

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 4, 2018 8:00 AM Worship
The Holy Eucharist: Rite One

Welcome to
St. Andrew's
Episcopal Church
STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA



About This Worship Service

Worship in the Episcopal Church is liturgical in nature; that is, we used a fixed “script” to guide us through a worship experience in which all are participants.

If you are new to a liturgical form of worship, much of the liturgy we use is ancient, some parts dating back to the first centuries following the life and ministry of Jesus; other parts, such as the Lord’s Prayer and parts of the Prayer of Consecration are original to Jesus himself.

This worship booklet contains everything you need to participate fully in this worship service, including suggestions for when it would be appropriate to stand, sit, or kneel; when it would be appropriate to “cross” oneself, etc. However, these are only suggestions and we don’t want you to do anything you’re uncomfortable doing or incapable of doing. Additionally, the responses which the congregation makes are shown in bold text.

Brief introductions to the Bible readings can be found towards the back of this worship booklet.

If you have any questions about anything you see going on, please don’t hesitate to ask anyone sitting near you. Or, you can call the church office at (405) 372-3357. You can also call or text Fr. Jim Cook at (405) 780-5316. Or, you can visit our website:

www.SaintAndrewsChurch.org

Childcare is provided from 9:15 AM through to the end of the 10:30 AM worship. You may ask an usher or greeter for directions to the nursery.

Bathrooms are available in both the Parish Hall and the Admin/Ed Building. You may ask an usher or greeter for directions.

Make no mistake, we're glad you've joined us for worship! While you're waiting for the service to begin, please take a moment to silence your cell phones and other electronic devices. Thanks!

The Entrance of the Ministers

The Congregation may stand.

The Opening Acclamation [BCP 323](#)

+ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

“Glory be to God”

BCP 324

Glory be to God on high, and on earth
peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takes away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, ✚ art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

The Congregation may kneel.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us, we beseech thee, the liberty of that abundant life which thou hast manifested to us in thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Congregation may be seated.

Readings from Holy Scripture

ISAIAH 40: 21-31

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,

when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God”? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 147: 1-12, 21c

Let us read this portion of the psalter responsively by the whole-verse.

1. Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

2. **The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; *
he gathers the exiles of Israel.**

3. He heals the brokenhearted *
and binds up their wounds.
4. **He counts the number of the stars ***
and calls them all by their names.
5. Great is our Lord and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to his wisdom.
6. **The Lord lifts up the lowly, ***
but casts the wicked to the ground.
7. Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.
8. **He covers the heavens with clouds ***
and prepares rain for the earth;
9. He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve mankind.
10. **He provides food for flocks and herds ***
and for the young ravens when they cry.
11. He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
12. **But the Lord has pleasure**
in those who fear him, *
in those who await his gracious favor.
Hallelujah!

1 CORINTHIANS 9: 16-23

A reading from St. Paul's first letter to the
Christians in Corinth.

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground
for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and
woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I

do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Congregation may stand.

MARK 1: 29-39

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

✝ After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's

mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

Once the Minister has entered the pulpit and invoked the Holy Trinity, the Congregation may be seated.

Following the sermon, a few moments of silence are observed. Afterwards, the Congregation may stand for the Creed.

Let us reaffirm our faith.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the †

resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People BCP 328

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

The Congregation may kneel.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers – especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, Edward our Bishop, and Jim and Jeff our priests – that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land – especially the President of the United States, the Members of Congress, and the Justices of the Supreme Court – that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants ✚ departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Blessed Andrew and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Finally, we pray for our own needs, and those of others.

We pray for those in need of healing, especially [Name] and any others we might name in our hearts or aloud.

We pray for those with other cares and concerns, especially [*Names*] and any others we might name in our hearts or aloud.

We pray for those who have ✝ died, especially [*Names*] and any others we might name in our hearts or aloud.

We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces, especially [*Names*] and any others we might name in our hearts or aloud.

We pray for those who travel, especially [*Names*] and any others we might name in our hearts or aloud.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: St. Christopher's Church, Midwest City.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: The Anglican Church of Burundi, The Most Revd Martin Nyaboho, Archbishop of Burundi & Bishop of Makamba.

And we give thanks for the many blessings of this life.

We join in thanksgiving with [*Names*], and any others we might name in our hearts or aloud.

And in thanksgiving for [*Names*], and any others we might name in our hearts or aloud.

We pray for those celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary this week, and invite them to come forward for a special prayer.

The birthday tradition at St. Andrew's is that when you come forward for your prayer, you may if you wish place in the birthday cross an amount of money in coins equal to your age. The funds contributed is added to the clergy discretionary fund.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

Confession of Sin

BCP 331

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true

faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, ✚
pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm
and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you
to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Comfortable Words

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy
laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his
only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe
in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
John 3:16

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be
received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to
save sinners. *1st Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the
Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the
perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only,
but for the sins of the whole world. *1st John 2:1-2*

The Congregation may stand.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And with thy spirit.

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. Afterwards, the Congregation may be seated.

Greetings and Announcements

The Offertory

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name;
bring offerings and come into his courts.

The Congregation may stand for the Presentation.

The Presentation

All things come of thee, O Lord,
and of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving **BCP 340**
Eucharistic Prayer II

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

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

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. †
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Congregation may kneel.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled ✝ with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the
Unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be
unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.
AMEN!

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 336

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

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take
them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with
thanksgiving.

The Communion of the People

All persons who seek God are invited to receive Holy Communion.

*To receive the Bread, extend your palms, one crossed over the other, upwards towards the Minister, and a wafer will be placed into your hands. **Gluten-free wafers are available;** make your request known to the Minister administering the Bread.*

To receive the Wine, please assist in guiding the cup to your lips. Alternately, you may dip the wafer in the wine and place it in your mouth.

If you wish to receive only a Blessing, cross your arms over your chest while kneeling or standing at the altar rail.

If mobility-issues prevent you from coming to the Altar, Communion can be brought to you. Please alert the Greeter to your situation.

Finally, it would be helpful if you blotted your lips of any lip balm or lipstick, as it leaves an oily and/or waxy residue on the linens that can be difficult to remove.

Sending our the Lay Eucharistic Visitors

In the Name of God, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood; for

though we are many, we share one Bread and one Cup. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving BCP 339

Let us pray.

The Congregation may kneel.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us there-by of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellow-ship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God

Almighty, ✚ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Departure of the Ministers

Introductions to the Bible Readings

Isaiah 40: 21-31

In our Hebrew Bible lesson the prophet Isaiah summons the people to renew their trust and confidence in God. God alone is sovereign, the Lord of all that exists, the creator of the earth and its creatures and the fount of understanding. Those who turn to the Lord will find their strength replenished; they will not be disappointed.

Psalms 147: 1-12, 20C

A hymn of praise to the Lord, who rules over nature in wisdom and has shown faithfulness to Israel.

1 Corinthians 9: 16-23

In this reading we learn how Paul seeks to become all things to all people in order that he may freely and without hindrance share the gospel with them. He takes no special pride in his preaching of the gospel because that is his commission from the Lord. In order not to create unnecessary

difficulties, he is willing to live under the law among Jews and outside the law among Gentiles. Some may misunderstand and think him unprincipled, but Paul's only concern is with the essentials of the gospel.

Mark 1: 29-39

Our gospel tells of healing events which took place toward the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Peter's mother-in-law is cured of fever. Many flock to Jesus. He heals them and casts out the demons who recognize him for who he is. A brief retreat ends because of the pressing need to continue his mission. The power of the kingdom of God is made manifest through his words and deeds.