

SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

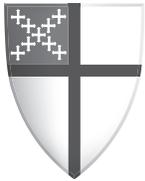
January 6, 2024 · 4:00 PM

Feast of the Epiphany

Holy Eucharist, Rite I, with Blessing of the Chalk

Called to **Worship**. Sent to **Witness**. Led to **Welcome**.

A special welcome to all visitors. We are delighted you have joined us for worship!



Saint Andrew's is a parish of the **Episcopal Church within the Diocese of Upper South Carolina**. Over time, our identity as a parish has come to be defined by our commitment to **worship** in the distinctive splendor of Anglo-Catholic tradition, to **witness** through word and deed to the life changing implications of Jesus Christ's reconciling love, and to **welcome** unreservedly all God's children into Christ's Body, the Church.

If you are not familiar with Episcopal Church worship, we have tried to make our worship bulletin easy to follow. All of the prayers and responses for the congregation are printed in the bulletin. Page numbers that are prefaced by "**BCP**" reference pages in the **red Book of Common Prayer** found in the rack on the back of the pew in front of you. Hymns are referenced by hymn number and can be found in the **blue Hymnal** also in the pew rack.

As you depart worship, we hope you will enter your name and contact information in our **visitor's book** located on a stand in the narthex (the little room that you pass through on your way in and out of the main doors of the church). We would also love to have you join us for **coffee hour** in the Parish Hall immediately after the 10:30 AM mass. Thank you for blessing us with your presence!

Restrooms

are located on the first floor of the Parish House.
Use the door to the left of the church,
closest to the parking lot.

Nursery

is available during the 10:30 AM Mass
on the second floor of the Parish House.

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The Feast of the Epiphany January 6

Today, on January 6, the Church celebrates the **Feast of the Epiphany** marking the end of the twelve days of Christmas and the beginning of the Epiphany season, which continues until Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Epiphany derives from a Greek word meaning “manifestation” or “appearing.”

At the Feast of the Epiphany, we celebrate Jesus being made manifest or appearing as Christ, and, throughout the Epiphany season, we focus on the revelation of Christ’s identity to the wider world and the continuing mission of the church that flows from that revelation. Thus, at the Feast of the Epiphany, we give thanks for the **Visitation of the Magi to the Christ Child** as that event foretold of how Christ came as a gift to be shared with the entire world.

On the Sunday that follows the Feast of the Epiphany, we celebrate the **Feast of the Baptism of our Lord**, when Jesus was publicly baptized by John the Baptist and identified as God’s Son. Later in the Epiphany season, a Sunday is dedicated to readings on the **Transfiguration of Christ**, during which Christ’s identity is further revealed through the companionship of Moses and Elijah. With its emphasis on the revealing of Christ, Epiphany therefore provides a time for each of us to reflect on the ways in which our own lives are revealing Christ’s light to the world and rededicate ourselves to the continuing mission of the church.

During this evening’s service, we will celebrate two traditions particular to the Feast of Epiphany. First, immediately after the proclamation of the Gospel, you will hear the **Solemn Proclamation of Easter and Other Moveable Feast Days**, which has traditionally happened on Epiphany as the last major feast with a fixed date before the Church enters the Easter cycle of our calendar, which is characterized by moveable dates in relation to the date for Easter set under the lunar calendar.

Second, we will conclude the service with the **Blessing of the Chalk**, which relates to the ancient tradition of conducting house blessings during the season of Epiphany. After the chalk is blessed, as you depart tonight’s service, you are encouraged to take one of the blessed pieces of chalk and use it to write “**20+C+M+B+24**” above the doorway to your home as a way to ask God’s blessing upon you, your family, your home, and all that visit your home over this next year. The three letters – C, M, and B – have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also can be understood as an abbreviation of the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, meaning “May Christ bless the house.” With each piece of chalk is a prayer that you may offer as you mark your doorway.

Thank you for joining us in worship at Saint Andrew’s Episcopal Church on this festive occasion! We look forward to the ways in which your life – and our life together in this parish – reveals Christ’s light to the world in 2024.

Weekly Schedule

Sundays

8:30 AM, Low Mass, Rite II
10:30 AM, Sung High Mass, Rite I (also via livestream)

Tuesdays

8:30 AM Morning Prayer, Rite I

Wednesdays

5:30 PM, Healing Mass, Rite II

Thursdays

8:30 AM Morning Prayer, Rite I

Every Third Wednesday of the Month

5:00 PM Rosary in Church

Every Fourth Wednesday of the Month

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
follows Healing Mass

Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Voluntary

Variations on *How lovely shines the Morning Star*

Dietrich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

After the opening announcements, the ringing of the bell signals the people to stand for the beginning of the mass.

Introit (*sung by choir*)

Behold, he appeareth, the Lord and Ruler: and in his hand the kingdom, and power, and dominion. *Ps.* Give the King thy judgments, O God: and thy righteousness unto the King's Son. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end Amen.

The Word of God

Opening Hymn, No. 128

We three kings of Orient are

THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

After the opening procession, as the hymn continues, the Celebrant will asperse the people with holy water.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

Celebrant Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

Hymnal S202

Healey Willan

Celebrant Glory be to God on high,

All **and on earth peace, good will towards men.**

We praise thee, we bless thee,

we worship thee, we glorify thee,

we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,

have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;

thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory ☩ of God the Father. Amen.

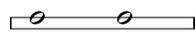
The Collect of the Day (*chanted*)

Celebrant  *People*  *Celebrant* 

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit. Let us pray.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know thee now by faith, to thy presence, where we may behold thy glory face to face; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All 

A - men.

After the Collect, the people sit.

First Lesson

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 *(sung by choir)*

Anglican chant: William Boyce

¹ Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
² That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
³ That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
⁴ He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
⁵ He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
⁶ He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.

