



# SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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**Sunday, February 7, 2021** *Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany*

Dear friends:

At our virtual annual parish meeting last Sunday we thanked four retiring vestry members who have completed their three-year term:

Ransom Duncan (*who served a "bonus" fourth year, completing an unexpired term before being elected to a full term*)

Judy Dyer

Mary Edwards

Jude Wilson

And we welcomed four new members to the vestry:

Jeanine Diller

Lorraine Field

Chris Watson

Bob Westveer

Trent Collier and Dave Hunsche will continue as Senior and Junior Warden, respectively.

Carol Bennett retired as a representative to Diocesan Convention. Pelham Barron will be a new representative, with Stephanie Freeth serving as the alternate.

I would like to thank all of these wonderful individuals who give so much of themselves to the service of the parish and our community.

Almighty God, look with favor upon these persons who have offered themselves to your service in this place. Give them courage, patience, good humor and vision in their various tasks and responsibilities; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world, and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

God bless, *Fr. Alan*

## Sunday, February 7

- ▶ [WATCH THE SERVICE](#) at 10:00 am
- ▶ **COFFEE HOUR** on Zoom at 10:45 am

## Navigating this Service

Use our [Morning Prayer text](#) or follow the Book of Common Prayer, pg. 75.

# Calendar

## Sunday, February 7

### Virtual Church School

8:45 am on Zoom

### Morning Prayer

10:00 am on YouTube

### Virtual Coffee Hour

10:45 am on Zoom

## Wednesday, February 10

### Virtual Youth Groups

7pm MS / 8pm HS on Zoom

## Thursday, February 11

### Bible Study

10:00 am on Zoom

### Adult Choir Virtual Rehearsal

7:15 pm on Zoom

## Sunday, February 14

### Virtual Church School

8:45 am on Zoom

### Chapel Service

9:15 am on Zoom

### Morning Prayer

10:00 am on YouTube

### Virtual Coffee Hour

10:45 am on Zoom



# Ash Wednesday Liturgy

February 17

Available starting at 9:00 am  
on YouTube

## Annual Parish Reports

The Annual Parish Meeting was held last Sunday, January 31.

**Missed the meeting?** A recording and transcript of the meeting is available for view:



▶ [Watch the 2021 Annual Meeting](#)

The Annual Reports and Vestry bios are available online at [standrewsaa.org](http://standrewsaa.org):

- ▶ [St. Andrew's Annual Report](#)
- ▶ [Vestry Bios](#)
- ▶ [The Breakfast at St. Andrew's Annual Report](#)

## Announcements

### “Forward Day by Day” Available

The February - April “Forward Day by Day” booklets are available. If you would like one mailed to you, please send a message to [agibson@standrewsaa.org](mailto:agibson@standrewsaa.org) or leave a message for Fr. Alan at 734-663-0518, ext. 201. Copies have already been mailed to those who requested a booklet in the past. Let Fr. Alan know if you have not received it.

### The Network: February / March Issue

A new issue of *The Network* is available! Check out the Ash Wednesday and Holy Week schedules, Church School news, and our upcoming visit with the Bishop.

▶ [READ THE NEW ISSUE](#)

**Be Our Valentine!**

You're invited for a special  
**Valentine's Day  
Chapel Service**

Join Fr. Alan and Rev. Sally as  
they share the message of  
Jesus' love for all humankind.

**Sunday, February 14**  
▼ 9:15 am on YouTube ▼

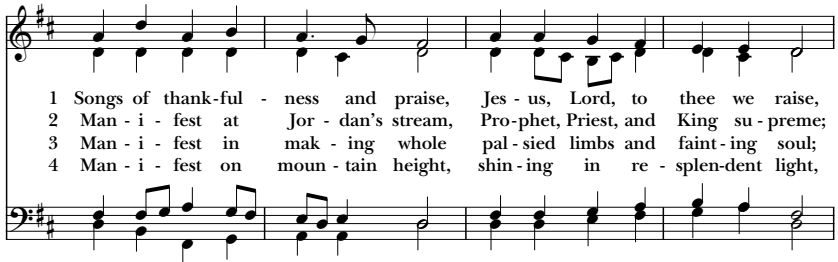
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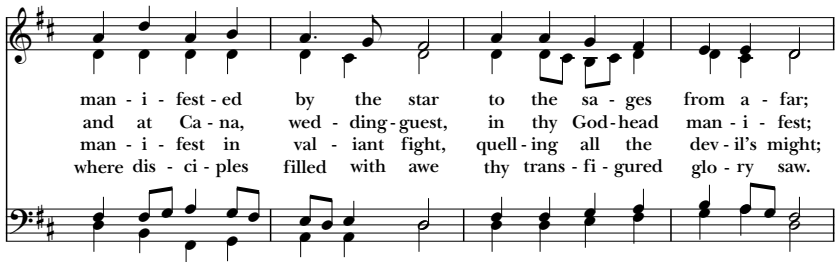
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**Prelude: *Andante Cantabile***      Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel (1805-1847)  
 Minji Kim, piano

**Opening Hymn: *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise***      Hymnal, no. 135



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise,    Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,  
 2 Man - i - fest at    Jor - dan's stream,    Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;  
 3 Man - i - fest in    mak - ing whole,    pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
 4 Man - i - fest on    moun - tain height,    shin - ing in re - splen-dent light,



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;  
 and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God-head man - i - fest;  
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
 where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;  
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
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**Opening Sentences**      Book of Common Prayer, pg. 78

**Confession**      Book of Common Prayer, pg. 79

**Preces**

Hymnal, no. S-33  
Book of Common Prayer, pg. 80

**Invitatory**

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 80

**Jubilate**

Hymnal, no. S-11  
Book of Common Prayer, pg. 82

**Psalm 147:1-12, 21c**

- 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.
- 21 Hallelujah!

