

St Andrew's Episcopal Church & School

The Celebration & Administration of **The Holy Eucharist: Rite II**

for

The Fifth Sunday *after* The Epiphany

4 February 2024 at 10:30 am

Concerning the Liturgy

This bulletin provides page numbers for *The Book of Common Prayer* (the book with the cross) and *The Hymnal 1982*. Hymns that are marked with "S" are found at the beginning of the hymnal. The italicized words are rubrics, or directions, to let you know when to stand, sit, kneel, and sing.

VOLUNTARY *Élévation from Suite Médiévale* Jean Langlais

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Blessing of Birthdays & Anniversaries

Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries are invited to come forward for a blessing prayed by the priest and congregation:

May God guard your joy and keep you in holy grace;
may God meet you in your celebration
and give you the Spirit's peace;
may God bless you and at the last,
bring you into Christ's everlasting Kingdom. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

In Procession, a Hymn *Winchester New* Hymnal 391
All stand and sing.

The Opening Acclamation & Responses BCP 355

Gloria in excelsis Powell Hymnal S280

The Collect of the Day: 5 Epiphany BCP 216

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Isaiah 40: 21-31

All sit.

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;

who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,

when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;

because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,

"My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God"?

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;

but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

At the Gradual, Psalm 147:1-7,12

BCP 804

Sung by the choir to an Anglican chant by Charles Villiers Stanford.

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 9: 16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

At the Sequence, a Hymn

Azmon

Hymnal 493

All stand and sing.

The Holy Gospel

Mark 1: 29-39

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Bob Merrill

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

All stand.

The Prayers of the People

You have no equal, God. We come before you humbled, asking for your healing presence. Heal us and raise us so that we may serve you. We are amazed at your creative genius—how you have stretched the heavens like curtains, and yet you bend to be with us. **We are amazed, God. We raise our hearts in awe.**

Our world and our lives are in need of healing and direction. We ask you to guide your church and heal it where it is worn out and self-centered. Direct those who lead the church: bishops, priests, and deacons—all those in positions of leadership. **We ask for your direction, O God.**

We ask you to heal the relationships between nations and neighbors. Give the leaders of the nations the courage to pursue justice and speak peace as

an example for the world. **We ask for healing, O God.**

Many of us suffer from addiction, anxiety, and illness. Break the chains that bind us and heal us, God. Surround those in pain with supportive people and the resources they need. Equip them with a tangible sense of your love. We pray for those on our parish prayer list, including Sarrah, Lynette, Gary, Jeanne, Scott, Pat, Mary June, Mark, and Carla. **We ask for healing, O God.**

We pray for those who have died, especially David. May they know the fullness of your love in the life you have prepared for them. Comfort those who grieve their loss, and give them the confidence of your love that knows no limits of time or space. **We ask for assurance of your love, O God.**
The priest adds a concluding collect.

The Confession & Absolution
All kneel.

BCP 360

The Peace

BCP 360

All stand. The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Giving to St. Andrew's

To make a contribution to the ministry of St. Andrew's, please place your offering in the plate as it is passed down the aisle or scan this QR code to give securely online.



At the Offertory, an Anthem

Let the Peoples Praise You, O God

Let the peoples praise you, O God: let all the people praise you.
May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God: let all the people praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity, and guide all the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God: let all the people praise you.
 The earth has brought forth her increase;
 may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

God shall bless us: and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.
 Let the peoples praise you, O God: let all the people praise you.

Words: Psalm 67

Music: Bruce Neswick

At The Presentation, a Hymn

Gardiner

All stand and sing as the offering is brought forward.

All things are thine; no gift have we, Lord of all gifts, to
 of - fer thee; And hence with grate - ful hearts to
 day Thine own be - fore thy feet we lay.

Words: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)

Music: *Gardiner*, from *Sacred Melodies*, 1815; arr. William Gardiner (1770-1853)

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP 369

Sanctus et Benedictus

Powell

Hymnal S129

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Ambrosian chant

Hymnal S152

Agnus Dei

Powell

Hymnal S163

All are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church. At the altar rail, you may elect to dip (intinct) your wafer in the wine or drink from the chalice as it passes you. If you desire to receive a blessing instead of communion, please cross your arms over your chest. If you would prefer to receive a gluten-free wafer, please clasp your hands together, and one of the clergy will offer a gluten free wafer to you. If you require communion be brought to you, please let the usher know.

At the Distribution, an Anthem

Make Me a Light

Make me a light to lighten the world,
make me a star to lighten the darkness,
make me so bright with your living word,
that I may shine with your love.

