

# Feast of the Epiphany January 6, 2019

Prelude Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern verses 1 & 2

D. Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Processional Hymn 128 "We three kings of Orient are"

Three Kings of Orient

#### The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer p. 355

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

*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity BCP p. 355

Gloria 96 "Angels we have heard on high"

Gloria

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Together we pray.

People 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.

First Lesson: 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.

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 David Hurd

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.



- 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 pros perity to the people, \* and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy a mong the people; \*
  he shall rescue the poor and crush the op pressor.
- 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 möwn 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 be fore him, \* and all the nations do him service.

- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, \* and the op pressed 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 op pression 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—for surely 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 112 "In the bleak midwinter"

Cranham

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

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

Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People

After each bidding the Reader says, Lord, in your mercy. The People reply, Hear our prayer.

Confession BCP p. 360

Peace

Sermon

Announcements

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.

### The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Anthem Jesus, Jesus, rest your head arranged by John Jacob Niles (1892-1980)

Britt Brown, solo

#### Refrain

Jesus, Jesus, rest your head.

You has got a manger bed.

All the evil folk on earth

Sleep in feathers at their birth.

Jesus, Jesus, rest your head.

You has got a manger bed.

Have you heard about our Jesus?

Have you heard about his fate?

How his mammy went to the stable

On that Christmas Eve so late?

Winds were blowing, cows were lowing,

Stars were glowing, glowing, glowing. Refrain

To the manger came the Wise Men.

Bringing from hin and yon,

For the mother and the father,

And the blessed little Son.

Milkmaids left their fields and flocks

And sat beside the ass and ox. Refrain

Doxology Hymn 380 v. 3 "Praise God from whom all blessings flow"

Old 100th

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP p. 367

Sanctus S130 (front section of hymnal)

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem S164 (front section of hymnal)

Franz Schubert

Ushers will direct the congregation to communion stations, starting from the rear of the church and moving forward. Gluten-free wafers are available. All are welcome to receive communion.

Communion Anthem He shall feed his flock from "Messiah" G.F. Handel (1685-1759) Laura Cervinsky, soprano; Britt Brown, alto

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd; and He shall gather the lambs With His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are With young. (Isaiah 40:11)

Come unto Him, all ye that labour, come unto Him that are heavy laden, and He will give you rest. Take His yoke upon you, and learn of Him, for He Is meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. (Matthew 11:28-29)

Communion Hymn 497 "How bright appears the Morning Star" Wie schön leuchtet

Thanksgiving after Communion BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 119 "As with gladness men of old"

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Dismissal

*Clergy* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Postlude Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, verse 3 D. Buxtehude

Please join us for refreshments following the 10am service, hosted today by Jane Andrews & Bob Harrington.



# Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the lives of Mary Healy Bartecki and John R. Johnston.

#### Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild Molly Aitken, Margaret Blackwell, Judith Boland, Elsie Deane, Zebby Dubé, Heidi Harper, Sarah Harris, Ann Johnson, Margarethe Kulke, and Paige Manning Flowers St. Andrew's Flower Guild

#### Serving at 8am

Lay Reader/Chalice Bearer Mary Scanlon Ushers Jane Givens and Mark Housel

#### Serving at 10am

Acolytes Isabella MacKinnon, Emma Barry, Elizabeth Martin,
Ella McAdams, and Henry MacKinnon
Chalice Bearers Adams Carroll, David Hamlin, Jeanne Johnsen, and Suzy Littlefield
Lay Readers Karen Pekowitz, Jane Andrews, and Adams Carroll
Ushers Carter Houghton, Frank Hunnewell, Bob Prensner,
Terri Rawson, Kris Vanin, and Michael Vanin

#### Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Parishes of the Boston Harbor Deanery
Christ Church (Old North), Boston
Church of the Advent, Boston
Ecclesia Ministries and *common cathedral*, Boston

Diocesan Staff
Massachusetts Council of Churches



# **About the Readings**

Isaiah 60:1-6 Today's reading applies the promise of Isaiah 49:7-23 to the situation after the exile. The returned Israelites found their land devastated, depopulated and impoverished. The task of rebuilding was slow and difficult. In this setting of discouragement, the epiphany (manifestation) of God is shown forth by the Lord's active presence in historical events, symbolized by the dawning of light. Jerusalem's children and wealth will return, and all nations will gather at the Lord's altar. The imagery of this passage influenced Matthew's account of the magi.