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 Gospel:** Mark 1:29-39

Rodger Piehl

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.

**Sermon**

Eric Braun, Seminarian Intern

In the Name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

It's 1985... I'm 13 years old, and along with seven other kids... the church was teaching us to be 'young adults', but the inexorable march to maturity was still a few years off... we're in confirmation class. One of the things we had to do was memorize the seasons of the church year. I already knew most of them. Christmas, Easter, Lent, Pentecost... after that it got a little fuzzy. There was a season on that list that didn't make a lot of sense to me, and that is where we are now: Epiphany.

My confusion stemmed from the fact that I already knew that word, but in the context I was used to hearing it, it had nothing to do with church. In popular use, we think of "having an epiphany" as what we might today call 'The Aha Moment'. Those of you who are teachers know what I mean. That moment when, particularly after a long struggle, a student looks back at you, and you can see the light in their eyes. They get it! They FINALLY understand. We live for those moments. Not only is it a sign that yes, in fact you CAN do your job, and you ARE capable of passing knowledge on

to someone else, but more importantly, that your student can now take the information and go off and do amazing things with it. That's one kind of epiphany. Just as when 13 year-old me realized that Epiphany (capital "E") meant more than I thought it did. I felt like I was let in on a secret, and I remember thinking; "Does everyone know this, and it's just that no one said anything?" That was the first inkling I had that there was a lot more to learn.

In the words of Isaiah today: "Have you not known? Have you not heard?" Well, apparently not, but I was working on it. In truth, I still am.

Written language is a funny thing. Some people say that it is the LEAST effective means of communication... that we can say more with a look, or a subtle turn of the head. And of course, we've all heard that: "A picture is worth a thousand words." Nonetheless, we continue to use words, and despite the predictions of futurists, science fiction writers, and others who try to plot out our destiny, the evolution of language and written communication hasn't stopped. In fact, even in the age of Zoom meetings and video chats, between texting, email, and social media posting, we're using language more than ever. Still writing, clarifying, explaining. Still searching for those Aha moments, those moments of divine revelation. Those Epiphanies.

That's what Isaiah is preaching about today. He's engaged in his own form of Prophetic teaching; reminding the people of Israel that, despite exile, despite suffering and invasion despite all the sufferings of the day... very real in their own right, God hasn't abandoned them. In fact, he's still working through them. All they have to do is "Wait".

As mentioned in today's last verse: ***40:31 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.***

In preparation to talk to you about this, I read through each part of the scripture assigned for today. Like you, I've read them before. Like many of you, I've read them several times, but THIS time, I kept coming back to that last line. Wait for the Lord. Wait.

Somehow that just sounded wrong, so I did a little research. In this case, "wait" is the Hebrew word qavah (kaw-VAH), and it is not a passive word at all. Sometimes it's translated as "trust" but the original word qavah is the same. So, what is THIS kind of waiting? This isn't the kind of waiting that we do in line at a store, or at the Secretary of State's office, when we

idly pass the time checking our calendar, or scrolling through pages on our phone. In this case “Waiting” means to be actively anticipating, seeking the Lord, which will offer it's own kind of Epiphany, but what will it be?

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The key to looking inward, to make room in our lives for a true epiphany is to have the courage, and I would add humility, to look inside ourselves and admit that something is missing.

That's a hard thing for people to do. I know it's hard for me. Modern life conditions us to think that we have all the answers; or that at the very least, they're one google search or question to Alexa away... because no one wants to feel left out or look foolish. But in order to truly trust in the Lord, that's what we have to risk. Epiphanies can only come when we acknowledge that there's something we don't know. Something we need. When we're vulnerable enough to let God in.

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

No, I haven't. Tell me.

And this risk is at the heart of Mark's Gospel reading today. We find Jesus and the disciples, in Capernaum. After a day of important and successful healing, Jesus goes away, alone, prays, and in the morning, they set out to continue spreading the message. The temptation might be to stay, establish their ministry, and let the word of mouth spread. After all, people talk. It's one of the things we're very good at. Why not let the people do the work for him? That's what any one of us might do. But Jesus, especially in Mark's Gospel, isn't that kind of guy. He's not one to stay in one place and let people come to him. The line that grabs me is this one:

***1:36) And Simon and his companions hunted for him. 37) When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you."***

That sounds a lot like foreshadowing to me, and I can almost imagine Jesus response to be: “Then we'd better go and meet them.”

This is what today we might call “Modeling Behavior”. Jesus is showing us again, by word and example, what it is to spread the word. He has work to do and so do his disciples... ancient and modern. It might have been comfortable, safe, easy, to wait for people to come to him, but in order for the word to spread, to really move hearts, Jesus knew people need to experience it in a profound and personal way. Only when our hearts are open, can we make room for the epiphany of Jesus, that divine inspiration that leads to new life.



The challenge is that, just as Isaiah advised us, we have to trust in the Lord and that means being vulnerable enough to risk a relationship.

Vulnerability, trust, love.

That's the epiphany.

Amen.

## **Apostles Creed**

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 96

## **The Prayers**

### **Collect of the Day**

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**Anthem:** *Balm in Gilead*      Spiritual, arr. Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949)  
Deborah Friauff

[REFRAIN] *There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;  
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

*Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,  
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.* [REFRAIN]

*If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot preach like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus, and say He died for all.* [REFRAIN]

## **General Thanksgiving**

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 101

## **Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

## **Concluding Versicle**

Hymnal, no. S-54

Closing Hymn: *Immortal, Invisible*

Hymnal, no. 423

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,  
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.  
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Postlude: *Nocturne (Soirées Musicales, Op. 6)* Clara Wieck Schumann

(1819-1896)

Minji Kim, piano

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