



Come as you are!



**January 10, 2021
Morning Prayer for the Feast of The Epiphany
Annual Meeting**

Welcome

Opening Song

Brightest and Best, verses 1 and 4

Unison (Harmony on following pages)



1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing,
3 Shall we then yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,
4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple o - bla - tion,
*5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



1 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;
2 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
3 o - dors of E - dom, and of - ferings di - vine,
4 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure,
5 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;



1 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,
2 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
3 gems of the moun - tain, and pearls of the o - cean,
4 rich - er by far is the heart's a - dor - a - tion,
5 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,



1 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
2 Ma - ker and Mon - arch and Sa - vior of all.
3 myrrh from the for - est, and gold from the mine?
4 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
5 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

Refrain



Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;



star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,



guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

Blessed be the one, holy and living God.
Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

The Opening Prayer

God be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lessons

A reading from the gospel according to Matthew.

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

The Sermon: The Rev. Mary Lynn Coulson

The Annual Meeting

The Prayers

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

We pray for us, your faithful people, and those who lead us, that we may walk in your way of love and manifest your love to the world.

Shine your light on your Church, Lord.

In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we remember today the people of St. John's, Chula Vista, and in our global Anglican family, we remember the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

Shine your light on your Church, Lord.

We pray for all the nations of the world, that those in authority will work toward peace and equity for all their people.

Shine your light on the nations, Lord.

We pray for people everywhere, that their lives may be full, that their families may be secure, that their hearts be filled with your peace.

Shine your light on all your children, Lord.

We pray for the community in which we live, that neighbors care for neighbors creating a truly caring community for all.

Shine your light on this community, Lord.

We pray for those who are suffering in ways that are known or hidden to us. We pray for those who struggle mightily in this life for and those whose light is dimming. For those who are ill and those who care for them. For those who are born today and for those who will die. We pray especially for Donald, Ellie, Jean, Nancy, and those we now name (*pause*).

Shine your light into the seasons and passages of our lives, Lord.

We pray for those who have been called into larger life with you, especially Libby Witkoff, and those we now name (*pause*).

Shine your perpetual light upon them, Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

God's blessing be with you,
Christ's peace be with you,
the Spirit's outpouring be with you,
now and always. Amen.

The Sending Song

God of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
plant in us your true Love story,
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Though the myths of battle 'round us
scorn the One, divide our ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and grace.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to Love's control;
Heal our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation
to injustice we absorb;
let the gift of reconciliation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving You whom we adore,
serving You whom we adore

Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969), alt.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Announcements for January 10

Redefining our Vision — St. Andrew's has entered a season of discernment as we clarify our vision statement and core values. We want to hear from you! What makes St. Andrew's the church that it is? Why are you connected to St. Andrew's, and why do you keep coming back? Help us clarify who we are in this critical moment in our history, so that we can communicate to people outside our parish what it is that makes our church special. Look in your email inbox for the survey link today!

Substitute Priest — The Rev. Hannah Wilder will serve as our priest while Mother Mary Lynn is on maternity leave. This Sunday, January 10, is Mother Mary Lynn's last Sunday and Mother Hannah will begin next Sunday, January 17.

Bethlehem Project Piano Bar — St. Mark's, City Heights invites you to a virtual piano bar on Facebook on Friday, January 22, 5-7pm. When the congregation could not host the annual interfaith shelter guests, they decided to host an online event to support the pandemic alternative. Elizabeth Setzer, out-of-work cruise ship pianist, will take song requests from [her song list](#) and donate all tips to the Bethlehem Project which houses and feeds homeless individuals and families in San Diego. Learn more: stmarks-cityheights.org.

Season of Prayer — The Rt. Rev. Susan Brown Snook, bishop of our diocese, has called everyone to a season of prayer for our nation's peaceful transfer of power over the next two weeks. She writes, "Let this season of Epiphany be a time for us to consider our own calls to peace and justice, and to pray for the Holy Spirit to bring resolution to our conflicts and healing to our divided nation." She recommends the following prayers in the Book of Common Prayer: For the Human Family, page 815; For our Country, page 820; For the President, page 820; For Sound Government, page 821; For Social Justice, page 823; and In Times of Conflict, page 824.