

Feast of the Epiphany January 5, 2020

Prelude Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern

D. Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Processional Hymn 128 "We three kings of Orient are"

Three Kings of Orient

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer p. 355

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

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

Collect for Purity BCP p. 355

Gloria 96 "Angels we have heard on high"

Gloria

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Together we pray.

People O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the

peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your

presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,

now and for ever. Amen.

First Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

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

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 David Hurd

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.



- 1 Give the King your justice, O'God, *
 and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
 and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring pros perity to the people, * and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy a mong the people; *
 he shall rescue the poor and crush the op pressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the möwn field, * like showers that water the earth.
- †7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
 there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, * and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
- 11 All kings shall bow down be fore him, * and all the nations do him service.

- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, * and the op pressed who has no helper.
- 13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *
 he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- 14 He shall redeem their lives from op pression and violence, * and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

Second Lesson: Ephesians 3:1-12

I Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 112 "In the bleak midwinter"

Cranham

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord. Clergy Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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.

People

Sermon Rev. Mia Kano

Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People

After each bidding the Reader says, Lord, in your mercy. The People reply, Hear our prayer.

Confession BCP p. 360

Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Anthem Star in the east

from Southern Harmony (1854)

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning! Shine on our darkness and lend us your aid; Star in the east the horizon adorning, Guide where the infant Redeemer is laid.

Hail, the blest morn, see the great Mediator, Down from the region of glory descend! Shepherds go worship the babe in the manger Lo, for his guard the bright angels descend.

Cold on his cradle the dew drops arc shining Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall; Angels adore him, in slumbers reclining, Maker and Monarch, and Savior of all.

Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion.

Odors of Eden, in offerings divine,

Gems from the mountain, and pearls from the ocean,

Myrrh from the forest, and gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,

Vainly with gold would his favor secure;

Richer by far is the hearts' adoration,

Dearer to God are the pray'rs of the poor.

Doxology Hymn 380 v. 3 "Praise God from whom all blessings flow"

Old 100th

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP p. 367

Sanctus S130 (front section of hymnal)

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem S164 (front section of hymnal)

Franz Schubert

Ushers will direct the congregation to communion stations, starting from the rear of the church and moving forward. Gluten-free wafers are available. All are welcome to receive communion. Healing prayer is offered, if you desire, at the transept rail after you take communion.

Communion Anthem The Christ child's lullaby

translated from Gaelic by Seamus Ennis, trad. Hebridean

My love, my pride, my treasure, O	There shone a star above three kings,
My wonder new and pleasure, O	To guide them to the king of kings.
My son, my beauty, ever You	They held You in their humble arms
Who am I to bear You here?	And knelt before You until dawn.

The cause of talk and tale am I	They gave You myrrh they gave You gold
The cause of greatest fame am I	Frankincense and gifts untold
The cause of proudest care on high	They traveled far these gifts to bring,
To have for mine, the king of all	And glorify their newborn king.

And though You are the king of all	My love, my pride, my treasure,	
They sent You to the manger stall	My wonder new and pleasure, O	
Where at Your feet they all shall fall	My son, my beauty, ever You	
And glorify my child the king	Who am I to bear You here?	

Communion Hymn 497	"How bright appears the Morning Star"	Wie schön leuchtet
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Thanksgiving after Communion	BCP p. 365
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Blessing

Recessional Hymn 119 "As with gladness men of old" Dix

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Der Tag, der ist so freudenreich J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Please join us for refreshments following the 10am service, hosted today by Ruth & George Ecker, and Llynda McFarlane



Healing Prayers

The offering of healing prayers is a widespread and ancient tradition within the Episcopal Church, and one that has long been part of the Wednesday morning Eucharist at St. Andrew's. We are eager to extend the reach of these prayers by making them available at our 8am, 10am, and 5pm Sunday services.

The way healing prayers will be offered is as follows. During the time people are receiving communion at the front altar rail, one of the clergy will be on duty at the transept altar to offer healing prayers for anyone who wishes to be prayed with. If you want to have healing prayers, go to the communion rail at the transept altar after you have received communion at the front rail. You are welcome to kneel or stand at the rail.

