

ST. ANDREW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Feast of the Epiphany
January 7, 2024

We are livestreaming the 10am service.

Prelude *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, BuxWV 223*
(*How Brightly Shines The Morning Star*) Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Processional Hymn 117 "Brightest and best of the stars of the morning" *Morning Star*

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 come 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 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

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

chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frank-
 incense, 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 Three Kings" from *Weihnachtslieder Opus 8*

Peter Cornelius (1824-1874)

*Three Kings from Persian lands afar
 To Jordan follow the pointing star:
 And this the quest of the travelers three,
 Where the new-born King of the Jews may be.
 Full royal gifts they bear for the King;
 Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.*

*The star shines out with a steadfast ray;
 The kings to Bethlehem make their way,
 And then in worship they bend the knee,*

*As Mary's child in her lap they see;
 Their royal gifts they show to the King;
 Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.*

*Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem
 The Kings are travelling, travel with them!
 The star of mercy, the star of grace,
 Shall lead thy heart to its resting place.
 Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring;
 Offer thy heart to the infant King.*

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 *Still, still, still*

German carol

arranged by Philip Ledger (1937-2012)

*Still, still, still, Let all the world be still,
For Mary lays her son to rest, Sings to him softly at her breast,
Still, still, still, Let all the world be still.*

*Sleep, sleep, sleep, My dearest baby, sleep,
The angels all rejoice and sing, Heav'n for your delight shall ring.
Sleep, sleep, sleep, My dearest baby sleep.*

*Joy, joy, joy, My heart is filled with joy!
The God of love has left his throne, Made this humble world his own,
Joy, joy, joy, My heart is filled with joy.*

Communion Hymn 112 "In the bleak midwinter"

Cranham

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 124 "What star is this with beams so bright"

Puer nobis

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

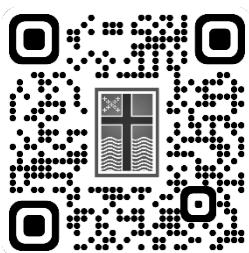
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude *In dir ist Freude, BWV 615 (In thee is Gladness)*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

We welcome and thank our guest organist, Ross Wood.

Please join us for coffee after the service.



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 and Erica S. Johnston by the Johnston family.

Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild Laura Brown MacKinnon, Elizabeth Clarke, Nancy Echlov,
Wendy Haering, Angie Johnson, Ntonhle Kekana, Jen Martin, and Heather Schaefer
Altar Flowers the Flower Guild

Serving at 8am

Lay Eucharistic Minister Wendy Haering
Ushers Jane Givens and Mark Housel

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Crucifer, Eloise Svedlund; Torch, Dininar Alpers; Torch, Tawanda Masiwa;
and Banner, Sino Masiwa
Broadcast Tech Volunteer Rob Brandt
Greeters Jen & Ansley Martin
Lay Eucharistic Ministers Harry Condon, Sarah Harris, Ann Johnson, and Sam Schaefer
Readers Jen Martin and Tim Phillips
Ushers Terri Rawson-Wakefield, Kris Vanin, Michael Vanin, and Michael Wakefield

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Churches of the Boston Harbor Deanery
Christ Church (Old North), Boston
Church of the Advent, Boston
Ecclesia Ministries and *common cathedral*, Boston
The Diocesan Staff
The Massachusetts Council of Churches



Icon of the Week

Virgin and Child

Byzantine art shifted away from the naturalism and idealized forms of the earlier Greek and Roman art, toward a more universal, stylized, and abstract form. The theology of the Byzantine icon was based on the idea that the icon was a representation of God, a saint, or a deity, and that when an icon was created, it was infused with the power of the divine. The two dimensions of the icon offer the viewer the opportunity to feel like they constitute the third dimension and, therefore, are part of the icon.

The gold background symbolizes heaven and is meant to represent the divine nature of the figures in the icon. The Orthodox Church believes the first iconographer was the evangelist Luke, and the first icon he painted was the Mother of God holding the Christ-child. Icons of the son of God with his mother are powerful testimonies to the reality of God's incarnation as a human.

Mary is wearing a veil typical of Jewish women of the period. The veil is red, the color of divinity, while the clothes under the veil are blue, the colors of humanity. This is usually the exact opposite of the depiction of Christ. Mary looks directly at us, yet with her hand she directs us to the infant identified to us as Jesus Christ by the abbreviation IC XC. Jesus is shown with a scroll, embodying all the wisdom of the true God. The figures are elongated and solemn, with emphasized and deep eyes, long and straight noses, and big, thoughtful foreheads. Personhood, represented mainly by the face, is of paramount importance. Both eyes of all figures are visible, even when they should not be.

And Mary said, My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.



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 7.** Kid's Place, Godly Play I, Godly Play II, and upper school meet at the **usual time.** Rite-13 is encouraged to attend the Epiphany Fireside Service.

