



## Order of Worship for Holy Eucharist Rite II

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 1, 2026

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### *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.)*

*The Church's one foundation*

Hymnal 525

### **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 and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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**

*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**

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

"O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord."

"With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**The Psalm** *(sung by choir)*

Psalm 15

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*

*Anglican Chant Psalter #29, by James Nares*

who may abide upon your holy hill?

Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*

who speaks the truth from his heart.

There is no guile upon his tongue;

he does no evil to his friend; \*

he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*

but he honors those who fear the Lord.

He has sworn to do no wrong \*

and does not take back his word.

He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*

nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things \*

shall never be overthrown.

**The Epistle**

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

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

**Gradual Hymn** (*standing*)

*In Christ there is no East or West* (vv. 1–2)

Hymnal 529

**The Holy Gospel**

Matthew 5:1–12

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**Gradual Hymn**

*In Christ there is no East or West* (v. 3)

Hymnal 529

**Sermon** (*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**

*Hear My Prayer*

Moses Hogan

*O Lord, please hear my prayer,*

*O Lord, please hear my prayer,*

*In the mornin' when I rise.*

*Keep me safe within Your arms.*

*It's Your servant bound for glory.*

*It's Your servant bound for glory.*

*O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.*

*O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.*

*When my work on earth is done,*

*And You come to take me home.*

*Just to know I'm bound for glory.*

*And to hear You say well done.*

*Done with sin and sorrow, have mercy. Amen.*

## **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)

*I come with joy to meet my Lord*

Hymnal 304

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God*

Hymnal 711

*Christ Be Our Light*

Music by Bernadette Farrell, Setting by Joel Raney

*Choir sings verses; congregation and choir sing refrain.*

(Choir) 1. *Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.*

*Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.*

(Congregation & Choir) Refrain:

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Christ Be Our Light". It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first two staves are for the choir, and the last three are for the congregation and choir. The lyrics are: "Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church gathered to day. Christ, be our light!"

(Choir) 2. *Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice. (All) Refrain*

(Choir) 3. *Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. (All) Refrain*

(Choir) 4. *Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. (All) Refrain*

(Choir) 5. *Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come. (All) Refrain*

## 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

*O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling*

Hymnal 539

## The Dismissal

BCP p. 366

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

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

## Postlude

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**Acolytes:** Sam Inman, Holden Troutman, Will Troutman. **Readers:** Claude Ragan, Jankoba Sambola. **Chalicians:** Barbara Lawless, Geoff Swan. **Verger:** Debbie Dowd. **Ushers:** Lee Eanes, Joe Graves, Nancy Kimbrough, Roger Kimbrough, Sandy Shelton. **Greeter & Newcomer Host:** Jon Anderson. **Altar Guild Members:** Pat Baker, Nancy Bishop, Susan Brannan, Mary V. Compton, Nancy Kimbrough, Barbara Lawless, Sandy O'Briant. **Livestream Team:** Ted Atwell, Joe Stultz.

*The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God by Lee Eanes in loving memory of her precious daughter Blair on the anniversary of her birthday, January 31.*

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## We Pray For

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Church of England

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Church of the Holy Comforter, St. John's, and St. Martin's, all of Charlotte

**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, Rhonda Weaver, Lee Martin, Charlyne Hanna, Linda Shablack, Julia Davis

**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

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

**Birthdays:** (*Week of January 25*) Molly Anderson, Brittany Collins, Harper Collins, Maeve Hollern, Steve James, Gail Walters, Fred Wilkerson, Anne Wilkinson

(*Week of February 1*) Kate Barrett, Evan Campbell, Judy Covarrubias, Harmony Cummings, Jim Dodson, Pam Hollern, Ginny Inman, Rachael Revell, Grady Scott, Evelyn Sellers

**Anniversaries:** (*Week of January 25*) Mike and Linda Van Ormer

(*Week of February 1*) George and Virginia Haskett

*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.*

## Announcements

### **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 sign-up 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!

### **\* Change \* All are Invited to Remember Our Saints in Light**

The Funeral for **Maria Wilmoth** scheduled for **February 2 is postponed**. We will announce the new date when it has been set.

The funeral for **Carol Holden** will be **Wednesday, February 11, at 11 a.m. in the Chapel**

### **Help Share God's Love — Cook for Abundant Life by February 8**

Many neighbors are struggling with winter heat bills, and one simple way we can help is by cooking for Abundant Life's weekly dinners, where hospitality, fellowship, and good food abound. St. Andrew's next turn is Tuesday, February 10, and we invite you to join the aproned faithful! Sign up now, using the link in this week's eNews, so that we know to look for your donation. Then prepare your dish, using a disposable 9x13 pan. Label it with your name and the name of the dish and freeze it at home. Then place the frozen dish in the church's pantry freezer **by Sunday morning, February 8**. Thank you!

### **Toiletry & Personal Care Items Drive — February 1–15**

St. Andrew's Daughters of the King Deborah Chapter is collecting toiletries and personal care items for neighbors experiencing houselessness. Please look for collection bins in the Parish Hall February 1–15. A list of needed items is included below.

Shampoo & conditioner	Sanitary wipes	Throat lozenges	Gloves & mittens
Soap & body wash	Deodorant	Antiseptic wipes	Socks
Toothpaste & toothbrushes	Hand lotion	Band-aids	Beanies (unisex)
Disposable razors	Lip balm	Feminine hygiene products	Granola & cereal bars
Nail clippers & files	Pocket tissue	Flashlights	Crackers

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



We are offering reflection questions during Epiphany, encouraging each of us to hold, engage, and explore our star word closely over time. Here is this week's invitation:

☆ **Find a hymn or song that brings you to your word. Listen to different recordings or offerings of the music. Does it impact how you hear and understand your word?**

### ***Lightbearers: Epiphany Formation Class—February 15 after Worship (Cloister)***

*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. In our Lightbearers formation offering, we will explore what being the light looks like in practice with Mother Ginny and special speakers. Please join us in the Cloister after worship on February 15.*

### ***Tickets Now Available for Our Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper—February 17***

*Join us on February 17, 5:30–7:30 p.m., for a delicious breakfast for supper event. Tickets are \$7 (individual) and \$15 (family) at the door OR in advance after worship on Sundays. Takeout is available, and door prizes will be awarded—including Neese's Sausage, which, along with fried apples, will be offered as sides to the pancake main course. Bring a friend and come to the Parish Hall for food, fellowship, and fun on February 17. **Please help spread the word and share our Facebook event!***

### ***Ash Wednesday Services Schedule—February 18***

*We will offer Ash Wednesday services with imposition of ashes at 7:30 a.m., 12 p.m., and 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel. You are also invited to join the 51st Annual Convocation-wide observance of Ash Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, 901 E. Friendly Ave.*

### ***Sign Up for Our Rescheduled Women's Retreat, "Grounded: Rooted Wisdom"—March 14***

*Originally an Epiphany event, our Women's Retreat has been rescheduled for Lent. We are planning a special morning of reflection, conversation, and intention setting on March 14, 9a.m.–12 p.m. Our Retreat will be led by Mother Ginny and parishioner Sarah Chowning. **Signup is open now through March 9 at the link in our eNews.** Please sign up again if you registered for the January event! We will not transfer registrations from the January date to the new date.*

### ***We Are Grateful for Your Gifts***

*Your continued gifts sustain the mission and ministry of St Andrew's. If you have questions about your giving, 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, 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 submit a pledge for 2026, visit [tinyurl.com/WalkInLove2026](http://tinyurl.com/WalkInLove2026) or request a pledge packet from Ray. Every pledge matters.*



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