



January 8, 2023 - Feast of Epiphany
and Service of Baptism
St. Andrew's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church
standrewspb.org
Come as you are!

Welcome

Gathering Song

We Three Kings

Worship & Rejoice 233

Worship & Rejoice is the blue hymnal in the pew rack.

The Collect

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people of the world can find refuge in the shadow of your wings.

For with you is the fountain of life,

and in your light we see light.

May God, the Source of all light and joy, be with each of you.

And also with you.

Form a "light" (candle) with an index finger to participate in the movements of this prayer.

(Hold up your "light" shoulder-high)

Jesus, light up my life with your joy and grace.

(Raise your arm, holding your "light" over your head.)

Light up this church with compassion and hope.

(With your arm still overhead, wave your "light" back and forth)

Light up our world with your Spirit's power.

(Place your "light" in front of your heart)

Light our way home to your heart of love. Amen.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

“Arise, shine, for your light has come!
the glory of the Lord is rising upon you!

Though darkness still covers the earth
and dense clouds enshroud the peoples,
upon you the Lord now dawns,
and God’s glory will be seen among you!

The nations will come to your light
and the leaders to your bright dawn!

Lift up your eyes, and look around:
they’re all gathering and coming to you—
your daughters and your sons
journey from afar, escorted in safety;

you’ll see them and beam with joy,
your heart will swell with pride.
The riches of the sea will flow to you,
and the wealth of the nations will come to
you—camel caravans will cover your
roads,
the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;
everyone in Sheba will come,
bringing gold and incense
and singing the praise of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalms 72



1. Endow our leaders, O God,
with your judgment.
And with your justice on ev'ryone.
For you govern your people with justice,
and your afflicted ones with righteousness.
2. Justice shall flower in your days,
and peace till the moon be no more.
May your kingdom reach from sea to sea,
and from the river to the ends of the earth.
3. Tarshish and the Isles shall bring tribute,
gifts from Seba and Arabia.
All other powers shall pay their homage,
and ev'ry nation shall serve the Lord.
4. For you shall rescue the poor
when they cry out,
and the afflicted when help can't be found.
You shall raise up the lowly and the poor,
and those on high shall be cast down.

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Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn



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The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After Jesus' birth—which happened in Bethlehem of Judea, during the reign of Herod—astrologers from the East arrived in Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the newborn ruler of the Jews? We observed his star at its rising and have come to pay homage." At this news Herod became greatly disturbed, as did all of Jerusalem. Summoning all the chief priests and religious scholars of the people, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born.

"In Bethlehem of Judea," they informed him. "Here is what the prophet has written: 'And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, since from you will come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Herod called the astrologers aside and found out from them the exact time of the star's appearance. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, after having instructed them, "Go and get detailed information about the child. When you have found him, report back to me—so that I may go and offer homage, too."

After their audience with the ruler, they set out. The star which they had observed at its rising went ahead of them until it came to a standstill over the place where the child lay. They were overjoyed at seeing the star and, upon entering the house, found the child with Mary, his mother. They prostrated themselves and paid homage. Then they opened their coffers and presented the child with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. They were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, so they went back to their own country by another route.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Mary Lynn Coulson

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors I present GianCarlo A Rodriguez and Alessa Rodriguez to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidates I do.

Sponsors I present Sabrina Joy Hord to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

I present Isla Paige Maclelland to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and sponsors I will, with God's help.

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
I renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
I do.

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
I do.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Do you believe in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth and for those who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send them into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

A period of silence follows.

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, God, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism and saying

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

Amen.

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

A baptismal candle for each newly baptized person is lit from the Paschal candle, symbolizing the light of Christ in each one's life.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you!

Community Announcements

The Offertory

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Offertory Hymn

The First Noel

1. The ___ first ___ No - el the ___ an - gel did
2. They look - ed ___ up and ___ saw ___ a
3. Then en - tered in there wise - men
4. As ___ we ___ bring gifts, like ___ an - cient

say, Was to cer - tain poor shep-herds in fields as they
Star Shin-ing in ___ the East, ___ be - yond ___ them
three, Full ___ rev - 'rent - ly ___ on bend - ed
kings, Our ___ acts ___ of peace ___ are of - fer -

lay; In fields where they lay keep - ing their
 far, And to the earth it gave great
 knee, And of - fered there in His pres -
 ings. So, as we hon - or Je - sus'

12
 sheep On a cold win - ter's night that was so deep:
 light, And so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 ence, Their gold and myrrh and frank - in - cense.
 birth, We pledge to care for all the Earth.