Epiphany Fireside Service

Celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany by the roaring fire in the **parish hall at 5pm to-night, January 7.** Warm and cozy soups will be offered after the service, along with a hearty baked potato bar. Parishioners are asked to bring a salad or dessert.

Happy New Year from the Financial Administrator's Office

Some reminders for 2024:

- **Memo lines** If paying by check, please write your intention on the memo line.
- **Online Giving** If you have previously (prior to 2023) set up an automatic payment on our webpage from either a credit card or bank account, please add your contribution information into Realm and discontinue the automatic payment in our old Vanco page. **It's super easy to set up and even easier to make changes.** If you no longer have the login for the Vanco system, I can discontinue your payments for you and can also help you

add in your new payment information. Using the Realm system, you can make a payment directly to your pledge, flowers, or any of our other collections and also use the account to both register and pay for church events.

- **Envelopes** Our envelope order is running late this year. If you are paying by cash and want to receive credit towards your 2024 pledge, please put the cash in an envelope with your name. There are older, unnumbered envelopes in the back of the church in case you do not have an envelope but remember to write your name on it.

Please reach out with any questions and thank you for your continued support of St. Andrew's! — Joanne Butler

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. Rite-13 is welcome to attend! Kid's Place open per usual.

Bible Studies

- **Weekly Bible Study** Join us [online every Thursday at noon](#) for the study of Matthew's Gospel. —Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole
- **Open Bible Study** For January, we are reading *The Gospel of Mark*, the oldest, shortest, and most breathlessly told Gospel; only 16 chapters long. We will meet on [Tuesday, January 9, at 11am](#) and on [Wednesday, January 10, at 7 pm](#) to consider *Chapter 7: A Healing Story*. Both events meet in the Harvey Room and on Zoom (Passcode: St. Andrew's). —Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

MLK Day Breakfast

St. Andrew's will have tables at the World of Wellesley **MLK Jr. breakfast at 8am on Monday, January 15, at Wellesley College**. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Jennifer Yanco. If you would like to attend the breakfast please contact Adrian.

Antisemitism from a Jewish Perspective

Join us for an hour on **Sunday, January 21, at 11:30am in Room 2** for *Antisemitism from a Jewish Perspective: Scapegoating the Jews in Medieval Europe*. In response to the significant rise in antisemitism in North America in the past few years, Eric Rosen, a member of Temple Beth Elohim, will share his experience of antisemitism and his understanding of the anti-semitism embedded in Western

history. This is the second class in a three-class series. The third class will be offered on **Sunday, April 7, 2024**.

—Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

Confirmation Class

The next confirmation class will be on **Sunday, January 21, at 5:45pm**, meeting in **Room 201**.

Youth Group

The next youth group meeting is next **Sunday, January 21, at 6:45pm** in the **parish hall**.

9am Christian Learning

Our next 9am class will be on **Sunday, January 28**. Everyone is welcome; come to every class or just ones that interest you. There is childcare at 8:55am in Kids' Place so parents can join (or sing in the senior choir). 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 AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) on every floor, marked with big signs on the wall near the AED.



Gratitude

Holiday Meals

The Associate Director of Development and Communications at St. Stephen's Youth Programs writes: "Thanks to St. Andrew's we were able to provide 134 Thanksgiving meals to families in our network between SSYP families and St. Stephen's parishioners. In addition to the material support, our families felt the warmth of having their own cultural traditions around food met, which required a lot of coordination of multiple options, and was no small feat!"

Presents For Seniors

We are pleased to report that 60 presents for seniors at St. Stephen's were delivered on December 20, and wish to thank the many parishioners who helped to put them together. The knitters, organized by Donna Kell, for the knit hats, mittens, and scarves; and the parishioners who provided homemade cookies: Bettina Eikeboom, Francesca Grossetti, Jennifer Hanley, Luisa Hunnewell, Cam McCormick, Debbie Osborn, Caren Parker, Barbara Shellito, and Lynda Sperry.

Vestry

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- 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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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**.
- **Parish office hours** are (generally) **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 7

8:55am Kids' Place
9am Coffee Hour for 8am Worshippers
9:45am Church School
11am Coffee Hour
5pm Epiphany Fireside Service
and Potluck

Monday, January 8

7pm Communications meeting

Tuesday, January 9

11am Open Bible Study
7pm Outreach meeting

Wednesday, January 10

7pm Open Evening Bible Study

Thursday, January 11

9:30am Altar Guild meeting
12pm Beginner's Bible Study
7pm Altar Guild meeting

Sunday, January 14

8:55am Kids' Place
9:45am Church School (combined)
11am Coffee Hour

Monday, January 15

MLK Day
Parish Office closed
8am MLK Jr. breakfast



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