

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Feast of the Epiphany January 8, 2023

We are livestreaming the 10am service.

Prelude *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern* Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Processional Hymn 124 "What star is this, with beams so bright" *Puer nobis*

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 forever. Amen.

Collect for Purity BCP p. 355

Hymn 96 "Angels we have heard on high" (vv. 1&2) *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

David Hurd (after Gibbons)

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.



- 1 Give the King your ¹justice, O ¹God, *
and your ¹righteousness to the ¹King's ¹Son;
- 2 That he may rule your ¹people ¹righteously *
— ¹and the ¹poor with ¹justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring pros¹perity to the ¹people, *
and the ¹little ¹hills bring ¹righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy a¹mong the ¹people; *
he shall rescue the ¹poor and ¹crush the op¹pressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and ¹moon en¹dure, *
from one gene¹ration ¹to an ¹other.
- 6 He shall ¹come down like rain upon the ¹möwn ¹field, *
like ¹showers that ¹water the ¹earth.
- † 7 In his time shall the ¹righteous ¹flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the ¹moon shall ¹be no ¹more.

Second Lesson: Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gen- tiles—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

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 128 "We three kings of Orient are"

Three Kings of Orient

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

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.

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

chest, 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.

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

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 of Sin

BCP p. 360

Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Anthem *The Holly and the Ivy*

English traditional carol,
arranged by Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

*The holly and the ivy
are trees that's both well known;
Of all the trees that grows in woods,
the holly bears the crown.*

***(Refrain) The rising of the sun,
The running of the deer
The playing of the merry harp,
Sweet singing in the choir.***

*The holly bears a blossom
as white as any flower,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
to be our sweet Saviour.*

Refrain

*The holly bears a colour
as green as any tree,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
to set poor sinners free.*

Refrain

*The holly bears a berry
as red as any blood,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
to do poor sinners good.*

Refrain

*The holly bears a prickle
as sharp as any thorn,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
at Christmas day in the morn.*

Refrain

*The holly bears a bark
as bitter as any gall,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
for to redeem us all.*

Refrain

Doxology Hymn 107 “Good Christian friends, rejoice”

In dulci jubilo

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP p. 367

S130 Sanctus (front section of hymnal)

Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828)

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

S164 Fraction Anthem (front section of hymnal)

Franz Peter Schubert

All are welcome to receive communion. Ushers will direct the congregation.

Communion Anthem *I wonder as I wander*

Appalachian carol

adapted and arranged by John Jacob Niles (1892-1980)

*I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die
For poor ordinary people like you and like I.
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.*

*When Mary birthed Jesus, all in a cow's stall,
Came wise men and farmers and shepherds and all,
And high from the heavens a star's light did fall;
The promise of the ages it then did recall.*

*If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,
A star in the sky or a bird on the wing,
Or all of God's angels in heaven for to sing,
He surely could have had it, 'cause he was the king.*

Communion Hymn 112 “In the bleak midwinter”

Cranham

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 135 “Songs of thankfulness and praise”

Salzburg

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Lobt Gott, ihr Christen, allzugleich*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

**Please join us for coffee after the service, hosted by
Mrs. Walter Hunnewell, Luisa Hunnewell, and Llynda McFarlane.**



If this is your first time at St. Andrew's, Welcome!

We are happy you found us. Please use this QR code to fill out a *seeker information form* or check with a member of our membership committee in the narthex so that our clergy and members of our congregation can welcome you and help you get engaged with our church.



The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of

John R. Johnston given by the Johnston family and
Rev. Robert Merry & Harriet Merry, and Sally Engle Merry, given by Paul Merry.

Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild Adele Beggs, Judith Boland, Jean Childs, Zebby Dubé, Erica Gelser,
Peter Mahoney, Karen McAdams, Heather Schaefer, Cynthia Scott, and Liz J. Tecca

Altar Flowers the Flower Guild

Serving at 8am

Lay Eucharistic Minister Cam McCormick

Ushers Nancy Kohl and Bob Ware

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Crucifer, Cameron Cowperthwaite; Torch, Caroline Martin;
and Torch, Rebecca Martin

Broadcast Tech Volunteer Peter Lull

Greeter Nancy Place

Lay Eucharistic Ministers Sarah Dent and Suzy Littlefield

Readers Margaret Zusky and Paul Merry

Ushers Matthew Benfer, Dave Boghosian, Lakey Mac Arthur, and Paul Zusky

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Parishes of the Boston Harbor Deanery

Emmanuel Church, Boston

St. Augustine's & St. Martin's Church, Boston

Charles River Episcopal Co-Housing Endeavor

Allston Abbey, Boston

Greater Boston Interfaith Organization



Icon of the Week

Magi

Magi, singular **Magus**, also called **Wise Men**, in Christian tradition, the noble pilgrims “from the East” who followed a miraculous guiding star to Bethlehem, where they paid homage to the infant Jesus as king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1–12). Christian theological tradition has always stressed that Gentiles as well as Jews came to worship Jesus—an event celebrated in the Eastern church at Christmas and in the West at Epiphany (January 6). Western tradition sets their number at three, probably based on the three gifts of “gold, frankincense, and myrrh” (Matthew 2:11) presented to the infant.

As early as the 3rd century they were considered to be kings, probably interpreted as the fulfillment of the prophecy in Psalms 72:11 (“May all kings fall down before him”). In about the 8th century the names of three Magi—Bithisarea, Melichior, and Gathaspa—appear in a chronicle known as the *Excerpta latina barbari*. They have become known most commonly as Balthasar, Melchior, and Gaspar (or Casper). According to Western church tradition, Balthasar is often represented as a king of Ethiopia, Melchior as a king of Persia (modern day Iran) and Gaspar as a king of India. Balthasar brought Myrrh, Melchior brought Gold and Gaspar gave the gift of Frankincense. Frankincense and myrrh are not “perfumes” in the modern sense. They are resin compounds collected from trees that grow in their respective country like we collect maple syrup. Frankincense dries as a yellow solid and Myrrh dries as a red-brown solid.

