



## ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Feast of the Epiphany and the Baptism of Our Lord

January 11, 2026

*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 Welcome 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, and we offer activity bags 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 Collects of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And 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.***

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. ***Amen.***

## **The Children's Procession to Children's Chapel**

*All children 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.)***

***Refrain: Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!***

***Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine! (Sing 3 times.) Refrain***

## **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** *(sung by choir)*

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \*

*Anglican Chant Psalter #2, by Gerre Hancock*

ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \*

worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;

the God of glory thunders; \*

the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \*

the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \*

the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*

and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;

the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \*

the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \*

and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the Lord \*

all are crying, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*

the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*

the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

## **The Epistle**

Acts 10:34–43

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by

God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      ***Thanks be to God.***

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

*The people who in darkness walked (vv. 1–3)*

Hymnal 126

### **The Holy Gospel**

Matthew 3:13–17

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

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

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

*Deacon*      The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **Gradual Hymn**

*The people who in darkness walked (vv. 4–5)*

Hymnal 126

### **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**

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## **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)*

*Brightest and best of the stars of the morning*

Hymnal 117

*We three kings of Orient are*

Hymnal 128

*Earth has many a noble city*

Hymnal 127

*O wondrous type, O vision fair*

Hymnal 137

## **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*

Hymnal 119

## **The Dismissal**

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

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

## **Postlude**

**Acolytes:** Sam Inman, Jonathan Spinks, Holden Troutman, Will Troutman. **Readers:** Fred Johnson, Shelley Kappauf. **Chalicians:** George Hanna, Shelley Kappauf. **Verger:** Debbie Dowd. **Ushers:** Mitzi Bond, Charles Kappauf, Jacob Slaughter, Laurinda Stokes, Craig Taylor. **Greeters & Newcomer Hosts:** Anne Jones, Charles Kelshaw, Stephen Martin. **Altar Guild Members:** Sherry Chappell, Lisa Garrett, Virginia Haskett, Margaret Ann Horne, Pat Marsh, Yvonne Michel, Johnetta Shablack, Cindy Shane, Barb Watkins. **Livestream Team:** Don Mackey, David Messelink.

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

*The rose on the altar today is offered in celebration of the birth of Bennett Nicholas Kappauf.*

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### **We Pray For**

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

Today we are continuing to share prayers from Anglican prayer books around the world. Here is an Epiphany collect from the *New Zealand Prayer Book*, considered by many to be one of the most remarkable contributions to the global liturgical renewal movement.

*Jesus, light of the world,  
Let your bright star stand over the place  
Where the poor have to live;  
Lead our sages to wisdom and our rulers to reverence.*

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

**Those on our parish prayer list:** Norma Bullock, Traci and Erik, Jeff Cummer, Betty Atwell, Mack Baker, Lauren, Martha and Jim Kaley, Nancy O'Donnell, Tina Sink Gangi, Heather, Victoria, Pauline Tatum, Jim Tatum, Pia, Katelyn Flowers, Jeannie Phillips, James, Madeline Colavito, Hilary Towle, Sarah Sellers, Sue Keith, Myra Stephens, Derek, E. MacKenzie, Carolyn Ritchie, Glenna Ohaver, Susan Seaton, Karl Towle, Heidi Dohmeier, Donnie Robertson, Barbara Van Cleve, Nancy Antrim, Bert and Bev, Mary Lou Strohl, Frank Tatem, Faye Thompson, Ethan Shoffner, Paul, Karen, Sabrina, John Bald, Keats, Alicia, Gloria, Jo, Julie Dameron, Lynn Hayworth, Gayle Aiken, Denise, Vicky, Barbara Cole, Patrick Miller, Terese Southern, Jordan, Laura Shinn, Bill Hill, Carl and Angie Smith, James R. Smith, Lauren Vasquez and family, Clare, Maggie, Ken Sisk, Ken, Doug Sanecki, Carol Holden, Patricia

**Seminarian:** Ryan Waide

**Special concerns:** The people of Gaza, Israel, Ukraine, Russia, and Sudan; all those impacted by recent storms

**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:** Anne Collins, Maria Wilmoth

**Those expecting:** Sean and Olivia Toso, due March 2026

**Birth:** Bennett Nicholas Kappauf, son of Martin and Samantha Kappauf and grandson of Charles and Shelley Kappauf, on January 7, 2026

**Birthdays:** Leung Chan, Linda Cummer, Willa Fowler, Charles Kelshaw, Nancy O'Donnell, Pat Stultz, Lindy Taylor

**Anniversary:** Janice and Dennis Pollard

Please send prayer requests to Susan Frye at [parish@standrewsgso.org](mailto:parish@standrewsgso.org) or 336-275-1651, ext. 1.

**Welcome to Our Epiphany Celebration!**



**Walking in Love in the Season of Light**

*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, and King Cakes***

Our Epiphany Celebration continues after our worship in the Parish Hall, with coffee and special “King Cakes” made by Carol Phillips. Chalk and instructions will be available for those wishing to bless their homes in 2026 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 + 26**. 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. With 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.*



***Come to EYC: How to Be a Light in Dark Times—Tonight, 5:00-6:30 (Herman Hall)***

*As Christians, we hear a lot about **light**—“Be the Light,” “Look for the Light,” “Walk in the Light.” But what does “Be the light” really mean? And how is it possible to be a light when the world around you seems so dark? It’s no secret that kids today deal with a lot of heavy, dark things—from divisive politics that can cause rifts in families, to concerns about gun violence, to worries about environmental justice, to concerns about friends and neighbors who face food insecurity and poverty. How can we help to shine the light of Christ in the face of all of it? Tonight we’ll be joined by St. Andrew’s parishioner Father Kevin Matthews for an awesome discussion, followed by a Great Epiphany (Potluck) Feast! Please bring a dish to share, and we’ll see you in Herman Hall from 5-6:30 tonight.*

