



*A Creative Spiritual Community*

Book of Alternative Services  
Holy Eucharist



The Epiphany of the Lord  
January 4, 2026  
10:00 a.m. service

Welcome to St. Andrew's -  
all are welcome here.  
Happy Epiphany!



**The Year as a House: A Blessing** by Jan Richardson

Think of the year as a house: door flung wide in welcome,  
threshold swept and waiting, a graced spaciousness  
opening and offering itself to you.  
Let it be blessed in every room.  
Let it be hallowed in every corner.  
Let every nook be a refuge and every object set to holy use.  
Let it be here that safety will rest.  
Let it be here that health will make its home.  
Let it be here that peace will show its face.  
Let it be here that love will find its way.

Here let the weary come  
let the aching come  
let the lost come  
let the sorrowing come.

Here let them find their rest  
and let them find their soothing  
and let them find their place  
and let them find their delight.  
And may it be in this house of a year  
that the seasons will spin in beauty,  
and may it be in these turning days  
that time will spiral with joy.

And may it be that its rooms will fill with ordinary grace  
and light spill from every window to welcome the stranger home.

May your home be blessed, and may you  
enter this Epiphany and the coming year in peace.



**Altar Flowers** - Given to the Glory of God and in memory of  
loving Christian parents and grandparents. From Judy Curran  
and family.

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** - We gather on lands which have been the home of SENĆOTEN and HUL'Q'UMIN'UM' speaking Coast Salish peoples from time immemorial, and their encounter with the Creator in this place goes before our own.

Opening hymn (CP #158) *Earth Has Many a Noble City*

1 Earth has many a noble city;  
Bethlehem, thou dost all excel:  
out of thee the Lord from heaven  
came to rule his Israel.

2 Fairer than the sun at morning  
was the star that told his birth,  
to the world its God announcing  
seen in fleshly form on earth.

3 Eastern sages at his cradle  
make oblations rich and rare;  
see them give, in deep devotion,  
gold and frankincense and myrrh.

4 Sacred gifts of mystic meaning:  
incense doth their God disclose,  
gold the King of kings proclaimeth,  
myrrh his sepulcher foreshows.

5 Jesus, whom the Gentiles worshipped  
at thy glad epiphany,  
unto thee, with God the Father  
and the Spirit, glory be.

### **The Gathering of the Community**

*Presider* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Almighty God,  
*All* to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **The Collect**

*Presider* Almighty and everliving God,  
*All* you revealed the incarnation of your Son by the brilliant shining of a star.  
Shine the light of your justice in our hearts and over all lands, and accept our lives as the treasure we offer in your praise and for your service; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

### **Proclamation of the Word**

*Reader* A reading from the book of Isaiah (60:1-6).  
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

- <sup>1</sup> Give the king your justice, O God,  
    **and your righteousness to the king's son;**
- <sup>2</sup> that he may rule your people righteously  
    **and the poor with justice;**
- <sup>3</sup> that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,  
    **and the little hills bring righteousness.**
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**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. Amen.**

*Reader*     A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians (3:1-12).

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*All*         **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn (CP#160)    *As with Gladness Ones of Old*

1 As with gladness ones of old  
did the guiding star behold;  
as with joy they hailed its light,  
leading onward, beaming bright;  
so, most gracious Lord, may we  
evermore be led to thee.

2 As with joyful steps they sped  
Saviour, to thy lowly bed;  
there to bend the knee before  
thee whom heaven and earth adore;  
so may we with willing feet  
ever seek the mercy seat.

*Presider*      May God be with you.

*All*            **And also with you.**

*Presider*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew (2:1-12).

*All*            **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Presider*      The Gospel of Christ.

*All*            **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gradual hymn continued

3 As they offered gifts most rare  
at that cradle rude and bare;  
so may we with joyful song,  
raising voices pure and strong,  
all our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to thee, our heavenly king.