The clergy person will ask you quietly and discreetly what you wish to pray for. To be clear, requests for healing prayers are not just for health issues. In fact, they are usually for non-physical challenges that an individual may be facing family, work, relationship difficulties, etc. You can request a prayer for yourself or for someone else. For example, someone might say, "please pray for my husband facing a difficult time at work," or "please pray for my mother facing an operation," or "please pray for my son having a tough time at college." In response, the clergy will quietly and discreetly offer a healing prayer for the situation. One point I do wish to make is that the introduction of healing prayers will not add any time to the length of the service. Once everyone has received communion the service will continue as normal even if there are still people receiving healing prayer at the Transept Chapel.

Again, healing prayer is an ancient Episcopal tradition, and by making it more widely available at St. Andrew's we will be joining Christians down through the ages who have prayed in this way for God's healing presence to be with them. If you have any questions about healing prayer please do not hesitate to speak with me or one of the other clergy.

Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole



Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the life of John R. Johnston.

Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild Jo Dermer, Linda Gallo, Blair Glennon, Sarah Harris, Wendy Hearing, Debbie Lorenz, and Linda Reineman Flowers the whole flower guild

Serving at 8am

Lay Reader/Chalice Bearer Michael Kemp Ushers Jane Givens and Mark Housel

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Crucifer, Isabella MacKinnon; Torch, Drew Donahue;
Torch, Cameron Cowperthwaite; Gospel, Henry MacKinnon; Banner, Conor Donahue
Chalice Bearers Al Bornemann, Meg Harris, Jeanne Johnsen, and Paul Shackford
Lay Readers Al Bornemann, Randy Parker, Paul Merry
Ushers Frank Hunnewell, Bob Prensner, Terri Rawson,
Kris Vanin, and Michael Vanin

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Parishes of the Boston Harbor Deanery Christ Church (Old North Church), Boston Church of the Advent, Boston Ecclesia Ministries and *common cathedral*, Boston

The Diocesan Staff
The Massachusetts Council of Churches



About the Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6 Today's reading applies the promise of Isaiah 49:7-23 to the situation after the exile. The returned Israelites found their land devastated, depopulated and impoverished. The task of rebuilding was slow and difficult. In this setting of discouragement, the epiphany (manifestation) of God is shown forth by the Lord's active presence in historical events, symbolized by the dawning of light. Jerusalem's children and wealth will return, and all nations will gather at the Lord's altar. The imagery of this passage influenced Matthew's account of the magi.

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 This royal psalm was probably used as part of the enthronement ceremony for the Davidic kings. As God's representative, the king's dominion should extend to the whole world (vv. 8-11). His deliverance of the poor ensures power and prosperity for all (vv. 12-17), and his reign fulfills the promise to Abraham found in Genesis 12:2-3 (v. 17). After the end of the monarchy, this psalm was interpreted in reference to the coming Messiah.

Ephesians 3:1-12 Today's reading starts as a prayer interrupted by a statement on Paul's ministry and God's plan for the world. The "mystery" (v. 3), God's hidden purpose for salvation, is made known through the revelation of Christ to Paul and to the leaders of the Church. It is summarized succinctly as the unity of all, particularly of Jew and Gentile together as one in the Church. Other mediators are not needed between God and human beings, nor can they hinder access to God. Indeed, the Church will reveal to all the wisdom of God, manifested in Christ Iesus.

Matthew 2:1-12 Matthew is more concerned to show the theological implications of Jesus' birth than simply to give a historical account. In today's gospel, he concentrates not upon the event of the birth, but upon its meaning as a fulfillment of Old Testament expectations and upon the response of others to that birth. A number of Old Testament passages supply the imagery for the star and the wise men. The star

and scepter to "rise out of Israel" (Numbers 24:17) were identified with the Messiah in Jewish thought, and thus Herod is implicitly presented as Balak, who sought to control Balaam's blessing (Numbers 22–24). Matthew adapts Micah 5:2 and 2 Samuel 5:2 to identify explicitly the child born as the long-awaited Shepherd of Israel. The responses of the magi and of Herod are contrasted. As

Matthew stresses throughout his gospel, Israel rejects its King while the Gentiles accept him. Matthew also foreshadows the crucifixion and resurrection, as the child is named King of the Jews (Matthew 27:37), anointed with myrrh, greeted with "great joy" (Matthew 28:8) and worshiped as universal savior (Matthew 28:9).



