



# HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO & THE PAGEANT

## The Second Sunday of Christmas: Year A

January 4, 2026: 10:00 a.m.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

*Seekers, believers, and doubters of all ages, welcome home to St. Andrew's!* Everything you need for the Liturgy of the Word is found in your bulletin. Music may be found in this bulletin and in the blue 1982 Hymnal (in the pew rack). Restrooms are downstairs in the undercroft; our greeters can direct you to a more accessible restroom in the parish house as well.

Please move around our space as you and your children are most comfortable. Visitors, we would love to get to know you, and we invite you to fill out one of our welcome cards and place it in the offering plate or hand it to one of our greeters.

*We are so glad you are here!*

### Prelude

#### Opening Hymn

Angels, from the realms of glory

Hymn #93

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.

## THE WORD OF GOD

#### Opening Acclamation

Please remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant The glory of the Lord has been revealed.

People And all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.

#### The Collect for Purity

Please remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:

People 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

Angels we have heard on high

Hymn #96, verses 1-3

Sung by all. Please remain standing as you are able

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
What great bright-ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain

Glo - ri - a

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## The Collect

BCP, p. 214

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Welcome

### THE PAGEANT - “UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN”

*Please remain seated for the pageant, even during the singing of the hymns.*

#### First Scripture Reading

*Luke 1:26-38*

NRSV

*Please sit.*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God." And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."

**First Hymn***O little town of Bethlehem*

Hymn #78

*Sung by all. Please remain seated.*

Verse 1 O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by; yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

Verse 2 For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above, while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love. O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth! And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

Verse 3 How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven. No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

**Second Scripture Reading***Luke 2:1-7*

NRSV

*Please sit.*

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

**Second Hymn***Away in a manger*

Hymn #101

*Sung by all. Please remain seated.*

Verse 1 Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Verse 2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes. I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Verse 3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me for ever, and love me I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

**Third Scripture Reading***Luke 2:8-14*

NRSV

*Please sit.*

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

**Third Hymn***Brightest and best*

Hymn #117, verses 1-2

*Sung by all. Please remain seated.*

Verse 1 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning, dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid; star of the east, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Verse 2 Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining, low lies his head with the beasts of the stall; angels adore him in slumber reclining, Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.

**Fourth Scripture Reading***Luke 2:15-20*

NRSV

*Please sit.*

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.’ So they went with haste

and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

### **Fourth Hymn**

*The first Nowell*

Hymn #109, verses 1-2

*Sung by all. Please remain seated.*

Verse 1 The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

Verse 2 They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far, and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

### **Fifth Scripture Reading**

*Matthew 2:1-12*

NRSV

*Please sit.*

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.

### **Fifth Hymn**

*We three kings*

Hymn #128, verses 1-3

*Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.*

Verse 1 We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star. (Refrain)

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

Verse 2 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again, King for ever, ceasing never over us all to reign. (Refrain)

Verse 3 Frankincense to offer have I: incense owns a Deity nigh; prayer and praising, gladly raising, worship him, God Most High. (Refrain)

### **The Peace**

BCP, p. 360

*Please stand as you are able.*

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

*The Clergy and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Offertory Anthem**

*Please remain seated.*

*The loose offering collected on the first Sunday of the month is allocated to the Clergy Discretionary Fund.*

**Presentation Hymn***Hark! The herald angels sing*

Hymn #87

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able. Children of all ages are invited to come forward and worship with the celebrant at the altar.

**THE HOLY COMMUNION****The Great Thanksgiving***Eucharistic Prayer B*

BCP, p. 367

Please remain standing as you are able.

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**The Sanctus***Holy, holy, holy Lord*

Hymnal S-129

Sung by all. Please remain standing or kneel as you are able.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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." Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

**All**      **We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Andrew, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

**The Lord's Prayer**

BCP, p. 364

*Said by all. Please remain standing or kneeling as you are able.*

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 Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

**Fraction Anthem**

*Said by all. Please remain standing or kneeling as you are able.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.

**Invitation to Communion**

*All are welcome at Christ's table.* Communion is offered in both kinds, bread and wine. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Those who do not wish to receive the Eucharist may come forward and simply cross their hands over their chest to receive a blessing or a healing prayer. Please let a greeter know if you would prefer to have communion brought to you in your seat.

**Healing Prayer in the Chapel**

*After receiving the Eucharist, you are invited to receive healing prayers from a member of our Pastoral Care Team through the doors of the chapel.*

**Communion Hymn**

*What child is this*

Hymnal #115

*Sung by all.*

**Postcommunion Prayer**

BCP, p. 365

*Please stand or kneel as you are able.*

Celebrant      Let us pray.

**All**      Almighty God, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

**The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn**

*The snow lay on the ground*

Hymnal #110

*Sung by all. Please stand as you are able and turn to face the cross as it passes you.*

**The Dismissal**

Celebrant      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People      Thanks be to God.

