



St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral

Feast of Lights: Day of Epiphany

January 6, 2022 | Holy Eucharist, Rite II | 6:00 p.m.

305 E. Capitol St. | Jackson, MS 39201 | [standrews.ms](http://standrews.ms) | 601-354-1535

---

*Welcome to St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral! We are glad we can worship together today.*

*Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Cathedral staff in this uncertain time.*

HYMN, H-1982 #124  
(sung in the Parish Hall)

*What star is this*

THE HOMILY

THE PROCESSIONAL ACCLAMATION (*Process from the Parish Hall into the church using the following*)

*Officiant* Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN, H-1982 #25

*O gracious light*

(*During which all of the candles in the church are lit*)

*Officiant* The Lord be with you

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

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.**

THE EPISTLE  
12

EPHESIANS 3:1-

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.

*Reader*       The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN, H-1982 #128        *We three kings of Orient are (verses 1 & 5)*  
(during this time, the *Wise Ones* bring their gifts to the Altar)

We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

*Refrain* O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;  
heaven sings alleluia: alleluia the earth replies. *Refrain*

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

MATTHEW 2:1-12

*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." 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.

*Deacon*       The                            Gospel                           of                           the                            Lord.

*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE PRAYERS

Today the Magi came before our Savior. Let us also come to worship him with great joy, and to make our prayers to his heavenly Father.

Gracious God, the Magi came from the east to worship your Son: Grant to Christians everywhere a true spirit of adoration. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, you are the King of Kings and Lord of Lords: Grant an abundance of peace to your world. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, the Holy Family shared the life of the people of Nazareth: Protect in your mercy our neighbors and our families, together with the whole community of which we are part. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, though you were rich, for our sake you became poor: Show your love for the poor and powerless, and strengthen those who suffer. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, you have manifested your mercy in the world, deal mercifully with us, forgive us our sins, and give us the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, the wise men presented to your Son gold, frankincense, and myrrh: Accept the gifts we bring, and the offering of our hearts at the beginning of this new year.

**Hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, you are the King of Heaven, the hope of all who trust in you: Give to the faithful departed the wonders of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of wise men, shepherds, and angels, and of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph, we commend ourselves and all Christian people to your unfailing love.

*Gracious God, Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

THE PEACE

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE [www.standrews.ms/offertory](http://www.standrews.ms/offertory)

*At the offertory, acknowledging all we are given from God, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Joseph, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 FRACTION ANTHEM

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

#### THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

#### THE COMMUNION HYMNS

HYMN, H-1982 #109

*The first Noel*

HYMN, H-1982 #304

*I come with joy*

#### THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, the bright splendor of all the nations: May we who with the Wise Men have beheld the glory of your presence discern the radiance of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### THE PROCESSION

HYMN, H-1982 #490

*I want to walk as a child of the light*

*(Candles are lit from the acolyte's torches as all process outside the front doors of the church onto the lawn).*

#### THE PRAYER

*Celebrant* The Lord has shown forth his glory.

*People*

**Come let us adore him.**

*Celebrant* Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.

*People*           **Darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples; but over you the Lord will rise and his glory will be seen upon you.**

*Celebrant*       Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawning. Violence shall no more be heard in your land, ruin or destruction within your borders.

*People*           **Your doors will always be open; by day or night they will never be shut.**

*Celebrant*       The sun shall be no more your light by day, by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.

*People*           **For the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.**

*All*               **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

#### THE BLESSING

The Light has splintered our darkness. Let it shine through us as God's gift to the world. And may the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, be with you and remain with you, this night and forever. Amen.

#### THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant*       Let us go forth with the light of Christ.

*People*           **Thanks be to God.**