17
 No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el, Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

English carol, 17th century © verse 4: Rae E. Whitney

If you would like to make a gift to St. Andrew's, please place your offering in the basket provided. You can also give online at standrewspb.org/give-to-st-andrews. Thank you! When the offering is brought to the front, we stand and sing together:

Praise God, the Source of life and birth; Praise God, the Word, who came to earth;

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 Praise God, the Spir-it, ho-ly flame; All glo-ry, hon-or to God's name! A - men!

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The Eucharistic Prayer

Eucharist means "thanksgiving." In this meal we give thanks for all that God has done for us, and we offer ourselves back to God.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We thank you, God our Father. You are our Mother too, because your love has made us live for you and for each other. Because of your love, we can share our joys and sorrows.

We thank you, God, with glad hearts, and we join with everyone who believes in you; with the saints and the angels, we rejoice and praise you as we say,

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er 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.' The score ends with a double bar line.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er 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.

You are holy, O God. You are kind to us and to all people. For this we thank you. We thank you above all for your Son, Jesus Christ. You sent Jesus into this world because people had turned away from you and no longer loved each other.

Jesus opened our eyes and our hearts to understand that we are sisters and brothers and that you are our Father and our Mother. Jesus now brings us together to one table and asks us to do what he did.

Loving God, we ask you to bless these gifts of bread and wine and make them holy. May they be for us the body and blood of Jesus Christ, your Son.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at supper for the last time with his friends. He took bread and gave you thanks. He broke the bread and gave it to them, saying: **“Take this, all of you, and eat it: This is my body which will be given for you.”**

In the same way he took a cup of wine. He gave you thanks and handed the cup to his friends, saying: **“Take this, all of you and drink from it. This is the cup of God’s new promise. It will be poured out for you and for everyone so that sin may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.”**

And so, O God, we remember with joy everything that Jesus did to save us. In this holy sacrifice which he gave as a gift to his church, we remember his death and resurrection. Accept us, together with Jesus. He died for us, but you raised him to new life.

Jesus now lives with you in glory, but he is also here on earth among us. And he will come again in glory; and then there will be no more suffering, no more tears, no more sadness. Until that time, you call us to receive these gifts at this table and to be filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit.

Be with those who follow Jesus as they work for peace and to bring justice and love to others. And bring us all together to make the kingdom of heaven on earth. **Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**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.**

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Christ, the King,—Whom shep - herds guard— and an - gels sing:

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Haste, haste to bring Him laud,—The Babe,—the Son— of Ma - ry.

WORDS: vs 1 & 3 William C. Dix; vs 2 John Becker;
MUSIC: GREENSLEEVES 8.7.8.7, with Chorus; Traditional English Melody, 16th Century; harm. John Stainer

Blessings and Celebrations

If you're celebrating a birthday, an anniversary of a wedding or sobriety, or another event, you are invited to come forward for prayer. We hold space to pray for joyous occasions as well as difficult milestones.

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase. Bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand. Comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful. Raise them up if they fall. And in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Star Word Liturgy

When extraordinary things happen in the sky, we stop and notice. We look for comets, shooting stars, full moons. We watch for rocket launches, satellites drifting in space, and the space station circling our orbit.

The Magi were paying close attention to the sky when they saw something different—a star that shone so brightly, they were compelled to follow it.

Just as the Christmas star once shined for all people to see, the light of Christ still shines for all people. May we use these star words as reminders of the Christmas star we invite into our lives so that we might be led toward Jesus Christ.

We are seekers—just like the Magi.

Light our paths and lead us closer to you.

We are looking for hope, peace, joy, love and so much more that Christ brings.

Light our paths and lead us closer to you.

We long for the abundant life God promises.

Light our paths and lead us closer to you.

May this star word be one of encouragement.

Light our paths and lead us closer to you.

May this word guide our intentions in the days to come.

Light our paths and lead us closer to you.

May we pay attention to where God is present.

Light our paths and lead us closer to you.

May God use these words to show us how to live and love in the world.

Light our paths and lead us closer to you. Amen.

The Sending Song: *This Little Light of Mine*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine....(3x)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

I've got the light of freedom, I'm gonna let it shine...(3x)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine...(3x)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

If this is your first time at St. Andrew's, welcome! We're so glad you're here. Please stop by our welcome table after the service to learn more about us, and let us learn about you. We are a church community rooted in Jesus, and committed to these core values: joyful authenticity, radical inclusion, grounded curiosity, and loving justice.