Frankincense was traditionally burned in temples by the ancient Egyptians, Romans and Greeks, to symbolize prayers rising to the gods. As an additional benefit, when this smoke is inhaled, it contains compounds that alleviate pain, provide protection from cancers, and have anti-biotic properties. These gifts were exceptionally valuable in ancient times.



Notices and Announcements

Note: all staff email addresses are on the second to last page. Deadline for materials is noon on Tuesdays for both the bulletin and the e-Pistle.

Church School

Church School **resumes today, January 8**, for lower school (Godly Play) and upper school at its **usual time of 9:45am**.

Rite-13 is invited to **attend today's Epiphany Fireside service at 5pm** which will be followed by a potluck dinner. Rite 13 classes will **resume on Sunday, January 22**.

Epiphany Fireside Service

The fireside service will be **tonight, January 8, at 5pm**. This Holy Communion service, **in the parish hall**, is held with a roaring fire and attended by an intergenerational congregation. We hear a short Epiphany homily and sing Epiphany hymns, followed by a potluck. The entrée will be provided by the fellowship committee, but we encourage parishioners to bring **salads or desserts**.

Join us!

Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend

There will be a joint church school program **at 9:45am on Sunday, January 15, in the children's chapel** on the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. All church school years are invited to attend.

El Hogar Information Night

Rite-13 and confirmands are invited, **Sunday, January 22**, with their parents should they like to attend, to an El Hogar Information event where we will be watching a short film on the work of El Hogar and followed by a discussion with Bianka Eichelberger who is both a parishioner and a board member of El Hogar.

9am Christian Learning

Our 9am classes resume on **Sunday, January 22**. Everyone is welcome. Babysitting is provided for parents with young children. Join us every Sunday, or just when a class lines up with your interests. Classes are hybrid and the Zoom link is in the e-Pistle.

—Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

First Aid Kits and Defibrillators

We have first aid kits in all the church school classrooms and both kitchens. *If you are in need of emergency medicine, you should call 911*, but feel free to use the first aid kits for minor cuts and scrapes as needed. We also have a large first aid kit in the acolytes changing room.

We also have AED's (Automated External Defibrillator) on every floor marked with big signs on the wall near the AED.

The Wellesley Freedom Team

The Wellesley police department has set up a task force to address incidents that may arise in our town involving racism or other discriminatory conduct. That group, called *The Wellesley Freedom Team*, is seeking to raise public awareness of its existence as a resource. The Wellesley Freedom Team would like you to know that we are available to victims of racism or bias, or to those who witness such disturbing behavior. Our volunteers provide a safe, confidential space for people to air concerns, be heard, and be connected to available resources that can address victim/witness concerns. The Wellesley Freedom Team, established in March 2021, is part of a network of seven teams in the Greater Boston area. For more visit wellesleyfreedomteam.org/ or contact us at wellesleyfreedomteam@gmail.com

Green Team Restart

Before the pandemic, St. Andrew's had an active "Green Team" which helped do the recycling in the church and made recommendations about better sustainable practices we could undertake here at church. For instance, this group recommended and bought mugs for coffee hour so we could move away from producing so much trash at coffee hour.

We are looking to reignite this group and find a leader who might gather a team to help. Do you have any interest in this? Please contact Adrian and/or Kate.

Vestry

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Membership Elizabeth Clarke

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Staff

- In an emergency, please contact Adrian on his cell phone, 603/831-4938. Additional clergy cell phone numbers are: Margaret Schwarzer, 617/733-0661, and Sarah Robbins-Cole, 603/831-4711.
- The clergy are available to assist you if you email or call them if you or a member of your family expects to be in the hospital and wishes to be visited.
- Please let the clergy know of names that should be added to our prayer list.

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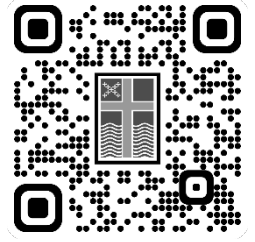
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Weekly Calendar

- The **Holy Eucharist** is celebrated on **Sundays at 8am, 10am** (*also online*) and **5pm**. **Morning Prayer** online is offered **Monday through Thursday at 8:30am** on our website, our YouTube Channel (*use the QR code for a link to our YouTube channel*), and on Facebook.
- **Senior Choir** rehearsal is on **Thursdays at 7:30pm** unless otherwise noted
- Staff is working some hours remotely. Generally, **parish office hours** are **Monday through Thursday, 9am to 4pm**, and **Friday, 9am to 12pm**, unless otherwise noted or announced. **Tuesday at noon is the deadline for all materials** to be included either in the bulletin or by email for the following Sunday.
- **12-Step Programs** Men's AA, Wednesdays at 8pm; Women's AA, Thursdays at 7pm; Emotions Anonymous, Saturdays at 9:30am; Sober Sisters AA, Saturdays at 10:30am.



Sunday, January 8

8:55am Kids' Place Nursery
9:45am Church School only, No Rite-13
11am Coffee Hour
5pm Epiphany Fireside Service

Monday, January 9

7pm RenewalWorks Planning
Committee

Tuesday, January 10

11am Bible Circle

Wednesday, January 11

7pm Bible Circle

Sunday, January 15

8:55am Kids' Place Nursery
9:45am Community Learning (K-7)
11am Coffee Hour



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