



ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Feast of the Epiphany January 5, 2025

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 109 "The first Nowell" *The First Nowell*

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 496 "How bright appears the Morning Star"

Wie schon leuchtet

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, 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. Dr. Sarah Robbins-Cole

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 *Sister Mary had-a but one child*

African-American Spiritual
arranged by Roland Hayes (1887-1977)

Refrain

Sister Mary had-a but one child, born in Bethlehem.

And-a every time-a the-a baby cried, she'd-a rocked Him in a weary land.

Three wise men-a to Jerusalem came, They'd travelled very far.

They said "Where is He born of the Jews, For we have-a seen His star?"

King Herod's heart was troubled, He marveled but his face was grim.

*He said, "Tell me where the Child may be found, I'll go and worship Him." **Refrain***

An angel appeared to Joseph, And gave him a this-a command,

"Arise ye, take-a your wife and child, Go flee into Egypt land.

For yonder comes old Herod, A wicked man and bold.

*He's slayin' all the chillun from six to eight-a days old." **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 *Rise up, Shepherd, and follow*

African-American spiritual

There's a star in the east on Christmas morn, rise up shepherd and follow, it will lead to the place where the Christ was born. Rise up Shepherd and follow.

Refrain

Follow, follow, Rise up shepherd and follow,

Follow the Star of Bethlehem, Rise up shepherd and follow.

*If you take good heed to the angel's words, Rise up shepherd and follow, You'll forget your flocks, you'll forget your herds, Rise up shepherd and follow. **Refrain***

Communion Hymn 84 "Love came down at Christmas"

Gartan

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 93 "Angels from the realms of glory"

Regent Square

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Wir Christenleut (We Christian folk)*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Please join us for coffee after the service.

How to use your smartphone to connect to the listening system



We recently installed *Listen Everywhere* for parishioners who use hearing aids with Bluetooth capabilities. Download the *Listen Everywhere* app from your app store. Then follow the instructions at the ushers table for how to connect your app to the church system.



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, Nancy Echlov, Wendy Haering,
Angie Johnson, Ntonhle Kekana, Sarah Klein, and Jen Martin

Altar Flowers the flower guild

Serving at 8am

Lay Eucharistic Minister Wendy Haering

Usher Mark Housel

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Crucifer, George Raeke; Torch, Abby Dietz; and Torch, Caroline Rankin

Broadcast Tech Volunteer Rob Brandt

Lay Eucharistic Ministers Joe Hamilton, David Hamlin, Sam Schaefer,
and Paul Shackford

Readers Karen Pekowitz and Paul Merry

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

Charles River Episcopal Co-Housing Endeavor (CRECHE)

The Journey of the Magi *T.S. Eliot*

A cold coming we had of it,
Just the worst time of the year
For a journey, and such a long journey:
The ways deep and the weather sharp,
The very dead of winter.'
And the camels galled, sorefooted, refractory,
Lying down in the melting snow.
There were times we regretted
The summer palaces on slopes, the terraces,
And the silken girls bringing sherbet.
Then the camel men cursing and grumbling
and running away, and wanting their liquor and women,
And the night-fires going out, and the lack of shelters,
And the cities hostile and the towns unfriendly
And the villages dirty and charging high prices:
A hard time we had of it.
At the end we preferred to travel all night,
Sleeping in snatches,
With the voices singing in our ears, saying
That this was all folly.

Then at dawn we came down to a temperate valley,
Wet, below the snow line, smelling of vegetation;
With a running stream and a water-mill beating the darkness,
And three trees on the low sky,
And an old white horse galloped away in the meadow.

Then we came to a tavern with vine-leaves over the lintel,
Six hands at an open door dicing for pieces of silver,
And feet kicking the empty wine-skins.
But there was no information, and so we continued
And arriving at evening, not a moment too soon
Finding the place; it was (you might say) satisfactory.

All this was a long time ago, I remember,
And I would do it again, but set down
This set down
This: were we led all that way for
Birth or Death? There was a Birth, certainly
We had evidence and no doubt. I had seen birth and death,
But had thought they were different; this Birth was
Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death.
We returned to our places, these Kingdoms,
But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation,
With an alien people clutching their gods.
I should be glad of another death.