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Community Announcements

Epiphany Book Club: *A Wrinkle in Time* - **BEGINS TODAY!**

Only a fool is not afraid. -Mrs. Whatsit. Listening to a good story is one of the first ways we learn to listen. During Epiphany, kids and grownups are invited to read *A Wrinkle in Time* together. Did you know that the author, Madeleine L'Engle, was also an Episcopalian, and that faith was central to her life and storytelling? Come explore themes such as fear, difference, love, and courage in this intergenerational book club. We will meet four times for conversation and creative activities related to the book. Save the dates! More information about activities to come. All meetings are from 12 - 1pm. January 8, January 15, January 22, January 29 February 10, 5:30 p.m. - Movie party to watch *A Wrinkle in Time*. Email Kari Robinson to sign up: family@standrewspb.org.

UnDecorating Party: Today, January 8

If you are able to, please plan to stay to help take down the Christmas decorations after church today. We will do this quickly so we can head over for lunch and our first meeting of our Intergenerational book club for *A Wrinkle in Time*! No reading expected the first week. Come and see what fun is in store for us as we celebrate storytelling and community during Epiphany.

Annual Meeting: January 22

Once a year all the members of our parish gather to vote in new leadership, to approve the budget for the year, and to pray and reflect on where God is calling us as a parish. It's an important time for us to reflect on how we've grown this past year (lots to think about there!) and to pray for God's Spirit to continue to drive us forward in God's mission of Love. Your voice is important, and we hope you'll be there. We'll conduct the meeting during the worship service on Sunday, January 22 at 10:30am. It will be fun!

Is God Calling You to Serve on Vestry?

The vestry of our church is similar to a board of a nonprofit. The vestry is the legal representative of the parish. We elect vestry members at our annual meeting in January. Our rector, the Rev. Mary Lynn Coulson, is the presiding officer. We have two wardens--a senior warden and a junior warden. The senior warden supports the rector and leads the parish in between rectors. The junior warden is often responsible for the buildings and grounds. We have a treasurer and a clerk. Our vestry defines and articulates our mission, supports the mission in word and deed, and ensures effective organization and planning, and managing resources and finances. Email Cathleen Flowers for more information: flowers205@gmail.com.

Ordination to the Diaconate

God willing and the people consenting, the Rt. Rev. Susan B. Snook, bishop, will ordain Heather Lawrence, Dawn Stary and Christina Miller to the diaconate. The service takes place on Saturday, February 18 at 11 a.m. at St. Paul's Cathedral, 2728 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. All are welcome to this sacred service; often people wear red to symbolize the coming of the Holy Spirit. Festive reception to follow.

Beloved! Youth Epiphany Retreat - February 3-5 at Camp Stevens

Two nights accommodations at Camp Stevens, five delicious meals, campfires, worship, games, activities, friends, laughter and more. \$130 per camper. Scholarships available. Contact Diocesan Formation Director Charlette Preslar to request a scholarship: cpreslar@edsd.org and to learn how to register.

Volunteer on Tuesday Nights

We serve a community meal every Tuesday, 5:30pm-7:30pm, that is free and open to all. Volunteers make it happen – from cooking, setting up, serving, cleaning up – they do it all. We have had a few volunteers step down recently and we need a few more to step up. This is a great way to serve your community and make a real difference in the lives of those in need. Questions? Contact Deacon Daniel: daniel@standrewspb.org.

Godly Play Every Sunday

Young kids are welcome every Sunday at St. Andrew's. Our Godly Play curriculum includes the telling of a Bible story followed by an invitation to respond through an artistic medium, and the invitation to wonder about what the story means. It's a wonderful, open-ended pedagogy that invites breath and life into these ancient stories. Questions? Contact Family Minister Kari Robinson: family@standrewspb.org.

Rebel Women Bible Study on Wednesdays

The Bible is full of kick-ass women who bucked the status quo. Ruth, Naomi, Deborah, Jael– meet the real women of the Bible in this approachable, fun, book-club-style group. Come connect with other women asking big questions and seeking support on the spiritual journey. This is a casual group that would love to welcome you! Join us on Wednesdays, 9:30am - 10:30am in the sanctuary. Questions? Contact Mother Mary Lynn: marylynn@standrewspb.org.

Stay Connected

If you'd like to receive news and event information from St. Andrew's, please sign up for our weekly enews: standrewspb.org/events-news/communications. We never share your contact information with anyone, and our emails are exciting!

Become a Member of St. Andrew's

If you're curious about church, or what it means to have a spiritual home, make an appointment to talk with Mother Mary Lynn. She would love to get to know you, hear your spiritual journey and share with you about what it means to be a member at St. Andrew's by-the-Sea. We value joyful authenticity, grounded curiosity, radical inclusivity and loving justice. If that sounds like a community you'd like to be a part of, connect with Mother Mary Lynn today: marylynn@standrewspb.org.