## St Andrew's Episcopal Church & School

The Celebration & Administration of

## Holy Baptism and The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

for

# The First Sunday after The Epiphany

The Baptism of Our Lord

7 January 2024 at 10:30 am

## Concerning the Service

This bulletin provides page numbers for *The Book of Common Prayer* (the book with the cross) and *The Hymnal 1982*. Hymns that are marked with "S" are found at the beginning of the hymnal. The italicized words are rubrics, or directions, to let you know when to stand, sit, kneel, and sing.

**VOLUNTARY** 

Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort, BWV 1103 (Sustain us, Lord, with your Word)

Johann Sebastian Bach

#### THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## The Blessing of Birthdays & Anniversaries

Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries are invited to come forward for a blessing prayed by the priest and congregation:

May God guard your joy and keep you in holy grace; may God meet you in your celebration and give you the Spirit's peace; may God bless you and at the last, bring you into Christ's everlasting Kingdom. Amen.

## THE WORD OF GOD

In Procession, a Hymn	Earth and All Stars	Hymnal 412		
All stand and sing.				
The Opening Acclamation	& Responses	BCP 299		
The Collect of the Day: The	Baptism of our Lord	BCP 214		
Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan pro-				
claimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit:				
Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they				

have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.** 

#### The First Lesson

**Genesis 1: 1-5** 

All sit.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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

## At the Gradual, Psalm 29

Simplified Anglican Chant

Sung by all.



- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you | gods, \* ascribe to the LORD glory and | strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his | Name; \* worship the LORD in the beauty of | holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory | thunders; \* the LORD is upon the mighty | waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful | voice; \* the voice of the LORD is a voice of | splendor.

- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees; \* the LORD breaks the cedars of | Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a | calf, \* and Mount Hermon like a young wild | ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the | wilderness; \* the LORD shakes the wilderness of | Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees | writhe \* and strips the forests | bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the | LORD \* all are crying, | "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the | flood; \* the LORD sits enthroned as King for ever | more.

(repeat second half of chant)

†11 The LORD shall give strength to his | people; \* the LORD shall give his people the blessing of | peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the | Son, and to the Holy | Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is | now, and will be for ever. A | men.

#### The Second Lesson

Acts 19: 1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

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

## At the Sequence, a Hymn

Caithness

Hymnal 121

## The Holy Gospel

Mark 1: 4-11

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev. James M.L. Grace

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The Presentation and Examination of Candi	dates BCP 301
The Baptismal Covenant  All stand.	BCP 304
Prayers for the Candidates	BCP 305
The Baptism The People may sit and children may come forward to wa	BCP 307 atch the Baptism.
The Welcoming of the Newly Baptized & Tl	1
All stand. The Ministers and People may greet one anoth	her in the name of the Lord.

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

## Giving to St. Andrew's

To make a contribution to the ministry of St. Andrew's, please place your offering in the plate as it is passed down the aisle or scan this QR code to give securely online.



#### At the Offertory, an Anthem

O That I Had A Thousand Voices

O that I had a thousand voices, a thousand ways to praise my God! In him my inmost heart rejoices until I long to tell abroad in songs of thankful ecstasy how much my God hath done for me.

Who overwhelmeth me with blessing? Who but thyself, O God of Love!
Who guardeth me from fears oppressing?
"Tis thou, Lord God of hosts above.
Thou bearest all my guilt abhorred, with ever patient mercy, Lord.

Thy goodness, Lord, my life completeth;
O let thy praise my tongue employ,
And bring thee, while my heart yet beateth,
the glad thanksgiving of my joy:
When ebbing strength all speech denies,
then may I breathe thy praise in sighs.

My God, receive these earthly praises so poor and weak, with gracious love; a better tribute heaven raises from all thy angel choirs above:

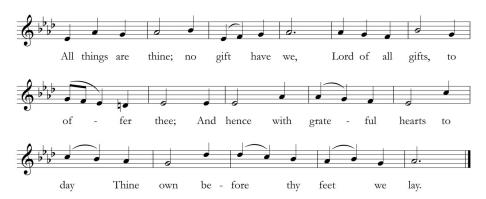
There alleluias will I bring a thousandfold to thee, my King.

Words: Johann Mentzer, tr. Arthur Farlander & Winfred Douglas Music: Johnann Balthasar König; descant, Betty Pulkingham

## At The Presentation, a Hymn

Gardiner

All stand and sing as the offering is brought forward.



Words: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)

Music: Gardiner, from Sacred Melodies, 1815; arr. William Gardiner (1770-1853)

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C		BCP 369
Sanctus et Benedictus	Powell	Hymnal S129
The Lord's Prayer		BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread		
Agnus Dei	Powell	Hymnal S163

All are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church. At the altar rail, you may elect to dip (intinct) your wafer in the wine or drink from the chalice as it passes you. If you desire to receive a blessing instead of communion, please cross your arms over your chest. If you would prefer to receive a gluten-free wafer, please clasp your hands together, and one of the clergy will offer a gluten free wafer to you. If you require communion be brought to you, please let the usher know.