4 In the heavenly country bright,  
need they no created light;  
thou its light, its joy, its crown,  
thou its sun which goes not down;  
there forever may we sing

**Sermon**                      The Rev. Rebecca Yeo

**Christmas Responsory**

1 Angels we have heard on high,  
singing sweetly o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply  
echoing their joyous strains.

***Refrain:***  
**Gloria in excelsis Deo,**  
**gloria in excelsis Deo.**

3 Come to Bethlehem and see  
him whose birth the angels sing.  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.    ***Refrain***

4 See him in a manger laid  
whom the choirs of angels praise.  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
while our heart in love we raise.    ***Refrain***

**Prayers of the People**

**The Peace**

***Presider***                      My friends in Christ, may the peace of God be  
always with you.

***All***                                **And also with you.**



Offertory hymn (CP#159)      ***Brightest and Best***

1 Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,  
dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;  
gem of the East, the horizon adorning,  
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

2 Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining,  
low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;  
angels adore Him in slumber reclining,  
maker and Monarch and Savior of all.

3 Say, shall we not yield Him, in costly devotion,  
odours, of Edom and offerings divine,  
gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,  
myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine?

4 Vainly we offer each ample oblation,  
vainly with gifts would His favor secure;  
richer by far is the heart's adoration,  
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

5 Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,  
dawn on our darkness and lend us Thine aid;  
gem of the East, the horizon adorning,  
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.





## The Celebration of the Eucharist

### Prayer over the Gifts

*Presider* Gracious God,  
*All* accept the offering of your Church, the hearts of  
your people joined in praise and thanksgiving, in the  
name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

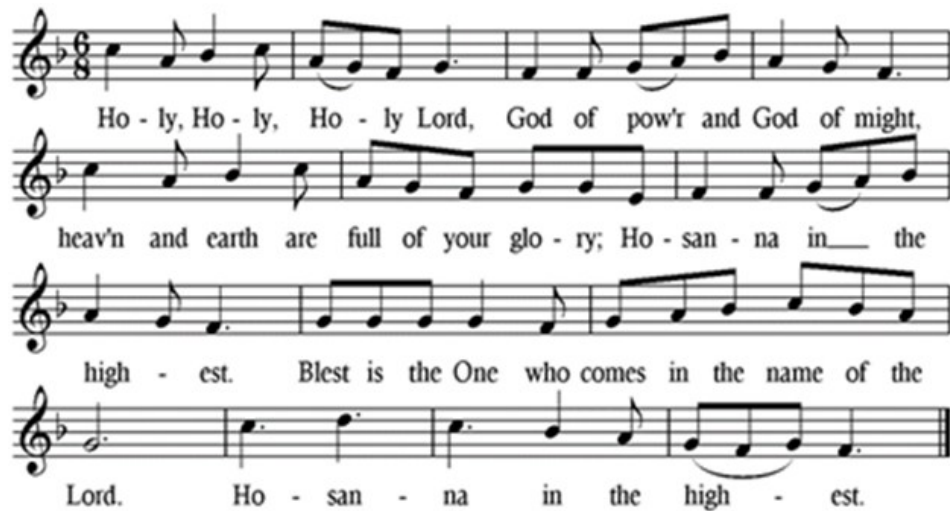
*Presider* May God be with you.  
*All* And also with you.

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.  
*All* We lift them to God.

*Presider* Let us give thanks to God.  
*All* It is right to offer our thanks and praise.

*Presider* It is the joy of our salvation ...  
... with loving and with joyful hearts.

