



ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 18, 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. We offer children's ministry time during worship as well as activity bags at the back of the church to keep little hearts and hands engaged.

Prelude

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

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Hymnal 7

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.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Children's Procession

All children are invited to children's ministry time. They will process out of the church together and go to the classroom hall for Godly Play and Kids of the Kingdom, returning for the announcements.

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 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

The Psalm (*sung by choir*)

Psalm 40:1-12

Anglican Chant Psalter #88, by Charles Hylton Stewart

*I waited patiently upon the Lord; **
he stooped to me and heard my cry.

*He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; **
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.

He put a new song in my mouth,
*a song of praise to our God; **
many shall see, and stand in awe,
and put their trust in the Lord.

*Happy are they who trust in the Lord! **
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!
*how great your wonders and your plans for us! **
there is none who can be compared with you.

*Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! **
but they are more than I can count.

*In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure **
(you have given me ears to hear you);

*Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, **
and so I said, "Behold, I come.

*In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: **
'I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep in my heart.'"

*I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; **
behold, I did not restrain my lips;
and that, O Lord, you know.

Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
*I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; **
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

You are the Lord;
*do not withhold your compassion from me; **
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:1–9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn (standing)

I have decided to follow Jesus (vv. 1–2)

LEVAS 136

Verse

I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
no turning back, no turning back.

2. *Though no one join me, still I will follow, (3 times.) ... No turning back, no turning back!*

The Holy Gospel

John 1:29-42

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

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

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Gradual Hymn

I have decided to follow Jesus (v. 3)

LEVAS 136

3. The world behind me, the cross before me, (3 times.) ... No turning back, no turning back!

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 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

Just as I am, I come

*Just as I am, without one plea,
but that Thy blood was shed for me,
and that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, just as I am.*

*Just as I am, and waiting not
to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, just as I am.*

Victor C. Johnson

*Just as I am, tho' tossed about,
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
struggles within and fears without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Just as I am Thou will receive,
will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, just as I am.*

*Just as I am, Thy love unknown
hath broken ev'ry barrier down;
now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, just as I am.*

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

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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)

One bread, one body

LEVAS 151

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though man - y, through-out the earth, We are one.

Last time \oplus

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Lord.

Blessed Jesus, at thy word
Lift every voice and sing

Hymnal 440

Hymnal 599 (Also in LEVAS, Hymn 1)

Postcommunion Prayer

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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

I want to walk as a child of the light

Hymnal 490

The Dismissal

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

BCP p. 366

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

Postlude

Acolytes: Sam Inman, Holden Troutman. **Readers:** (8:30 a.m.) Carol Rich; (10 a.m.) Jorge Chaires, Shirley Keel. **Chalicists:** (8:30 a.m.) Marion Seaman; (10 a.m.) Stephen Inman, Buster Lewis. **Verger:** Debbie Dowd. **Ushers:** Richard Kpangbai, Richtina Kpangbai, Rob Moore, Amelia Menston-Sambola, Jankoba Sambola, John Sweeney, Celeste Williams. **Greeters & Newcomer Hosts:** Fran Swan, Lois

Washburn. Altar Guild Members: Sherry Chappell, Lisa Garrett, Virginia Haskett, Margaret Ann Horne, Pat Marsh, Yvonne Michel, Johnetta Shabrack, Cindy Shane, Barb Watkins. Livestream Team: Tim Fleming, Sandy Shelton.

*The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God
by Carolyn Ritchie in loving memory of Bruce and Steven.*

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We Pray For

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Chapel of the Cross, Church of the Holy Family, and Church of the Advocate, all of Chapel Hill

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, Patricia, Anne Bell Batherson

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: Carol Holden

Those expecting: Sean and Olivia Toso, due March 2026

Birthdays: Joanne Atwell-Smith, Pat Baker, Mike Cronin, Jeff Cummer, Shirley Keel, Catharine Sisk

Anniversary: Cory and Rebecca Rayborn

Please send prayer requests to Susan Frye at parish@standrewsgso.org or 336-275-1651, ext. 1.

Today

Worship and Make a Difference Day of Service

In our worship today, we remember the light that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. brought into the world, with the Rev. Pamela Haynes preaching and special hymns from the LEVAS hymnal. After 10 a.m. worship, we invite you to an all-parish Make a Difference Day service project in the Parish Hall. We will join in filling and decorating "Comfort Bags" to be distributed later to our neighbors experiencing homelessness. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is Monday, January 19. Make a Difference Day is an extension of the celebration and is a time for serving in our community.

