



## Order of Worship for Holy Eucharist Rite II

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 16, 2025

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### *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.)*

*God, my King, thy might confessing (vv. 1, 4-6)*

Hymnal 414

#### **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, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 children's ministry time. They will process out of the church together and go to the classroom hall for Godly Play (K–2) and Kids of the Kingdom (3–5), returning for the announcements.*

*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**

### **The First Reading**

1 Corinthians 15:12–20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

*Reader*        *The Word of the Lord.*

*People*        *Thanks be to God.*

### **The Psalm** *(read responsively by whole verse)*

Psalm 1

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*

nor lingered in the way of sinners,

nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

*Their delight is in the law of the Lord, \**

*and they meditate on his law day and night.*

They are like trees planted by streams of water,

bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*

everything they do shall prosper.

*It is not so with the wicked; \**

*they are like chaff which the wind blows away.*

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*

nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

*For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, \**

*but the way of the wicked is doomed.*

### **Gradual Hymn** *(standing)*

*Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling (vv. 1–2)*

Hymnal 577

## **The Holy Gospel**

Luke 6:17–26

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

## **Gradual Hymn**

*Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling (v. 3)*

Hymnal 577

## **The Sermon** *(seated)*

The Rev. Pamela Haynes

## **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 Love. *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

*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-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)

Blest are the pure in heart


Savior, like a shepherd lead us

I've got peace like a river


Hymnal 656

Hymnal 708


LEVAS 201



1. I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a  
2. I've got joy like a foun - tain, I've got joy like a  
3. I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an



1. riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er in my  
2. foun - tain, I've got joy like a foun - tain in my  
3. o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean in my



1. soul; \_\_\_\_\_ I've got riv - er in my soul. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. soul; \_\_\_\_\_ I've got foun - tain in my soul. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. soul; \_\_\_\_\_ I've got o - cean in my soul. \_\_\_\_\_

### 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

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

Hymnal 544

**The Dismissal**

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

People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

**Postlude**

**Acolyte:** Holden Troutman. **Readers:** (8:30 a.m.) Linda Cummer; (10 a.m.) Sandy Shelton, Nancy Thornton. **Chalicians:** (8:30 a.m.) Virginia Haskett; (10 a.m.) Barbara Lawless, Buster Lewis. **Verger:** Debbie Dowd. **Ushers:** Richtina Kpangbai, Rob Moore, Amelia Menston-Sambola, Jankoba Sambola, John Sweeney, Celeste Williams. **Greeters & Newcomer Hosts:** Fran Swan, Lois Washburn. **Altar Guild Members:** Beth Berger, Dottie Clark, Carolyn Hackett, Anne Jones, Betty Self, Laurinda Stokes, Linda Van Ormer, Gail Walters. **Livestream Team:** Phil Barrineau, Tim Fleming.

*The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God by Lynn Jones in loving honor of Jon and Jen Jones Anderson and their children, Matthew and Molly.*

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**We Pray For****Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Church of Bangladesh

*Christianity came to Bengal, in what was then India, during the colonial period. The region became the eastern part of Pakistan with the partition of the subcontinent into India and Pakistan in 1947. Following a war of liberation in 1971, East Pakistan separated from West Pakistan and became an independent Bangladesh. The Church of Bangladesh follows the pattern of Pakistan and India, with the creation of united churches. In Bangladesh, the united Church consists mainly of those from Anglican and Presbyterian traditions. They make up only 0.3% of the population of the country.*

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Grace, Clayton; St. Clement's, Clemmons; Christ Church, Cleveland

**Special concerns:** Western North Carolina and all those impacted by natural disasters, including wildfires and hurricanes

**Those on our parish prayer list:** Mary Stalter; Norma Bullock; Moira Ermentrout; Maria Wilmoth; Jimmie 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; Madeline Colavito; Hilary Towle; 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; Terry Meyer; Betsy Murray; Jeter Walker; Gayle Scott; Earnest Graham; Derek; Fred Johnson; E. MacKenzie; Marcella Bryant; Alan Martin; Carolyn Ritchie

**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:** Pearl Grace Smith, aunt of Pam Haynes

**Birthdays:** Rhonda Bentz, Kathryn Crowe, Sam Inman, Sarah Sellers

*Please send prayer requests to Susan Frye at [parish@standrewsgso.org](mailto:parish@standrewsgso.org) 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

#### **Join Us for Session 2 of *The Third Evangelist* Formation Offering, Right after 10 a.m. Worship (Cloister)**

The Gospel of Luke provides a veritable treasure trove of narratives found in no other New Testament Gospel. From Mary's soaring Magnificat to the Parable of the Good Samaritan, Luke tantalizes his audience with some of the church's most beloved songs and stories. His presentation of Jesus' Resurrection—at Emmaus and in Jerusalem—is simply stunning in its narration and implications. In today's session we will learn about Luke's *modus operandi*, addressing the Parables and The Women of the Third Gospel. Meet us in the Cloister today and next Sunday for this exploration guaranteed to intrigue the mind as well as the heart. Led by freelance scholar Samuel Moss (M.Div., Duke University).