At the Distribution, a Hymn	Morning Star Christus, der ist mein Leben	Hymnal 117 Hymnal 29
The Post-Communion Prayer All stand.		BCP 366
In Procession, a Hymn	Erhalt uns, Herr	Hymnal 132
The Dismissal		BCP 366

**VOLUNTARY** Earth and All Stars Paul Manz

Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall on the 2nd floor, which can be accessed by the stairs or elevator



The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of their wedding anniversary by Bruce and Oscar Banta-Guevara.

To dedicate flowers, please sign up using the flower dedication list on our bulletin board.

#### ST. ANDREW'S PRAYER LIST

"Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family."

## Please keep these individuals in your prayers this week:

Sarrah Moseley, parishioner at St. Andrew's
Lynette Edwards, parishioner at St. Andrew's
Gary Moseley, parishioner at St. Andrew's
Stacy Jenkins, parishioner at St. Andrew's
Jeanne Ingraham, parishioner at St. Andrew's
Michel Feray, parishioner at St. Andrew's
Lucas Blocher, friend of Dianne Yeomans
Louise Ornelas, mother of Margo Ornelas
PJ Arendt-Ford, parishioner at St. Andrew's
Doug Pecore, parishioner at St. Andrew's
Olivia McCloud, mother of Thomas McCloud

As part of their work the Daughters of the King offer prayers daily for those on our parish prayer list. If you would like to add someone to the published parish prayer list above, please notify Carrie Conti, Office Manager, at cconti@saecheights.org. If you would like your prayer request to be confidential, please let Carrie know.

Names remain on Parish Prayer List for four Sundays unless the request is renewed.

#### Parish Life & News

**Loose Plate Collections:** The first Sunday of each month, the loose plate collection goes towards St. Andrew's clergy discretionary accounts. Clergy use their discretionary accounts to help people in need of assistance.

**Organ Recital:** John Kirk, St Andrew's Director of Music & Organist, will be presenting an organ recital at Christ Church Cathedral at 4:15pm on Sunday, January 7. The Cathedral Choir will sing Evensong following in observation of The Feast of the Epiphany. The recital is free.

**LOTS:** Volunteers are needed to join the Cook Team for Lord of the Streets on January 14th. Please contact Joel Ballard, joelbballard@gmail.com, to volunteer.

**Rector's Book Club:** Beginning January 7th, at 9:30 AM, the Rector's Book Club will be meeting in the Youth Room to read and discuss From Jesus to Christianity: How Four Generations of Visionaries and Storytellers Created the New Testament and Christian Faith by L. Michael White. To sign up, please contact Jimmy at jgrace@saecheights.org

**Episcopal 101:** Whether you're a newcomer, a member, or just someone wanting to reflect on your faith, join us Sunday mornings in the Oak Table Room at 9:30 am beginning January 7th! This class explores the basic beliefs of the Episcopal Church, what makes Episcopalians unique, and what it means to live a life of faith in the Episcopal way. This class also serves as a "confirmation class" for anyone wishing to be confirmed. The text is *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices* by Scott Gunn and Melody Shobe. It is provided free of charge. To sign up please contact Clint at cbrown@saecheights.org.

Sunday Story for Children: Sunday Story will resume on January 7th in the Godly Play Classroom. This spring we learn about Jesus and his followers. Youth Sunday: Join us tonight in the parish hall at 5 pm for formation and fellowship. The youth group is open to all youth in the sixth grade and up. Spiritual Reading Group: A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life by William Law is this month's selection for the Spiritual Reading Group. Our next meeting will be January 11, 7 until 8:30 PM on Zoom. We intend to discuss through Chapter 12. Email johngrothues@gmail.com for an invite.

**Outreach Fair:** Learn about the many outreach ministries supported by St. Andrew's at our Outreach Fair Sunday, January 21st. Representatives from our various outreach organizations will share information about how you can get involved in many wonderful causes by volunteering, donating or supporting in other ways. The Fair will take place in the Parish Hall between the two Sunday services and immediately following the 10:30 AM service. Please come and learn how you can be part of St. Andrew's work in our community.

**Church Nursery:** The nursery is open from 8:15 AM to 12:15 PM for infants though 3 years.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA): Meetings are offered at St. Andrew's every week. Primary Purposes Group meets Tuesday nights at 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Tradition 5 Group meets Wednesday nights at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. Friday Night Survivors Group meets at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. Al-Anon Group meets at 11 AM Saturday mornings in the Parish Hall. We are Not Saints Group meets at 7 PM Saturday nights in St. Andrew's House. For questions about these groups, contact the Rector at jgrace@saecheights.org



## ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH & SCHOOL

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## Clergy & Staff

The Reverend James M.L. Grace, Rector

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The Reverend Bob Merrill, Assisting Priest

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