⁷ In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace
till the moon shall be no more.
¹⁰ The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, *
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
¹¹ All kings shall bow down before him, *
and all the nations do him service.
¹² For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, *
and the oppressed who has no helper.
¹³ He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
¹⁴ He shall redeem their lives
from oppression and violence, *
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

Second Lesson

Ephesians 3:1-12

I Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—assume that you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

Sequence Hymn, No. 135*Songs of thankfulness and praise*

SALZBURG

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Solemn Proclamation of Easter and Other Moveable Feast Days

Intercessor Know, dear brothers and sisters, that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the glad tidings of the Resurrection of our Saviour. On the fourteenth day of February will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season. On the thirty-first day of March, you will celebrate with greatest joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the ninth day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the nineteenth day of May, the feast of Pentecost. On the thirtieth day of May, Corpus Christi, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. The first day of December will usher in the Advent of our Lord, Jesus Christ, to whom be honor and glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Sermon

The Rev'd Fr Tyler Proctor

After the Sermon, all stand and say together the words of the Creed.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

After the Nicene Creed, the Assisting Minister introduces the prayers as follows.

The Prayers of the People

Minister Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

The people kneel, and the Intecessor leads the petitions. At the conclusion of each petition, the Intecessor says
Lord, in thy mercy;

People **Hear our prayer.**

The prayers then conclude as follows.

Intecessor And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed ✠ this life in thy faith and fear, especially those whom we now name [*pause for people to add names*], beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Blessed Mary, Mother of God; Blessed Joseph, her spouse; Blessed Andrew, our patron, and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

People **Amen.**

After the prayers, the Assisting Minister introduces the Confession as follows.

Confession and Absolution

Minister Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A period of silence is observed.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon ✠ and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Following the Absolution, the people stand for the Peace.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Then the ministers and people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Holy Communion

After the Peace, the Celebrant says an Offertory Sentence and returns to the altar. Then, after the people's offering of bread and wine are brought forward, the people sit during the Offertory Anthem as the altar is set and other offerings are collected from the people. (An offering can also be made by placing it in the offering plate located on the table in the aisle by the font or online at www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving.)

Offertory Anthem

How Lovely Shines the Morning Star

arr. Hugo Distler
(1908-1942)

1. How lovely shines the Morning Star whose beams shed blessing near and far, The blessed stem of Jesse!
Great David's Son of Jacob's line, my King and Bridegroom, He is mine, My love on Him is poured forth.
Glorious, gracious, Fair and lordly, great and holy, Power supreme all-possessing.
2. O joy to know that Thou, my friend, art Lord, beginning without end, the first and last eternal!
And Thou at last, O Glorious grace, wilt take me to that Holy place, the home of joys supernal.
Sing ye, spring ye in triumphant jubilation, give thanks all ye, mighty is the King of glory.

– Edited and English text adapted by Karl Lishinsky

After the Offertory Anthem, the choir is censed. Then the people stand, are censed, and remain standing as the other offerings are brought forward and received with the following words.

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving Rite I, Prayer II

The entire text of the Eucharistic Prayer can be found on page 340 in the Book of Common Prayer. The responsive portions are provided below.

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And with thy spi - rit. *Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up un - to the Lord. *Celebrant* Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant chants the Preface and Proper Preface followed by

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus/Benedictus

Hymnal S114

Healey Willan

All **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he ✠ that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people kneel or stand as the Celebrant continues, speaking the Eucharistic prayer (full text on page 340) on behalf of the people. As the prayer is concluding, the Celebrant chants the following, and the people respond with the Great Amen.

Celebrant By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

All 
A - men.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal S119

Plainsong

All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept before the following is sung.

Agnus Dei

Hymnal S158

Healy Willan

All **O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.**

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God ✠ for the People of God.

After the Blessed Sacrament has been distributed to the altar party and the choir, all are welcome to come forward to the altar rail at the direction of the ushers. At the altar rail, all baptized Christians are invited to receive the Blessed Sacrament, and those who are not yet baptized are invited to indicate a desire to receive a blessing by crossing their arms upon arrival at the altar rail. (Our rector is always eager to speak with anyone who is not yet baptized about preparing for and receiving the sacrament of Baptism.)

For those receiving the Blessed Sacrament, a wafer will be placed in the palm of your hand or upon your tongue after which the chalice is offered. If you need a gluten-free wafer, you may request one from the priest at the altar rail. Should you wish to receive wine by intinction (dipping), allow the chalice bearer to take the wafer from your open palm and intinct for you. Should you be unable to manage the steps, please notify one of the ushers so that Holy Communion can be administered at your pew.

Postcommunion Prayer

Upon the Celebrant's invitation to prayer, the people kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

Epiphany Blessing

Celebrant May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, ☩ the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

After the Blessing, the people stand.

Retiring Processional Hymn, No. 124 *What star is this, with beams so bright*

PUER NOBIS

Blessing of the Chalk

After the hymn, the Celebrant leads the Blessing of the Chalk at the table placed before the font.

Celebrant Our help is in the name of the Lord:

People **The maker of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in:

People **From this time forth for evermore.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Bless, O Lord God, this chalk that it may be helpful to thy people and grant by the invocation of thy Most Holy Name that whosoever shall use it or inscribe with it the names of thy Saints Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar upon the doorways of their homes, may through their merits and intercessions enjoy health of body and protection of soul; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Minister Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

Prelude on *In Thee is Gladness* (S. 615)

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Please take a blessed chalk, wrapped with Epiphany house blessing prayer, with you as you depart the church.

The altar flowers are given by Patt Fero to the glory of God
and in loving memory of her late husband, Jim Fero, who would have celebrated his 75th Birthday on January 10.