#### **Get Your Pancake Tickets Now & Buy a Placemat Ad to Help Us Fundraise for Outreach**

*Our Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is March 4, 5:30–7:30 p.m.*

To continue our annual outreach fundraiser, our Men's Fellowship is once again hosting a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on March 4, 5:30–7:30 p.m. **Tickets are \$15 per family and \$7 for individuals and can be purchased today from Martha-Wade Chaires and our EYC in the Parish Hall on Sundays after worship.** To boost our fundraising for outreach, please consider placing an ad on our printed placemats for \$75, or make an outright donation. **Please contact Jack Garvey ([jacksr.garvey@gmail.com](mailto:jacksr.garvey@gmail.com)) or Liz Nash ([liznash@triad.rr.com](mailto:liznash@triad.rr.com)) for more details about ads.** And please be sure to come and join us for food, fellowship, fun (and door prizes!) on March 4.

#### **It's Time for Another Sprouts Brunch Bunch!—Today, Right after 10 a.m. Worship**

Families of preschool–elementary kids, it's time for this month's brunch meetup! Join us today at Delicious Bakery's new location (*1209 Battleground Ave.*). Delicious has an array of cakes and pastries, a coffee bar, and best of all, a giant new kid-friendly space for us to hang out in. We'll head over after 10 a.m. worship to share some Sunday afternoon time together in the sweetest way. Contact Martha-Wade Chaires with questions at [martha@standrewsgso.org](mailto:martha@standrewsgso.org).

## **Come to EYC Tonight for Life-Sized Board Games!**

Calling all board game lovers! Tonight we're having game night with a twist—life-sized video and board games! From Battleship to Pacman, we'll be bringing classic games to life in Herman Hall. Let's beat back those winter blues with a super fun Sunday night. See you from 5 to 6:30—and wear clothes you can move in!

## **Fourth Weekly Star Word Reflection for Epiphany**

*To celebrate Epiphany, we invited each member of the congregation to choose a star word for the year ahead and consider how God might be speaking to you through your word. This simple spiritual practice encourages each of us to hold, engage, and explore a word closely over time. What word did you get for 2025? We will offer a reflection prompt you can use with your star word for each week during Epiphany.*

**☆ Here is this week's invitation: Consider the Communion Liturgy in all its elements using all your senses. Pray with your word in the quiet time before or after you receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Reflect on how your star word calls you into deeper communion.**

## **This Week**

### **Women of St. Andrew's, Sign Up Today for Connect in Community—February 20 at 7 p.m.**

You're invited to another Connect in Community, a time for deepening our relationships with one another and our faith. Sarah Chowning will lead our time together, and we'll talk in small groups and create prayers, with plenty of time for sound and silence. Please sign up at <https://bit.ly/2025-02-STA-CONNECT> (where you can also sign up to bring a dessert to share, if you like). We are so excited to be together!

### **Fun in February—Coffee & Conversation with Our Clergy, Tuesdays in February**

It has been a hard start to the year, but there is joy in our faith and the friendships we form. Our clergy, Rev. Ginny and Rev. Pam, will be at A Special Blend (3900 W. Market St.) each Tuesday in February, from 12–1 p.m. Drop in for delicious coffee and cup-filling conversation. We look forward to seeing you there.

### **Diocesan Book Study: *The Sum of Us*—Thursdays, February 20—March 27, 12–1 p.m. (Zoom)**

Join the Subcommittee on Race and Social Justice of the Chartered Committee for Lifelong Formation for a six-week, diocesan-wide book reading and lunchtime discussion of *The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together*, by Heather McGhee. In this book, McGhee embarks on a deeply personal journey across the country from Mississippi to California to Maine, tallying what we lose when we buy into the zero-sum paradigm—the idea that progress for some of us must come at the expense of others. But in unlikely places of worship and work, McGhee finds proof of what she calls the “Solidarity Dividend,” gains that come when people come together across race to accomplish what we simply can't do on our own. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. Check our *Weekly eNews* for the [registration link](#) for this offering.



## Announcements

### **Let's Break Bread Together at Foyer Dinners—Sign Up by March 2**

Foyer Dinners are a wonderful way to get to know fellow parishioners over monthly meals. Each group of 6–8 members meets monthly to share a meal and have time to get to know each other outside of our parish life. Some groups meet at restaurants while others meet in homes. It is a new year, and we are offering another round of Foyer Dinner Group signups. Please sign up online (see link in *eNews*) by March 2. To learn more, look for Ralph and Laura Bricker after weekly worship, or contact them at [lbbricker@gmail.com](mailto:lbbricker@gmail.com) or 843-263-3288.