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 This royal psalm was probably used as part of the enthronement ceremony for the Davidic kings. As God's representative, the king's dominion should extend to the whole world (vv. 8-11). His deliverance of the poor ensures power and prosperity for all (vv. 12-17), and his reign fulfills the promise to Abraham found in Genesis 12:2-3 (v. 17). After the end of the monarchy, this psalm was interpreted in reference to the coming Messiah.

**Ephesians 3:1-12** Today's reading starts as a prayer interrupted by a statement on Paul's ministry and God's plan for the

world. The "mystery" (v. 3), God's hidden purpose for salvation, is made known through the revelation of Christ to Paul and to the leaders of the Church. It is summarized succinctly as the unity of all, particularly of Jew and Gentile together as one in the Church. Other mediators are not needed between God and human beings, nor can they hinder access to God. Indeed, the Church will reveal to all the wisdom of God, manifested in Christ Jesus.

**Matthew 2:1-12** Matthew is more concerned to show the theological implications of Jesus' birth than simply to give a historical account. In today's gospel, he concentrates not upon the event of the birth, but upon its meaning as a fulfillment of Old Testament expectations and upon the response of others to that birth. A number of Old Testament passages supply the imagery for the star and the wise men. The star and scepter to "rise out of Israel" (Numbers 24:17) were identified with the Messiah in Jewish thought, and thus Herod is implicitly presented as Balak, who sought to control Balaam's blessing (Numbers 22–24). Matthew adapts Micah 5:2 and 2 Samuel 5:2 to identify explicitly

the child born as the long-awaited Shepherd of Israel. The responses of the magi and of Herod are contrasted. As Matthew stresses throughout his gospel, Israel rejects its King while the Gentiles accept him. Matthew also foreshadows the crucifixion and resurrection, as the child is named King of the Jews (Matthew 27:37), anointed with myrrh, greeted with "great joy" (Matthew 28:8) and worshiped as universal savior (Matthew 28:9).



# Celebrating Our 125th Anniversary History from our Archives

We hope you enjoy these timeless items as we journey through our 125th anniversary year, culminating with our celebration in November. With this first Sunday bulletin of 2019, we want to share snippets of history of St. Andrew's from our beginnings culled from the archives. These snippets will be presented chronologically each month throughout the year. This month features items from 1886 to 1900. Any comments or feedback will be appreciated. Thanks.

—Sandra Rigney • <u>sandrig@verizon.net</u>

The first name of St. Andrew's Church, Christ Mission, came from Christ Church Sunday School, started July 17, 1886, by two teachers and seven children, who met Sunday afternoons in the band room, then in the ante-room on the second floor of old Waban Hall. A few residents of the village wished their children to be "trained in religious truth according to the doctrine and usages of Protestant Episcopal Church."

The Mother Superior of St. Margaret's Convent loaned an organ, which was duly moved and tuned. Expenses included a fire nine days of the winter @75 cents a day.

On Easter of 1887, St. Paul's in Natick invited the children to its service, whither they traveled by a carriage rented for \$2.00. Each child received a potted plant.



# **Notices & Announcements**

Newcomers and visitors: We extend a warm welcome to those who are new in our community. Please fill out one of the welcome cards in the narthex (foyer) and hand it to a greeter for a fuller welcome!

#### Epiphany Fireside Service & Potluck

Please join us in celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany tonight, Sunday, January 6, at 5pm in the parish hall. We will sing the great hymns of Epiphany and share the Eucharist in front of a warm, roaring fire. This is a lovely service for all ages! Afterwards, we invite you to stay for homemade soup and a baked potato bar, hosted by the fellowship committee. Please bring a salad, side, or dessert to share. Looking forward to seeing you! — Jennifer Sawyer

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#### **B-READY Lunch Prep**

Please join us in the parish hall kitchen as we prepare a meal for St. Stephen's B-READY program right after the 10am service today. The hungry kiddos show up at the church about 3pm and are very happy when they have a hot meal to tide them over while they work on homework and enrichment activities. We meet in the kitchen right after the 10am service and are usually done by 1:30pm. Please email me if you can help.

