



St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral
The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 1, 2026 | Holy Eucharist, Rite II | 8:30 a.m.
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Welcome to St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral!

Joyfully proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through grace-filled worship, radical hospitality, and incarnational faith.

We are glad we can worship together today. Children are always welcome in our service. If you would rather your child be in the nursery or supervised playroom, feel free to take them out through the front right side door. You are welcome to bring them back into the service at any time. Feel free to come and go as needed.

PRELUDE

HYMN H-1982 #605

What does the Lord require?

SHARPTHORNE

1 What does the Lord re - quire for praise and of - fer - ing?
 2 Ru - lers of earth, give ear! Should you not just - ice show?
 3 Still down the a - ges ring the pro - phet's stern com-mands.
 4 How shall my soul ful - fill God's law so hard and high?

What sac - ri - fice de - sire, or tri - bute bid you bring? Do
 Will God your plead - ing hear, while crime and cruel - ty grow? Do
 To mer - chant, work - er, king he brings God's high - de - mands. Do
 Let Christ en - due our will with grace to for - ti - fy. Then

just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
 just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
 just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
 just - ly; in mer - cy we'll hum - bly walk with God.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, BCP, PAGE 355

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

PUER NOBIS

The Third Song of Isaiah, para. Patricia B. Clark

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People may be seated.

THE FIRST READING

MICAH 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. “O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.” “With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?

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Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

PSALM 15

¹ Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?

⁵ He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.

² Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.

⁶ He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

³ There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

⁷ Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

⁴ In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the Lord.

THE SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand and sing.

SEQUENCE HYMN, H-1982 #656

Blest are the pure in heart

FRANCONIA

1 Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the
 2 The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to
 3 he to the low - ly soul will still him - self im - part and
 4 Lord, we thy pres-ence seek; may ours this bless - ing be; give

se - cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a - bode.
 dwell in low - li - ness with us, our pat - tern and our King;
 for his dwell - ing and his throne will choose the pure in heart.
 us a pure and low - ly heart, a temp - ple fit for thee.

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 5:1-12

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.***The People are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

THE SERMON

The Reverend Christopher McAbee

MUSICAL REFLECTION

The People stand at the invitation of the presider.

NICENE CREED

BCP, P 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM VI

BCP, PAGE 392

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sarah Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Dorothy our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. *Silence*

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. *Silence*

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION



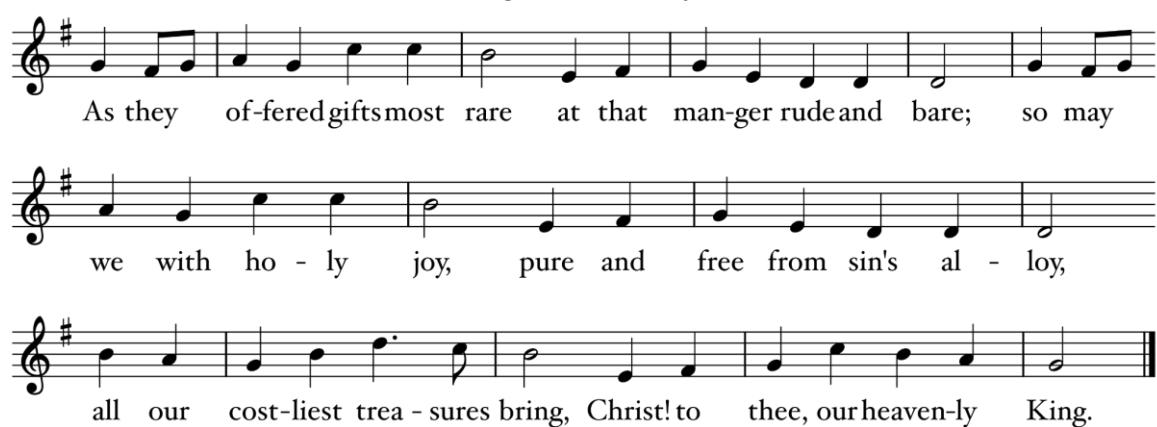
OFFERTORY SENTENCE www.standrews.ms/offertory *This link will take you to our giving page for donations.*

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

The People stand and sing.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION H-1982 #119, v. 3 *As with gladness, men of old*

DIX



As they of-fered gifts most rare at that man-ger rude and bare; so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy, all our cost-liest trea - sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heaven-ly King.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, PRAYER C
PAGE 369

BCP,

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 God thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

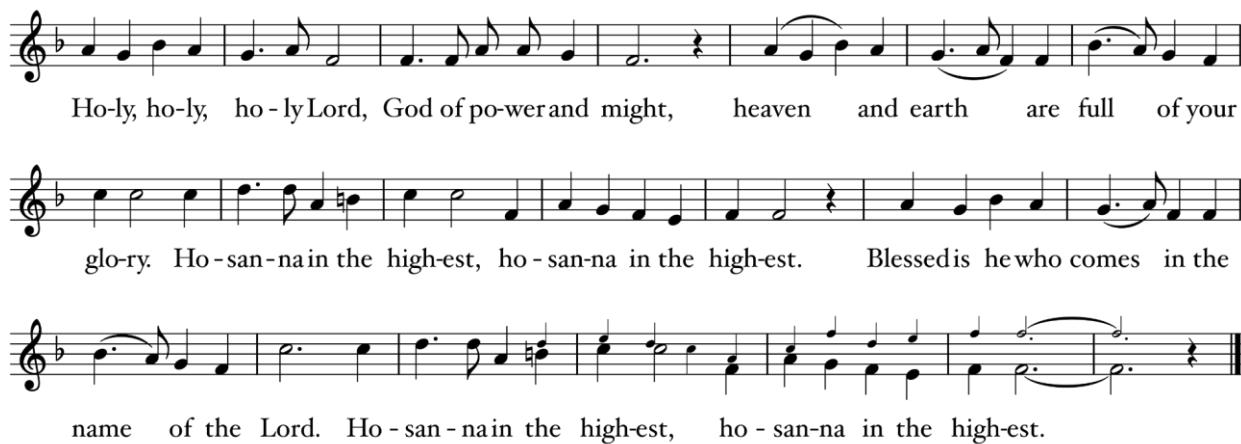
Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS, H-1982 #S125