Notices & Announcements

Holy Communion Instructions

We welcome all to share communion bread and wine at St. Andrew's. Communion is at the front rail in two stations—one starting at the pulpit and the second at the brass eagle lectern. The ushers will direct you when you arrive at the front of the church. Fill in each station fully, from right to left. The clergy and chalice bearers will serve everyone before starting over with a new group.

Once you receive the communion bread or wafer (if you require a gluten-free wafer, please indicate that to the clergy and a wafer and special cup will be brought to you), you may partake of the wine from the large chalice or by dipping your wafer into the smaller intinction cup. If you take from the larger chalice, please assist the chalice bearer by holding the chalice and guiding it. Anyone to receive a blessing, rather than communion, please cross your arms over your chest.

Once you have received both the bread and the wine, the custom is to wait at the rail until the person next to you has received and then exit the rail. Please do not remain at the rail—your personal prayers should be under-taken back in your pew.

- Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole
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A Gift for You!

Celebrating 125 Years, A Pictorial History, 1894 to 2019 marks the completion of this year's anniversary celebration. The 64-page full color history chronicles St. Andrew's journey from its beginnings as a truly moveable service travelling between Waban Hall and the town hall, to its first parish picnic, to the early Bargain Hauls, to the now annual Blessing of the Animals. These years of journey have been marked by parishioners who have joined in St. Andrew's many events and who have served faithfully, and by the clergy who have guided their footsteps, and the development of the church.

Celebrating 125 Years will be available **today, Sunday, January 5**. One copy per family. The books are located at back of church for next few weeks.

-Sandra Rigney • sandrig@verizon.net

Epiphany Fireside Service & Potluck

Please join us in celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany today, Sunday, January 5, at 5pm in the parish hall. We will sing the great hymns of Epiphany and share the Eucharist in front of a warm, roaring fire. This is a lovely service for all ages! Afterwards, we invite you to stay for homemade soup and a baked potato bar, hosted by the fellowship committee. Please bring a salad, side, or dessert to share. Looking forward to seeing you!

— Linda Lull • linda.lull9597@gmail.com

Church School/Rite-13 Schedule

There will be no church school or Rite-13 on the morning of **Sunday**, **January 5**, as all ages are invited to celebrate Epiphany at a special celebration at 5pm. Kids' Place will be available in the morning. All programs are on for **Sunday**, **January 12**!

- Rev. Maria Kano
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Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

We need to recruit parishioners to host coffee hour after the 10am Sunday service. You can do this individually or team up with another parishioner to host. There will be a sign-up sheet at Coffee hour this Sunday or you can sign up online at the St. Andrew's website. — Linda Lull

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Mia's Ordination to the Priesthood

God willing and the people consenting, the Rt. Rev. Alan M. Gates, bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts will ordain Maria Benjamin Kano to the sacred priesthood on **Saturday, January 11, 2020** at **10:30am** here at St. Andrew's. Wear red! Reception to follow. — Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

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Mission Trip Night @ Youth Group!

Youth Group will be hosting the first pretrip training session for Appalachia Service Project 2020 on **Sunday**, **January 12 at 6:45pm.** Folks from St. Michael's, Holliston will be joining us and dinner will be provided. — Rev. Mia Kano

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MLK Breakfast

St. Andrew's will be sponsoring a table at the annual MLK breakfast again, hosted by the World of Wellesley. The Kuumba Singers of Harvard College and the Wellesley High School Step Dancers will perform. The breakfast is **from 8 to 10am on Monday, January 20**, at the **Alumnae Hall, Wellesley College**. If you would like to go to the breakfast and represent St. Andrew's, please let me know. — Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

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MLK Day of Action

Live out the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. through the MLK Day of Action! On Monday, January 20, 2019, volunteers will gather at St. Andrew's in the morning to drive into the South End of Boston and spend the day (from approximately 9am to 2pm) working on projects at the Blackstone School, a partner of St. Stephen's Church, our sister parish. All ages are invited; children below grade nine should bring a parent. See the sign-up genius on the SERVE page of the website.