- Cam McCormick
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#### Bible Circle: Isaiah

Bible Circle will meet on the morning of Tuesday, January 8, at 10:30am in the Harvey Room and the evening of Wednesday, January 9 from 7 to 8pm in Room 2. Our topic is the book of Isaiah, one of the most important prophetic books in Judaism and Christianity. In it, the prophet calls God's people to lead a life of service and honor. At our January meeting, we will read and discuss Chapters 44:24 through 48:22. All are welcome. Please bring your Bible. (We have Oxford Annotated Bibles to share.)

- Margarethe Kulke
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#### A Note from the Treasurer's Office

Offering envelopes for 2019 are available at the back of the church. If you would like envelopes and have not ordered them, please contact me in the treasurer's office.

- Ruth Hubert 781/235-7310
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#### **Book Circle**

Book Circle will meet on **Thursday**, **January 10**, **at 7pm in the Harvey Room** to discuss *There There* by Tommy Orange. Please join us for lively conversation, perspective, and friendship. — Betsy Millane

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#### Men's Bible Study

The next Men's Bible Study is **Saturday**, **January 12**, **at 8am in Room 2**. We are continuing our series, exploring the Gospel of John. All are welcome—don't worry if you missed previous sessions. No homework, just bring a bible with you—coffee and donuts provided. If you would like further information contact me. — Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

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# Church School and Junior Choir Winter Break

Confirmation prep, youth group (grades 8-12) and Junior Choir will resume on **Sunday, January 13**. Kids' Place, church school and Rite-13 (grades PK-seven) will resume on **Sunday, January 27**. Enjoy your winter break! — Rev. Catherine Healy

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#### Anna Page, Seminarian

We are delighted to welcome our seminarian, Anna Page, as our guest preacher and adult education lecturer on **Sunday**, **January 20**. Anna graduated from Wellesley College in 2018 and is now a graduate student at Duke Divinity School. She is a commissioned chaplain candidate in the U.S. Army and, with the sponsorship of St. Andrew's, is

preparing for ordination to the priesthood in the Episcopal Church. Welcome back, Anna! — Rev. Catherine Healy

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#### **Budget Forum**

There will be an opportunity for parishioners to learn about the 2019 parish budget for St. Andrew's at a forum at 11:30am Sunday, January 20 in Room 2. This forum will be led by Alan Joachim, the head of the finance committee. The rector and wardens will also be present to answer any questions. The final budget will be presented at the annual meeting on January 27, after it has been approved by the vestry at its meeting on January 22. All are welcome.

- Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole
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#### MLK Day of Action

Live out the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. through the MLK Day of Action! On Monday, January 21, 2019, volunteers will gather at St. Andrew's to drive into Boston and spend the day (approximately 9am to 2pm) working on projects at the Blackstone School, a partner of St. Stephen's Church, our sister parish. All ages are invited; children below grade nine should bring a parent. See the sign-up genius on the SERVE page of the website. — Cam McCormick

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#### Martin Luther King Day Breakfast

St. Andrew's will be sponsoring a table at the annual MLK breakfast again, hosted by the World of Wellesley. The speaker will be Claudia Fox Tree who will talk about Native American culture and history. The Kuumba Singers of Harvard College and the Wellesley High School Step Dancers will perform. The breakfast is 8am-10am on Monday, January 21, at Mass Bay Community College, 50 Oakland St, Wellesley. If you would like to go to the breakfast and represent St. Andrew's, please let me know. — Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

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# Salvation Army/Pearl Street Cupboard & Café

St. Andrew's is committed to providing six volunteers for two hours (5:15 to 7:15pm) every fourth Tuesday of the month to help serve a meal to the needy in Framingham. Our next opportunity to serve is **Tuesday**, **January 22.** Sign up by visiting the church website and clicking on SERVE and then on VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP. — Tim Phillips

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#### **Annual Meeting**

The 126th annual meeting will be held from 11am to 12:30pm on Sunday, January 27. New parish leaders will be elected, reports will be given on the work accomplished in 2018, and a budget for 2019 will be presented. Please save this date.

- Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole
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#### Firearm Safety Task Force

The Firearm Safety Task Force met on Sunday, December 9, and adopted the following Mission Statement:

St. Andrew's Firearm Safety Task Force is a non-partisan group committed to educating the congregation on relevant common sense gun legislation at both the local and national level. The committee strives to provide guidance to interested parishioners on how to become involved faithfully in decreasing gun violence and promoting gun safety. In addition we pledge ourselves to bring the values of the gospel to affirm the sacredness of every human life.

The Task Force will meet again on **Sunday**, **February 3**, **at 11:30am in Room 2**. We are working on preparing a forum to the parish this winter. — Paul Merry

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### "Refreshing" the Parish Prayer List

Praying for our loved ones at times of need is a central part of our worship and church life. We would like to remind you that at the beginning of every season, we "refresh" the prayer list. We remove names of people for whom we have been asked to pray if we have not heard that you wish us to keep your loved one on the list for the next season. We are happy to keep people on the list for as long as they are in need of our prayers. However, our proactive approach helps prevent a buildup of people on the list after the need for our prayers for that person has passed. Thanks for your help with this.

- Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole
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### **Gratitude**

#### Christmas Eve Services

An enormous thanks to the many people who helped with our Christmas Eve services, including (but not limited to) the altar guild, the flower guild, the ushers, the choirs, the lay Eucharistic ministers, the acolytes, the readers, and those who helped prepare the bulletins. Thank you for helping to make our celebration of the birth of Christ so joyous, both for the congregation of St. Andrew's, and for all the visitors we welcomed to rejoice with us.

#### Christmas Gifts for Seniors at St. Stephen's

We had lots of help putting together the 60 bags of Christmas gifts for the seniors at St. Stephen's. Homemade cookies were made by Wendy Barry, Michelle Cunningham, Carol Jankowski, Suzy Littlefield, Lakey MacArthur, Cam McCormick, Lisa Onorato, Caren Parker, Lynda Sperry, and some other contributors who dropped them off without telling us who they were. Also Zebby Dubé greatly helped assembling all the bags. They were all delivered on December 21 for the Christmas party that Tim provides the seniors at the church. Thanks to all who contributed to the fund to provide this much appreciated service.

### Vestry

Adult Formation Peter Fergusson

**Clerk** Sarah Harris

**Communications** Peter Lull

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**Finance** Alan Joachim

**Human Resources** Frank Hunnewell

**Membership** Suzanne Nystrom

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**Property** Jim Blackwell

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**Treasurer** Arnout Eikeboom

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David Hamlin

Worship Cynthia Scott

**Youth Formation** Ien Martin

### Staff

The clergy are always available to assist you. Please email or call the clergy if you or a member of your family expects to be in the hospital and wishes to be visited. Also, please let us know of names that should be added to our prayer list. Our prayers and concerns are with all those in need.

**Rector** The Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole adrian@standrewswellesley.org

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## Weekly Calendar

- The Holy Eucharist is celebrated on Sundays at 8am, 10am and 5pm. The Holy Eucharist is also celebrated every Wednesday at 7:30am—we offer healing prayer at this service; Silent Contemplative Prayer is also offered weekdays at 8:45am, unless otherwise noted.
- **Senior Choir** rehearsal is on Thursdays at 7:30pm, and Sundays at 9am; **Junior Choir** rehearsal is on Sundays at 9am.
- Parish Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9am to 5pm, and Friday, 9am to 12pm.
- **12-Step Programs** Al-Anon, Tuesdays, 7:30pm; Men's AA, Wednesdays, 8pm; Women's AA, Thursdays, 7pm; Emotions Anonymous, Saturdays, 9:30am; Sober Sisters, Saturdays, 10:30am.

#### Sunday, January 6

See service schedule above
9am Coffee Hour
11:30am B-READY Lunch Prep
5pm Epiphany Fireside

#### Tuesday, January 8

9:15am Pastoral Care Team Meeting10:30am Bible Circle7:30pm Outreach Meeting

#### Wednesday, January 9

5:30pm Communications Meeting 7pm Bible Circle

#### Thursday, January 10

9:15am Altar Guild Service 10am Altar Guild Meeting 7pm Altar Guild Meeting 7pm Book Circle

#### Saturday, January 12

8am Men's Bible Study

#### Sunday, January 13

See service schedule above 5pm Confirmation 6:45pm Youth Group