Richard Proulx, *Community Mass*



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - lyLord, God of po-wer and might, heaven and earth are full of your
glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob, and Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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 H-1982 #120, vs. 6

SOLEMNIS HAEC

FESTIVITAS

On you may all your peo - ple feed, and know you are the Bread in - deed,
who gives e - ter - nal life to those that with you died, and with you rose.

THE INVITATION

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The People may be seated. If you do not wish to receive the sacrament, you may come forward with your arms crossed over your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten free bread is available upon request. The table of bread and wine is the table of company with Jesus, and all those who love him. So come to this table, you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more; you who have been to this Sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus in the world, and you who have failed; come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

HYMN, H-1982 #660

O Master, let me walk with thee

MARYTON

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move thee
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee
 4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray

in low - ly paths of ser vice free;
 by some clear, win - ning word of love;
 in clos - er dear - er com pa - ny,
 far down the fu - ture's broad ening way,

tell me thy se - cret; help me bear the
 teach me the way - ward feet to stay, and the
 in work that keeps - ward strong, and in
 in peace that on - ly sweet thou canst give, with

strain of the toil, the fret home of care.
 guide them in tri - umphs the the home - ward way.
 trust that O Mas - ter, o let ver wrong,
 thee, that the umphs ter, let me live.

At the Presider's invitation People stand, and remain standing through the end of the service.

DISMISSAL OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

In the Name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these Holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many share one bread, one cup, because we are one body in Christ Jesus. Amen.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP,

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Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to see the brightness of God.

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to follow low Je sus.

I want to look at Je sus.

I want to be with Je sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path,

When we have run with patience, the race,

we.

star show me the life way to is Je sus.

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In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon

People

Thanks be to God.

OUR PRAYER LIST

David, Duncan, Libby, Bob, The Thompson Family, Donna, Kathy, Susie, Mary Ann, David and Tommy. (*The last names are not listed to provide some privacy for those who have asked our prayers but do not necessarily want to answer questions. Our prayers come from the heart and don't need details to be effective*).

AT WEEKDAY PRAYERS, WE PRAY FOR: Rachel, Elizabeth, Jane, Joyce, Tasha, Barbara, Betsy, Susan, Matt, Betty, Chris, Paula, Floyd, Bob, Anthony, Margaret, Doug, Saul, Ben, Cindy, Doug, Chip, Paul, Becky, Mary Frances, Katy, Betti, Norma, Charlie, Alex, Martha, Ben, Gray, Jerry, Mike, Jacqui, Rose Lee, and Chip.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Catherine Hester; Mike Lightsey; and General Boyce Davis, father of Jane Smith.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK: Sunday, Feb. 1: Elle Pharr, Bob Graves; Monday, Feb. 2: Owen Bush, Susan Duke, Seth Misenar, Carol Landwirth, Mark Dalton; Tuesday, Feb. 3: Jan Kientz; Wednesday, Feb. 4: Rhodes Pharr, Sarah Morris, Chizitelu Akubue; Thursday, Feb. 5 Sarah Smith; Friday, Feb. 6: No birthdays Saturday, Feb. 7: Judy Morris, Fields Davis; Sunday, Feb. 8: No birthdays.

WE GIVE THANKS FOR WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN FEBRUARY: Kellye and Wilson Montjoy, Feb. 4; Ashley and Bobby Lacoste, Feb. 4, 1998; Susan and Bill Hill; Feb. 20; Leslie and Warren Kennedy, Feb. 25, 1995; Regan and Stephen Wray, Feb. 29.

IN OUR COMMUNITY CYCLE OF PRAYER, WE PRAY FOR OUR MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM: Meals on Wheels is the community-based program designed specifically to meet the nutritional and social needs of seniors. Frequent in-home visits provide unique opportunities to meet nutritional needs, combat social isolation, address safety hazards, and provide holistic care. For more information, contact Sheryl Fox, sgf0220@gmail.com

WEDDINGS | Please contact The Very Rev. Anne M. Maxwell at amaxwell@standrews.ms.

HOLY BAPTISM | Please contact The Very Rev. Anne M. Maxwell at amaxwell@standrews.ms

PRAYER LIST | On Sunday mornings, our prayer list holds those in acute need of prayer. During the week, another prayer list holds those whose need for prayer is less longer term. To add or renew a name on either of these lists, please contact The Very Rev. Anne M. Maxwell at amaxwell@standrews.ms.

PRAYER CHAIN | For prayers at any time, please call in your prayer request to one of our confidential Prayer Chains. For the morning or evening prayer chain, call Melissa Crouch at 601-672-8952.

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