***ECW Meeting Tomorrow—January 12 at 2 p.m. (Parish Hall)***

*All women of the church are invited to a meeting of the ECW (Episcopal Church Women), Sts. Agatha and Mary Chapter, on Monday, January 12, at 2 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We will have a very interesting program by Martha Kaley about the progress of early breast cancer detection. There will be refreshments and a brief business meeting as well. If you have any questions, please call or text Cheri Courtright at 336-706-0911.*

***Worship & Community Observances in Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day***

*All are invited to the following worship and community events. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is Monday, January 19. Make a Difference Day is an extension of the celebration and is a time for giving to your community. See our Weekly eNews for more details and links for the following offerings.*

***Friday, January 16, 7:30 p.m. —Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Shabbat Service***

*In person at Temple Emanuel, 1129 Jefferson Rd., and on Facebook*

*A special Shabbat Service, welcoming Wake Forest University School of Divinity’s Rev. Dr. Corey D. B. Walker, honored guest. Donations for the following items for Faith Action will be accepted: food (uncooked beans, rice, vegetable oil, dates), hygiene products, and diapers.*

***Sunday, January 18—Worship and Make a Difference Day of Service***

*St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, 2105 W. Market St. and on YouTube*

*8:30 a.m. (Contemplative Eucharist) and 10 a.m. Sunday Worship (Sanctuary & Online)*

*11:15 a.m. All-Parish Service Project (Parish Hall)*

*Morning worship and Eucharist with The Rev. Pamela Haynes, Deacon, preaching, followed by an all-parish Make a Difference Day service project. We will join in filling and decorating “Comfort Bags” to be distributed later to members of Greensboro’s houseless community.*

**Monday, January 19, 7 a.m. — Greensboro Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Event**  
Sheraton Greensboro / Koury Convention Center, 3121 W. Gate City Blvd.

Hosted by Greensboro's Human Rights Commission, this year's event theme is "From Words to Action: Advancing the Dream Together," with keynote speaker Karrie G. Dixon, Ed.D., Chancellor, North Carolina Central University. (Tickets are sold out. See [Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast](#) | Greensboro, NC for details.)

**Monday, January 19, 12 p.m. — 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Interfaith Worship**

In person at St. James Presbyterian Church, 820 Ross Ave., and on [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#)  
Service with Rev. Dr. Phanta Lansden, Senior Pastor, and Guest Speaker, Rev. Dr. Melva Sampson.

**Announcements**

***Sign Up for Our Women's Retreat, "Grounded: Rooted Wisdom" — January 31, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.***

We are planning a special morning of reflection, conversation, and intention setting for the new year. Our Women's Mini Retreat will be led by Mother Ginny and parishioner Sarah Chowning, and will take place at St. Andrew's. Sign up today [at the link in our eNews](#) or using the QR code at right.



***Thank You for Your Gifts and Pledges in 2026***

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, please email Ray Marsh at [bookkeeper@standrewsgso.org](mailto:bookkeeper@standrewsgso.org) or call him at 336-275-1651, ext. 3. Ray is in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

To make new or pledged gift online, visit [abundant.co/standrewsepiscopalch/give](http://abundant.co/standrewsepiscopalch/give) or scan the QR code at right. Checks may be mailed to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Bookkeeper, 2105 W. Market St., Greensboro, NC 27403.



To make a pledge for 2026, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/WalkInLove2026> or request a pledge packet from Ray. Every pledge matters.

***Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children, and walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. — Ephesians 5:1–2***

***Let's Celebrate Together at Our Annual Meeting — February 1, 2026***

Our Annual All-Parish Meeting will be held after worship on Sunday, February 1, 2026. We look forward to gathering for a joyful reception to reflect on the ways we have been Walking in Love 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.

***Come to IHI's Souper '26 Kickoff & Social—January 22, 5:30 p.m. (Grace Community Church)***

*The Interfaith Housing Initiative (IHI) is well on the way to raising \$1.25 million for construction of affordable townhouses that six of our neighbors will call home for decades to come. Their kickoff event, hosted by Grace Community Church (643 W. Gate City Blvd.) and sponsored by Westminster Presbyterian and Holy Trinity Episcopal Churches, will be a wonderful opportunity to visit and make new IHI friends while enjoying delicious soup together. Please RSVP by January 20 at [the link in this week's eNews](#) or using the QR code at right.*



**HOW THE LIGHT COMES**

*by Jan Richardson*

*I cannot tell you  
how the light comes.*

*What I know  
is that it is more ancient  
than imagining.*

*That it travels  
across an astounding expanse  
to reach us.*

*That it loves  
searching out  
what is hidden,  
what is lost,  
what is forgotten  
or in peril  
or in pain.*

*That it has a fondness  
for the body,  
for finding its way  
toward flesh,  
for tracing the edges  
of form,  
for shining forth  
through the eye,  
the hand,  
the heart.*

*I cannot tell you  
how the light comes,  
but that it does.  
That it will.  
That it works its way  
into the deepest dark  
that enfolds you,  
though it may seem  
long ages in coming  
or arrive in a shape  
you did not foresee.*

*And so  
may we this day  
turn ourselves toward it.  
May we lift our faces  
to let it find us.  
May we bend our bodies  
to follow the arc it makes.  
May we open  
and open more  
and open still  
to the blessed light  
that comes.*

*From Jan Richardson's  
Circle of Grace: A Book of  
Blessings for the Seasons*

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