Icon of the Week

Folk Nativity

Maria (Mary) is sitting or kneeling to the right of the child. Seen by the spectator, she is on the left. Behind or next to her is the ox, which does not actually appear in Luke's Gospel but is considered a kosher animal and symbolizes the people of Israel and Christianity. From the left, i.e. from Mary's side, the shepherds approach with their sheep. They represent the believers who bring sacrificial animals, food and clothing.

Giuseppe (Joseph) is on the left side of the baby Jesus, that is, on the right if seen by the viewer. Next to Joseph is the donkey, also not mentioned in Luke's Gospel. The donkey is interpreted as an impure animal and symbolizes non-religious or even pagan people. The three wise men also symbolize the pagan world. Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthazar are the "wise men of the East" who donate gold, incense, and myrrh. With youth, middle age, and old age, they are on the one hand a symbol for the different stages of people's lives. On the other hand, their origins from Africa, Asia, and Europe are associated with the three continents known at the time. Since Melchior represents the European continent and therefore the West, the designation "Three from the East" is not entirely correct.

It is also important that the stable of the crib is always open and freely visible to the viewer. This is a symbol that everyone, regardless of nationality and faith, is welcome and welcomed by Jesus. If there are several angels around the Christmas crib, they form the heavenly choir. Unlike the announcing angels, they are located on the right, left or both sides, next to the stable. The star symbolizes the complete process of Jesus' birth and only appears from this moment on in the dark sky of the Holy Night. The three saddle animals (not in this icon) belonged to the three wise men represented the continents known at the time: the elephant, is usually placed next to King Gaspar, representing the African continent; King Balthazar rides on a camel as a representative of Asia, and Melchior rides a horse as a representative of Europe.



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 Classes Today

- **Godly Play I** Pre-K to first grade meet in the **children's chapel** adjacent to the church sanctuary
- **Godly Play II** Grades two and three meet in **Room 203**, on the second floor
- **Upper School/Way of Love** Grades four and five meet in **Room 204**, on the second floor
- **Rite-13** Grades six and seven meet in **Room 202**, on the second floor

Epiphany Fireside Service Tonight

Please mark your calendars for the celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany by the fire **in the parish hall at 5pm, Sunday, January 5**. Dinner will be offered after the service. Parishioners are asked to bring a salad or dessert.

Confirmation Class

Dates for the remaining confirmation classes are **Mondays, January 6, 13, and 27**.

9am Adult Christian Learning

On Sunday, January 12, we will hold a special class on *The Amen Effect: Ancient Wisdom to Mend our Broken Hearts*, by Sharon Brous—Pam Alexander and David Guydan will be our teachers (see next announcement about the book). Join us **in the parish hall or on Zoom** (the link will be in the e-Pistle).

Come every week, once a month, or just when a class lines up with your interests. Regular classes will resume on **Sunday, January 26**.

—[Margaret Schwarzer](#)

Book for Inspiration in the Dead of Winter: *The Amen Effect*

On Sunday, January 12 at 9am we will reflect on *The Amen Effect: Ancient Wisdom to Mend our Broken Hearts* by Sharon Brous at 9am Christian learning. If you want to buy this spiritual and hopeful book, send Margaret Schwarzer and email. She will email you when Wellesley Books has the book ready for pick-up. The book's discount price for us is \$23. After Margaret emails you, please send her a check made out to "St. Andrew's" and write "The Amen Effect" in the memo.

Interfaith Opportunity

Also on **Sunday, January 12, from 1 to 3pm in Room 2**, there will be an opportunity for to meet with members of Temple Beth Elohim for lunch and discuss the book *The Amen Effect: Ancient Wisdom to Mend our Broken Hearts*, by Sharon Brous. Please email Margaret if you want to sign up for this event (limited to 20 people with a 3-person waitlist). If you are one of the first 20 people to sign up, Margaret will send you a

confirmation email. The list will also be posted on the adult formation bulletin board in the office hallway.