### **Make Your Voice Heard! Visit our Advocacy Table in the Parish Hall for New Resources for Advocacy**

There are several ways to make your voice heard by your representatives.

1. The Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations creates Action Alerts that make it very easy to write to your representatives. They provide text (which you can alter) and a form to complete that will send it to your Senators and Congresspeople. You can sign up to receive these at <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/office-government-relations/action-alerts/>.
2. Write or call your representative about your views and concerns. To find out who they are and their contact information, visit <https://www.senate.gov/senators/senators-contact.htm> (U.S. Senate), <https://www.house.gov> (U.S. House), and <https://www.ncleg.gov/FindYourLegislators> (N.C. Legislature). *Please stop by the Advocacy Table in the Parish Hall for new Resources for Advocacy, with helpful how-to's to make your voice heard!*

### **Winter Emergency Shelter—How to Volunteer in February and March**

St. Andrew's is supporting the Winter Emergency Shelters at local churches that have partnered with Greensboro Urban Ministry (G.U.M.) to provide a warm place to sleep and an evening meal to men experiencing homelessness. There are three ways to help, including joining with others to prepare and deliver a meal for 15 people, serving as a check-in host, or being an overnight volunteer. You can sign up at Winter Emergency Shelter - First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, N.C., where there are links for each of the three volunteer options. We will be providing dinner at First Baptist on Wednesday, March 12.

### **Housewares Drive for Neighbors in Need—Donations Drive Begins March 1**

Can you help make a house into a home for our neighbors who may be transitioning out of homelessness, fleeing violence, or overcoming poverty? St. Andrew's is sponsoring a housewares drive for The Barnabas Furniture Bank. **Between March 1 and 30, please drop new or gently used pots & pans, kitchen utensils, dishes, cutlery, glassware, towels, bathroom accessories, small appliances, lamps, art, and décor at the designated table in the Parish Hall**, or text Dawn Martin at 336-687-2072 for other pickup arrangements. If you prefer, you can purchase new items online (see link in *eNews*) for direct delivery to Barnabas. If you have furniture to donate, please call Barnabas directly, at 336-370-4002. Thank you for supporting our neighbors in need!

### **Gun Violence Prevention Community Conversation—March 2, Right after Worship (Parish Hall)**

Last summer a group of parishioners and others studied the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship's "Courageous Conversations on Gun Violence" series. The group has learned a great deal and is now ready to share with the parish. Please join us in the Parish Hall right after worship on March 2 for an all-parish Community Conversation formation offering. We will begin by taking a "citizen's test" (Don't worry—no grading!) and then discuss the answers at tables. The test is a great tool to learn important facts (and misconceptions) about gun violence in our country. We will end with a discussion about future steps St. Andrew's might take on this issue. We look forward to seeing you there.

### **Compassion Camp Registration Is OPEN! Sign Up Today for Our VBS Week, July 28–August 1**

This year's Compassion Camp VBS will be held July 28—August 1. We're already getting excited about this week of gardening, crafting, learning, yoga, and animal visitors, so be sure to mark your calendars and make your plans to attend. Compassion Camp is fully inclusive and is for ages 4–9. This year, we're inviting anyone age 10+ who would like to attend to come as a helper camper. Compassion Camp runs Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–12 p.m., and the cost is \$50 for the week. Scholarships are available. **Sign up your Camper(s) today at <https://bit.ly/StAVBS2025Camper>.**

### **Supporting St. Andrew's**

#### **Thank You for Your Gifts!**

We are grateful for your continued support that sustains our mission and ministry. If you have questions about your giving, setting up or changing a recurring draft, or making gifts of stock or other funds, please email Ray Marsh, at [bookkeeper@standrewsgso.org](mailto:bookkeeper@standrewsgso.org) or leave him a message at 336-275-1651, ext. 3.

To make a gift, scan the code at right, visit [abundant.co/standrewsepiscopalch/give](https://abundant.co/standrewsepiscopalch/give), 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](mailto: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 our Lord Jesus Christ. —Romans 15:5–6*

### **The Beatitudes: a little lifting of the veil**

I bless you, who have spelt your blessings out,  
And set this lovely lantern on a hill,  
Lightening darkness and dispelling doubt  
By lifting for a little while the veil.  
For longing is the veil of satisfaction,  
And grief the veil of future happiness.  
I glimpse beneath the veil of persecution  
The coming kingdom's overflowing bliss.

Oh make me pure of heart and help me see,  
Amongst the shadows and amidst the mourning,  
The promised Comforter, alive and free,  
The kingdom coming and the Son returning,  
That even in this pre-dawn dark I might  
At once reveal and revel in your light.

by Malcolm Guite

<https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com/2017/01/26/the-beatitudes-a-little-lifting-of-the-veil-2/>

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