your Parish Family in Remembering Our Saints in Light

Funeral for Judy Hackett-Friday, January 17 at 11:00 a.m.

Our love and condolences go out to the family of Judy Hackett. The funeral for Judy will be on January 17 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, with a reception to follow in the Parish Hall.

Funeral for Marilyn Simpson – Thursday, January 23, at 11:00 a.m.

Our love and condolences go out to the family of Marilyn Simpson family. The funeral for Marilyn will be on January 23 at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

Families of Preschool–Elementary Kids: Let's Gather for Our 2nd Sprouts Brunch Bunch — January 19 Our Sprouts families will be meeting up for brunch at Taco Mama (2168 Lawndale Dr.) this month! Join us on January 19 after church and our all-parish service project for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Please email Martha-Wade Chaires (<u>martha@standrewsgso.org</u>) if you know you can make it, but last minute arrivals are welcome too!

Come to EYC on January 19-All Middle & High Schoolers are Invited

In honor of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, our EYC will be making no-sew blankets and scarves for our neighbors who are living outdoors in these cold temperatures. All supplies—and a yummy dinner!—will be provided. Join us at 5 p.m. on Sunday, January 19.

Observances in Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, January 20, 2025

All are invited to the following worship and community events. See our Weekly eNews for more details and links.

- Sunday, January 19, 10 a.m. —Sunday Morning Worship Service & All-Parish Service Project St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2105 W. Market St. and on YouTube

 Morning worship and Eucharist with The Rev. Pamela Haynes, Deacon, preaching, followed by an all-parish gathering in the Parish Hall to make comfort bags for our houseless neighbors. (See announcement above about EYC Evening of Service.)
- Friday, January 17, 7:30 p.m. Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Shabbat Service
 In person at Temple Emanuel, 1129 Jefferson Rd., and on <u>Facebook</u>

 A very special MLK Shabbat Service featuring honored guest Frank McCain and musical guests, the choir of Presbyterian Church of the Cross, where Frank's wife, Rev. Vicki H. McCain, is pastor.
- Monday, January 20, 12 p.m. 20th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Worship Service
 In person at St. James Presbyterian Church, 820 Ross Ave., and on YouTube and Facebook.

 With live music, dancers, and messages from our local leaders! Rev. Dr. Phanta Lansden, Senior Pastor. Guest preacher Rev. Paul Ford.
- Monday, January 20, 7:00 a.m. Greensboro Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Event
 At Sheraton Greensboro / Koury Convention Center, 3121 W. Gate City Blvd.
 Hosted by Greensboro's Human Rights Commission, this year's event theme is "A Future of Service," with keynote speaker Marcus Gause, Ed.D., principal of James B. Dudley High School.
 (Tickets are sold out. See <u>Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast | Greensboro, NC for details.)</u>

Support St. Andrew's EYC With Their Favorite Thing—Food!

Our EYC is growing, and they're growling too—oh wait, that's just their tummies. We love to provide dinner at the end of our youth meetings as a chance to sit down together, break bread, and share time around the table with friends. If you are interested in providing dinner for the EYC, we have several dates open this winter and spring. Dinner can be as simple as pizza or as complicated as you like. Email Martha at martha@standrewsgso.org for more information or to sign up!

Diocesan Conversation Series: "About the Second Amendment" — January 23 at 7 p.m., via Zoom

The Second Amendment and the "right to keep and bear arms" are two of the most commonly cited arguments in any conversation concerning gun safety and ownership. But the citation, and the Second Amendment itself, is often misused and misunderstood. Professors Joseph Blocher and Darrell Miller, authors of *The Positive Second Amendment* and co-founders of the <u>Duke Center for Firearms Law</u>, will take us through the origins of the Second Amendment, as well as its journey through the courts and public perception to where we are today. Nonpolitical, balanced, and fact-based, this webinar will help attendees to understand what the Second Amendment is and is not, the intentions and factors that went into its creation, and how and why it has changed over the centuries. Informational and educational, this presentation is appropriate for anyone with an interest in American history, conversations about gun safety. or the facts about this key amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Offered by the diocesan <u>Gun Violence Prevention Task Force</u> as part of its ongoing <u>Conversation Series</u>.

Let's Celebrate Together at Our Annual Meeting-January 26

Our Annual All-Parish Meeting will be held after worship on Sunday, January 26, 2025. We look forward to gathering for a joyful reception to reflect on the ways we have been growing in love *Together* in our church, our community, and our world this year. We will give thanks for our outgoing vestry members and hear important updates about parish ministries and finances.

We Welcome Your Financial Gifts

We are grateful for your continued gifts that sustain the mission and ministry of St. Andrew's. If you have questions about your giving, setting up or changing a recurring draft, or making gifts of stock or other funds, email Ray Marsh, at bookkeeper@standrewsgso.org or leave him a message at 336-275-1651, ext. 3.

To make a gift, scan the code at right, visit <u>abundant.co/standrewsepiscopalch/give</u>, or mail your check to: *St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Bookkeeper*, 2105 W. Market St., *Greensboro*, NC 27403.

You may still submit your pledge for our *Together* Campaign for 2025 at https://bit.ly/TOGETHER2025 or email parish@standrewsgso.org to request a pledge packet. Every pledge matters.

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of Lord Jesus Christ.

-Romans 15:5-6

THE YEAR AS A HOUSE

Think of the year Let it be here

as a house: that love will find its way.

door flung wide Here

in welcome, let the weary come threshold swept let the aching come and waiting, let the lost come

a graced spaciousness let the sorrowing come.

opening and offering itself Here

to you. let them find their rest

Let it be blessed and let them find their soothing in every room. and let them find their place
Let it be hallowed and let them find their delight.

in every corner. And may it be

Let every nook in this house of a year

be a refuge that the seasons will spin in beauty,

and every object and may it be

set to holy use. in these turning days

Let it be here that time will spiral with joy.

that safety will rest. And may it be

Let it be here that its rooms will fill that health will make its home. with ordinary grace

Let it be here and light spill from every window that peace will show its face. to welcome the stranger home.

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