Youth Group

This winter and spring we will have our regular schedule of fellowship, fun, and service projects. In addition to these programs, at the request of the youth group, we will be incorporating monthly awareness themes that are recognized nationally and sometimes internationally. January is recognized by many to be Mental Wellness Month and we will be launching our teen wellness program.

- **Sunday, January 5, 4:30 to 6:30pm** Help with the Epiphany Fireside Service. Francesca Grossetti and Caroline Condon preaching.
- **Sunday, January 12, 6pm to 7:30pm** Intro to [Wellness through the Living Compass Teen Faith and Wellness curriculum](#)
- **Sunday, January 19** No youth group
- **Sunday, January 26, 6pm to 7:30pm** Financial Wellness led by Dan McCarthy

Bible Studies

- **Men's Bible Study** Join us [online the first and third Saturday of every month at 8am](#) for the study of the Gospel of Luke. The Zoom link is in the e-Pistle.
- **Beginner's Bible Study** Join us [online every Thursday at noon](#) for the study of John's Gospel. The Zoom link is also in the e-Pistle. — [Adrian Robbins-Cole](#)

- **Open Bible Study** This month, we study *The Epistle of James, Chapter 3 and Chapter 4: Faith & God*. Bring your Bible or use one of ours. No homework. We will meet on [Tuesday, January 14 at 11am](#) and on [Wednesday, January 15 at 7 pm](#). The Zoom links are in the e-Pistle.
— [Margaret Schwarzer](#)

Guest Preacher

We will welcome the Very Rev. Dominic Barrington, Dean of York Minster, England to preach **at the 8am and 10am services on Sunday, January 19**. York Minster where Dominic is the dean, is England's second most important cathedral after Canterbury Cathedral. Parishioners who went on the 2023 pilgrimage to England met Dominic who organized our pilgrimage. He will be helping us to organize the St Andrew's pilgrimage in June 2026 to Scotland and Northern England as well.

Parish Annual Meeting

The 132nd annual meeting of St. Andrew's Church will be held **from 11am to 12:30pm on Sunday, January 26**. New parish leaders will be elected, reports will be given on the work accomplished in 2024, and a budget for 2025 will be presented. Please save this date. There are profiles of those being nominated for election to the vestry on a display in the narthex. — Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole



Gratitude

Presents for Seniors

We were very pleased to have homemade cookies, baked by almost a dozen parishioners and provided to seniors in our sister parish of St. Stephen's. Thank you to all who baked.

Vestry

- Any member of the vestry can be emailed at their ministry address. All addresses are on our website: <https://standrewswellesley.org/about/vestry/>

Adult Formation Carrie Hawley

Clerk Tad Heuer

Communications

Fellowship Ginny Snow

Finance Justin Wahls

Human Resources Laurin Baldwin

Membership Amanda Curtis

Outreach Herb Manning

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Stewardship Madison Riley

Treasurer Joe Hamilton

Wardens Megan Burns
Tom Faust

Worship Erica Gelser

Youth Formation Pamela Grossetti

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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Weekly Calendar

- The **Holy Eucharist** is celebrated on **Sundays at 8am, 10am** (*also online*) and **5pm**. **Morning Prayer** is offered online **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.
- **Parish office hours** are **Monday through Thursday, 9am to 4pm**, and **Friday, 9am to 12pm**, unless otherwise announced. **Tuesday at 12pm is the deadline for all materials** to be included in the bulletin and/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.



Regular weekly meetings and gatherings, *unless otherwise announced below*

Sundays • 9am adult Christian learning • **8:55am** Kids' Place • **9:45am** church school programs • **11am** coffee hour • **6pm** youth group

Mondays • 4:30pm confirmation class

Thursdays • 12pm beginner's Bible study • **5pm** children's choir rehearsal
• **7:30pm** senior choir rehearsal

Sunday, January 5

No 9am adult Christian learning
5pm Epiphany Fireside service

Thursday, January 9

9:30am altar guild meeting
9:45am church school meeting

Tuesday, January 7

6:30pm church school meeting



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