**Postlude**

## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Dr. Lynn Collins      Organist & Choirmaster: Demas Boudreaux

Sunday Steward: Chris Prior      Crucifer: Dwight Johnson

Pageant Organizers: Brian Millward, Katrina Comissiong-Williams, Kara Whipple

Teller: Chuck Baur      Readers: Elaine Baur, Pat Bridgewater, Chris Catanzaro, Jim Evans, Tim Williams

Vestry Person of the Day & Healing Prayer: Chris Catanzaro      Lead Greeter: Mike Culver

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## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Pat Bridgewater, Barbara Butler, The Comissiong and Williams family, Tom Davis, Vicky Davis, Ellen Field, Patrick Getlein, Sandra Heitzler, Bill Jackson, Steve Kincer, John Kunz, Crystal Munnings, Brick Quinn, Lizzie Schrass, Carol Slonaker, Chris Vega.
- Pray for those who have died, especially Judy Hubbel and Bill Martin, and those who mourn.
- Pray for those who live and work and go to school on Oregon Hill and for the ministry of Anna Julia Cooper School.
- Pray for the families of Metropolitan Richmond: For an end to child abuse; for healthy relationships between children and their caregivers. For the care and protection of infants, children, and youth; for the intimate knowledge that each one is a beloved child of God.
- Pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week: Belinda Brugh (1/7), Paula Harper (1/8), Maura Higginbotham (1/8).

## ST. ANDREW'S CALENDAR

**Sunday, January 4: The Second Sunday after Christmas**

- **Holy Eucharist & The Pageant:** 10:00 a.m., church and on [Facebook Live](#)
- **Coffee Hour:** 11:15 a.m., chapel
- **Epiphany Evensong:** 5:30 p.m., church, followed by a reception in the chapel

**Saturday, January 10**

- **Shelter Lunches:** 8:30 a.m., chapel

**Sunday, January 11: The First Sunday after the Epiphany**

- **Holy Eucharist Rite II:** 10:00 a.m., church and on [Facebook Live](#)
- **Coffee Hour:** 11:15 a.m., chapel

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Thank you to all of our pageant actors, readers, and especially to our pageant organizers!**
- **Join us this evening at 5:30 p.m. for Epiphany Evensong!** We'll wrap up our Christmas season with a beautiful, contemplative service, and enjoy a light reception afterwards.
- **Vestry Nominations are Open:** We will elect three new vestry members at the Annual Meeting on January 25, 2026. The nominating process for election remains open until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, January 7. Nominating forms are available in the narthex or on our website at [tinyurl.com/stavestry](http://tinyurl.com/stavestry). A list of qualified nominees will be published on Wednesday, January 14, in the E-News and on our website.
- **Bishop Harris' Upcoming Visit:** We are excited to welcome the Rt. Rev. Gayle E. Harris, Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia, on Sunday, January 18! She will preside over our 10:00 a.m. service. Several St. Andreans are planning to be confirmed or renew their baptismal vows during this service. We invite your

prayers for them as they prepare. Their remaining meetings with Rev. Lynn via Zoom are on 1/5 and 1/13 at 6:30 p.m. If you have questions about the bishop's visit, please reach out to Rev. Lynn!

- **Updated Directory Available:** If you would like a copy, have changes to your information, or have questions or concerns, *please see or email Britton Trimble for the new, updated link* at [office@standrewsoregonhill.org](mailto:office@standrewsoregonhill.org). Please do not share your copy of the directory and please do not distribute information contained in this directory outside of our parish family.

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- **Shelter Lunches:** On the second Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m., St. Andreans gather in the chapel to assemble and deliver 115 lunches to shelters around our neighborhood. If you'd like to help on this coming Saturday, January 10, or have questions, please contact Chris Prior. If you can't make it in to pack lunches, you can always donate! Please go to [tinyurl.com/stagivenow](https://tinyurl.com/stagivenow) to donate (please choose Shelter Lunches in the dropdown menu). Thank you for your support of Shelter Lunches!
- **Blessings Fence:** You are invited to bring in new socks, gloves, hats, and scarves, and new or very gently worn and cleaned jackets of all sizes. All items get put on our fence for any in need to take. Knitters and crocheters: there is plenty of yarn for your use in the undercroft across from the choir area. We have a box in the narthex for collecting your donations. Please let the office know if you are bringing in a jacket - we don't have much storage room and will likely need put it right out on the fence. Thanks for your support of one of our longest-running ministries!
- **Coffee Hour Sign-Up:** We invite you to sign up to bring snacks for a coffee hour! Snacks can be as simple as you'd like, home-made or store-bought, and you don't have to worry about providing or setting up drinks. The sign-up sheet is available on the organ or the snack table in the chapel.

## UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS AT ST. ANDREW'S

- **January 18 – *The Second Sunday after the Epiphany*** – join us as we welcome The Rt. Rev. Gayle E. Harris, Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia, on her first official visit to St. Andrew's!
- **January 25 – Annual Meeting during the 10:00 a.m. service** – join us as we reflect on 2025 and look forward to all that 2026 has in store for St. Andrew's!



Seekers, believers, and doubters of all ages:

Welcome home to St. Andrew's!

Together we are building a community in Christ that gathers to worship joyfully, love abundantly, and serve wholeheartedly.

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