- Cam McCormick
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Pledging for 2020

Thank you to all who have sent in pledges for the 2020 Stewardship Campaign. The results are very encouraging, but we still have a way to go. If you have not pledged, please do so as soon as possible so we can finalize our budget. You can send in a pledge form by mail, put one in the plate, or pledge on the GIVE tab of our website. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to

me, a member of the stewardship campaign, the wardens, or the rector. — Allen Jones

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Budget Forum

There will be an opportunity for parishioners to learn about the 2020 parish budget for St. Andrew's at a forum at 11:30am Sunday, January 19 in Room 2. This forum will be led by David Osborn, the head of the finance committee. The rector and wardens will also be present to answer any questions. The final budget will be presented at the annual meeting on January 26, after it has been approved by the vestry at its meeting on January 21. All are welcome.

- Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole
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Annual Meeting

The 127th annual meeting will be held from **11am to 12:30pm on Sunday, January 26.** New parish leaders will be elected, reports will be given on the work accomplished in 2019, and a budget for 2020 will be presented. Please save this date.

- Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole
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Nametags

Get to know folks and help everyone feel welcome by wearing a nametag. The membership committee offers reusable magnetic nametags for all members. If you would like a new or replacement nametag, contact Becky Hamlin • dbhamlin@comcast.net

Bible Circle

Bible Circle will meet **Tuesday**, **January 14**, at **10:30am** in the **Harvey Room** and **Wednesday**, **January 15**, at **7pm** in **Room 2**. Our topic is the *Gospel of Matthew: A Witness to Jewish Christians*. At our January meeting, we will read and discuss Chapter 7. All are welcome. Please bring your Bible.

- Margarethe Kulke
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Book Circle

21, at 7pm in the Harvey Room. Please join us for lively conversation, perspective, and friendship. Our book is *The Book of Unknown Americans* by Cristina Henriquez. We will have a guest: Susan Howards, an attorney who represents immigrants. She's a fascinating woman, knows the legal system well, and will have some great insights. Please bring a friend or two; you won't want to

miss this opportunity to have this legal perspective on a true American crisis.

- Betsy Millane
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Faith & Practice: What is Good Grief?

Grief is an important spiritual event for Christians. What does a kind, meaningful grieving process look like? How long does it take? Come practice with us and learn some tips and some stories about good grief from other Christians. Join us for "What Is Good Grief" on February 2. We will meet in the Harvey Room from 11:30am-12:15pm. All are welcome. — Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

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9am Christian Learning

The Christian learning series will resume on January 26. — Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

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Gratitude

Jesus' Birthday Party!

Thank you to the church school committee members who helped put together Jesus' birthday party after our 3pm Christmas Eve service, especially Jen Martin and Cari Dineen. Happy birthday, Jesus!

Christmas Eve Services

An enormous thanks to the many people who helped with our Christmas Eve services, including (but not limited to) the altar guild, the flower guild, the ushers, the choir, the lay Eucharistic ministers, the acolytes, the readers, and those who helped prepare the bulletins. Thank you for helping to make our celebration of the birth of Christ so joyous, both for the congregation of St. Andrew's, and for all the visitors we welcomed to rejoice with us.

Vestry

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Clerk Sarah Harris

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Staff

• In an emergency, please contact Adrian on his cell phone: 603/831-4938.

• The clergy are available to assist you if you email or call them if you or a member of your family expects to be in the hospital and wishes to be visited.

• Please let us know of names that should be added to our prayer list.

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Weekly Calendar

- The Holy Eucharist is celebrated on Sundays at 8am, 10am and 5pm, and every
 Wednesday at 7:30am—we offer healing prayer at these services; Silent Contemplative Prayer is also offered weekdays at 8:50am, unless otherwise noted.
- Senior Choir rehearsal is on Thursdays at 7:30pm, and Sundays at 9am; Junior Choir rehearsal is on Sundays at 9am.
- Parish Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9am to 5pm, and Friday, 9am to 12pm.
- **12-Step Programs** Al-Anon, Tuesdays, 7:30pm; Men's AA, Wednesdays, 8pm; Women's AA, Thursdays, 7pm; Emotions Anonymous, Saturdays, 9:30am; Step Sisters, Saturdays, 10:30am.

Sunday, January 5

NO Kids' Place, Church School, Rite-13 9am Coffee Hour for 8am Worshipers 5pm Epiphany Fireside &Potluck

Wednesday, January 8

7:30pm Men's Book Club

Saturday, January 11

10:30am Ordination of Rev. Mia Kano

Sunday, January 12

9:45am Kids' Place, Church School, Rite-13 5pm Confirmation Class 6:45pm High School Youth Group & ASP Mission Trip Meeting