Lightbearers—Epiphany Formation Starting Today and January 25

Epiphany is the season of the church year when we celebrate the manifestation of Christ as light of the world and consider how we can share Christ's light in our lives. Today, we will all be engaged in spreading the light as we make comfort bags for our neighbors. Beginning next Sunday, January 25, we will explore what being the light looks like in practice with Mother Ginny and special speakers in the Cloister each week. Associate Choir Director Sean Toso, who shares his tremendous gifts of song and music with us in worship, will be our first speaker.

More Celebrations of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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.—21st 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

2026 Vestry Candidates Announced

We are pleased to announce our Vestry slate for the class of 2026. Thank you to the following nominees for their willingness to serve: Jack Garvey, Anne Geggie, George Hanna, and Elizabeth Troutman. Look for a Vestry Slate Special Edition eNews this week, where you can read about each candidate.

Walk for Peace in North Carolina—Follow the Map Online

You have probably heard by now that a group of Buddhist monks are walking 2,300 miles from Texas to Washington, D.C. to promote peace. They departed Charlotte on January 15, and their planned route has them walking through Greensboro tomorrow, a poignant day to Walk for Peace as we celebrate MLK, Jr. Day and remember the Greensboro Four. They may even pass right in front of St. Andrew's. All are welcome to line the walking route and support their journey. The monks only accept flowers, so we will be making signs of encouragement today after church (along with comfort bags) and will have flowers available to pass out on Monday. The best way to follow the live map of the walk is to visit facebook.com/walkforpeaceusa. We will also update our church Facebook page and website with any specifics we receive about the timing of a hoped-for walk on West Market Street. If their route changes, there may be additional opportunities to support their journey for peace locally at UNCG and A&T.

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.](https://643wgatcityblvd.com)) will be a wonderful opportunity to visit and make new IHI friends while enjoying delicious soup. RSVP by January 20 using the code at right or the link in our eNews. Please also let Deacon Pam know if you will attend, and contact her at deacon@standrewsgso.org with any questions.



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 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.



You're Invited to Lunch at Green Valley Grill—January 27 at 12 p.m.

Join St. Andrew's friends for our next Green Valley Grill gathering, Tuesday, January 27, at noon. RSVP to Charles (drgandolf2003@yahoo.com, 336-279-4556) by January 20.

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

Our Annual All-Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 1. We look forward to gathering for 10 a.m. worship, followed by a joyful reception and our meeting, when we will 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. Our friends from A Special Blend will return with delicious coffee, and we will have treats from parishioner Wendy Dodson of Dessert Du Jour bakery.

All are Invited to the Funeral for Maria Wilmoth—February 2

Our love and condolences go out to the family of Maria Wilmoth, who died January 7. The funeral for Maria will be on February 2 at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

Coffee & Conversation Needs Refreshments!—Sign Up for a Slot Today

Each Sunday we enjoy a variety of snacks during coffee hour, provided by members of our parish. The refreshments signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall—and we have several available Sundays coming up! Providing refreshments is a great way to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion. Please choose your Sunday and sign your name. Thank you!

Star Words for 2026



*Last Sunday we introduced **Star Words**, distributing star-shaped cards, each with a word on one side. As we consider together what it means to Look for the Light in this Season of Epiphany, reflecting on these words can serve as a simple spiritual practice, inviting you to set your intention for the new year. Star Words are available again today. All are invited to choose a star for the year ahead and to consider how God might be speaking to you through the word written on the star.*

First Weekly Star Word Reflection for Epiphany

As we have done in the past, this year we will offer reflection questions during Epiphany, encouraging each of us to hold, engage, and explore our star word closely over time. Here is the first invitation:

★ Look for a scripture passage that resonates with you in light of your word. Read a different biblical translation of the same passage. Did the passage help you see your word in a new way? How might God be speaking to you through this passage? Are there other places where your word appears or is illuminated in the Bible?

Please Check Your Year-End Statements—Thank You for Your Pledges in 2025 & 2026

Year-end giving statements for 2025 were distributed on January 13. We are grateful for your continued gifts that sustain the mission and ministry of St Andrew's. If you have questions about your giving, please email Ray Marsh at 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, visit 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 submit a pledge for 2026, visit tinyurl.com/WalkInLove2026 or request a pledge packet from Ray. Every pledge matters.



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