

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany  
Year A

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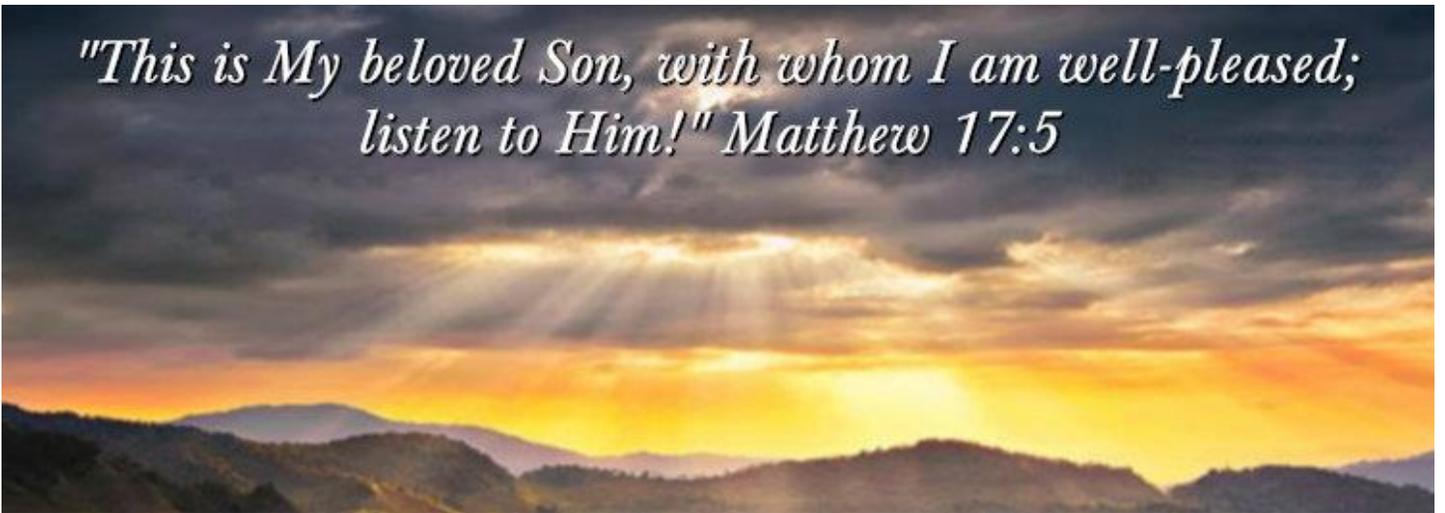
8:00 AM Worship

The Holy Eucharist: Rite One

*Welcome to*  
**St. Andrew's**  
**Episcopal Church**

STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA

*"This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased;  
listen to Him!" Matthew 17:5*



## **We invite you to worship with us.**

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.

**Worship in the Episcopal Church** is liturgical in nature; that is, we use the Book of Common Prayer to guide us through a worship experience. Although you may be 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 time in history.

**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. We don't expect anyone to do anything they're not capable of doing.

Additionally, **the responses and transition points which the congregation makes** are shown in bold text. And in case you were wondering, this symbol **+** is placed in the worship booklet at places where it would be appropriate to make the sign of the Cross. Finally, the little bell icon serves to remind the Acolyte when to ring the Sanctus Bells, which are used during the Eucharistic Prayer to emphasize and call attention to particular moments in the liturgy; this practice dates from the 15th century.

**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 visit our website:

[www.SaintAndrewsChurch.org](http://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.

## Entrance of the Ministers

*The People **standing** (as able).*

## The Word of God

*BCP 323*

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

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.**

## 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.

## The Gloria (said in unison)

*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 takest 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 People may kneel (as able).*

O God, who before the passion of thy only-begotten Son didst reveal his glory upon the holy mount: Grant unto us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The People sit.*

## The Lessons

A reading from the Book of Exodus

Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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

- 1 The Lord is King; let the people tremble; \*  
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.
- 2 **The Lord is great in Zion; \*  
he is high above all peoples.**
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; \*  
he is the Holy One.
- 4 **"O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; \*  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."**
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; \*  
he is the Holy One.
- 6 **Moses and Aaron among his priests,  
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, \*  
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.**
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \*  
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 **O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; \*  
you were a God who forgave them,  
yet punished them for their evil deeds.**
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God  
and worship him upon his holy hill; \*  
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

A reading from the second letter of Peter.

2 Peter 1:16-23

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*All **standing** (as able).*

**+** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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 People may be **seated** for the sermon.*

*Following the sermon, a few moments of silent reflection are observed.*

The Nicene Creed

*BCP 326*

*All **standing** (as able).*

Let us affirm 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 People **stand or kneel** (as able).*

The Prayers of the People

*BCP 328*

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

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, Poulson our Bishop elect, our Priests Mary and Jeff 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, the Governor of Oklahoma and the Mayor of Stillwater — 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 now, let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray for those in need of healing, especially [*Names*]; and any others we might name silently or aloud.

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

We pray for those who have died, especially [*Names*]; and any others we might name silently or aloud.

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

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

In the St. Andrew's Cycle of Prayer, we pray for our Sunday School Teachers, especially Jera Kiespert, Elisa Davis, Mary & Scott Jackson, Jennifer & Edwin Sutherland, and Brad Rickelman.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. James in Oklahoma City, Redeemer in Oklahoma City and St. James Church & Community Center, Montevideo, Uruguay.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America and The Right Reverend Julio Murray Thompson - Primate of IARCA & Bishop of Panama.

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

We join in thanksgiving with [Names]; and any others we might name silently or aloud.

And in thanksgiving for [Names]; and any others we might name silently 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, if you wish, you may place in the birthday cross an amount of money in coins equal to your age. The funds contributed are added to the clergy discretionary fund.*

*The Celebrant concludes with the following collect.*

Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### Confession of Sin & Absolution

*The People kneel (as able).*

*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” (1 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” (1 John 2:1-2).

*All **stand** (as able).*

## The Peace

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

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another with a sign of peace.*

*Afterwards, they may be **seated**.*

## Greetings & Announcements

### **The Holy Communion**

#### The Offertory

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

*All **stand**, (as able).*

The People's offering of bread, and wine, and money or other gifts.

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

# The Great Thanksgiving

BCP 340

## Eucharistic Prayer II

*The People remain **standing** (as able).*

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.

*Proper Preface for Epiphany* 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 People **kneel or stand** (as able).*

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.**

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.**

## Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
**have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
**have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
**grant us thy peace.**

## Prayer of Humble Access

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

## 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.

## Ministration of 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.*

❖ *It is be helpful if you blot your lips of any lip balm or lipstick, as it leaves an oily and/or waxy residue on the linens that is difficult to remove.*

## Sending forth of 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.**

*The People may **stand or kneel** (as able).*

## Postcommunion Prayer

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Let us pray.

**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 thereby 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 fellowship, 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

*BCP 339*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

*The People may **stand** (as able).*

## Recessional

## The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**