I hold a candle in my hands, light which I hold and which I hold true,
light of the world shine out in the dark, may it always remind me of You.

Refrain

I hold a mirror in my hands, there what I am and what I may do,
shines back to me in your glorious light,
make me a worthy reflection of You.

Refrain

I hold a seed within my hands, lend me your help to make it grow
into the sweetest scented flower, that it may lovelier flowers sow.

Refrain

Words & Music: Philip Wilby

At the Distribution, a Hymn

Adoro Devote

Hymnal 314

Holy Manna

Hymnal 580

The Post-Communion Prayer

All stand.

BCP 366

In Procession, a Hymn

St. Botolph

Hymnal 603

The Dismissal

BCP 366

VOLUNTARY

Pasticcio

Jean Langlais

*Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall on the 2nd floor,
which can be accessed by the stairs or elevator.*



The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God.

To dedicate flowers, please sign up using the flower dedication list on our bulletin board.

ST. ANDREW'S PRAYER LIST

“Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, bear our prayers for this parish family.”

Please keep these individuals in your prayers this week:

Sarra Moseley, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*
Lynette Edwards, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*
Gary Moseley, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*
Jeanne Ingraham, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*
Scott Chickering, *father of Myra Chickering*
Pat Bussy, *friend of DeAnna Bosch*
Mary June Powell, *grandmother of Clint Brown*
Mark Bohanski, *brother of Jeff Bohanski*
Carla Jenkins Hobbs, *sister of Stacy Jenkins*

We pray for the repose of the soul of:

David Bartlett, *godfather of Elspeth Hixon*

As part of their work the Daughters of the King offer prayers daily for those on our parish prayer list. If you would like to add someone to the published parish prayer list above, please notify Carrie Conti, Office Manager, at cconti@saecheights.org. If you would like your prayer request to be confidential, please let Carrie know.

Names remain on Parish Prayer List for four Sundays unless the request is renewed.

Parish Life & News

Loose Plate Collections: The first Sunday of each month, the loose plate collection goes towards St. Andrew's clergy discretionary accounts. Clergy use their discretionary accounts to help people in need of assistance.

Education Hour: The Rector's Book Club will be meeting at 9:30 AM in the Youth Room. Episcopal 101 meets at 9:30 AM in the Oak Table Room. Sunday Story for Children meets at 9:30 AM in the Godly Play Classroom.

Ladies Night Out: Join the Ladies of St. Andrew's for Ladies Night Out on Tuesday, February 6th. We will be meeting at 6:30 PM at Bungalow Heights on 1919 Beall St.

Shrove Tuesday: Join us on Tuesday, February 13th at 6:00 PM in the parish hall. As usual, we will share a meal together as we transition away from Epiphanytide and prepare for Ash Wednesday. However, instead of pancakes, the supper will be centered around a chili cook-off. If you are interested in a friendly competition and want to bring chili that evening to share, please contact Nancy Simpson (nancyingesimpson@gmail.com) for details. Members of the Choristers and St Andrew's choir will present musical entertainment at Shrove Tuesday. There will also be an auction to purchase hymns for Sundays during the year with proceeds going to the Organ & Music Fund.

Ash Wednesday: Join us on Wednesday, February 14th for Ashes to Go in front of the church from 7 AM to 9 AM. At noon we will have Proper Liturgy for Ash Wednesday in the church and at 7 PM we will have Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist in the church.

Lenten Soup & Study Series: Join us in the parish hall on Thursdays during Lent for soup, study, and fellowship as we discuss *The Ten Commandments: Laws of the Heart* by Joan Chittister. Supper begins at 6 PM, the program at 6:30 PM. Participants take turns bringing soup.

Adult Formation Class for Lent: Join us Sundays at 9:30 AM in the Oak Table Room during Lent. We will be discussing *Speaking of Sin: The Lost Language of Salvation* by Barbara Brown Taylor. We will have 5 classes with the first one on Sunday, February 18th.

St. Andrew's Annual Blood Drive: Join us in the Parish Hall Sunday, February 25th from 8:00 AM to 12 PM for our Blood Drive with Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center. Use the QR code to schedule your donation.



Church Nursery: The nursery is open from 8:15 AM to 12:15 PM for infants through 3 years.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA): Meetings are offered at St. Andrew's every week. Primary Purposes Group meets Tuesday nights at 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Tradition 5 Group meets Wednesday nights at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. Friday Night Survivors Group meets at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. Al-Anon Group meets at 11 AM Saturday mornings in the Parish Hall. We are Not Saints Group meets at 7 PM Saturday nights in St. Andrew's House. For questions about these groups, contact the Rector at jgrace@saecheights.org



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