*All* Sanctus



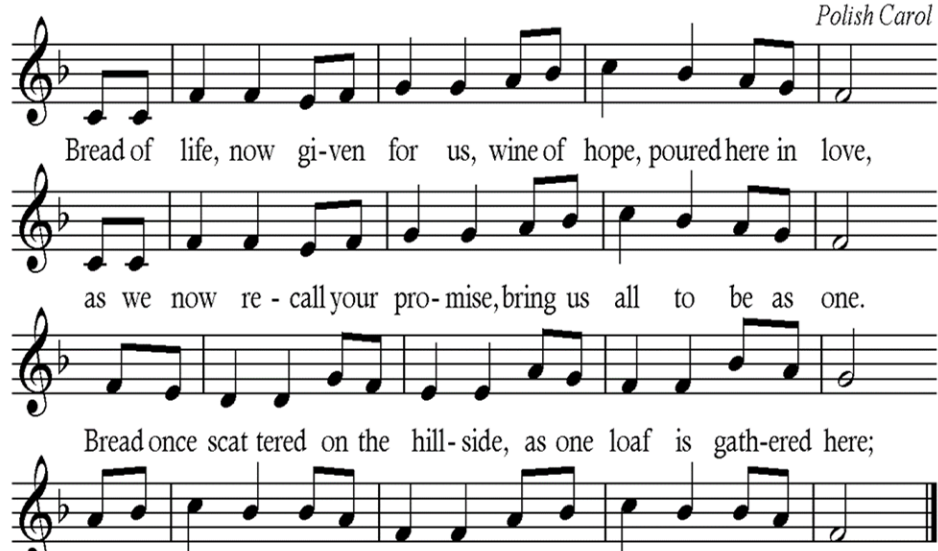
*Presider* Blessed are you, most holy God ...  
 ... from us and all people, here and everywhere.  
*All* Amen.

### The Lord's Prayer

*Presider* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,  
*All* Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as  
 in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us  
 our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
 Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from  
 evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are  
 yours, now and for ever. Amen.

### Fraction Anthem

*Polish Carol*



Bread of life, now gi-ven for us, wine of hope, poured here in love,  
 as we now re - call your pro-mise, bring us all to be as one.  
 Bread once scat tered on the hill-side, as one loaf is gath-ered here;  
 make us all to live for - ev - er in Christ's bo - dy that we share.

### The Communion

*Presider* These are the gifts of God of a gracious God.

*All* Thanks be to God.



Communion hymn (CP#137) What Child is This?

1 What child is this, who laid to rest,  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
while shepherds watch are keeping?

***Refrain:***

***This, this is Christ the king,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary.***

2 Why lies he in such mean estate  
where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here  
the silent Word is pleading.

***Refrain***

3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
come, peasant, king, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
let loving hearts enthrone him.

***Refrain***

Communion hymn (JN #125) *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

I want to walk as a child of the light  
I want to follow Jesus  
God set the stars to give light to the world  
The star of my life is Jesus

***Refrain:***

**In Him there is no darkness at all  
The night and the day are both alike  
The lamb is the light of the city of God  
Shine in my heart Lord Jesus**

I want to see the brightness of God  
I want to look at Jesus  
Clear sun of righteousness shine on my path  
And show me the way to the Father

***Refrain***

I'm looking for the coming of Christ  
I want to be with Jesus  
When we have run with patience the race  
We shall know the joy of Jesus

***Refrain***



Communion hymn (JN#184) ***This Little Light of Mine***

This little light of mine  
I'm gonna let it shine (X3)  
Let it shine all the time let it shine

Won't let anyone blow it out  
I'm gonna let it shine (X3)  
Let it shine all the time let it shine

I won't let anyone phffst it out  
I'm gonna let it shine (X3)  
Let it shine all the time let it shine

This little light of mine  
I'm gonna let it shine (X3)  
Let it shine all the time let it shine

**Prayer after Communion**

*Presider* God of all the nations of the earth,  
*All* guide us with your light. Help us to recognize  
*Christ* as he comes to us in this eucharist and in our  
*is* neighbours. May we welcome him with love, for he  
Lord now and for ever. Amen.

*Presider* Glory to God,  
*All* whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more  
than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from  
generation to generation, in the Church and in  
*Christ* Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sending hymn

***Christ Be Our Light***

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

***Refrain:*** Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

***Refrain***

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

***Refrain***

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.

***Refrain***

Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

***Refrain***

### Chalking the Door Liturgy

*Leader* May God be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Leader* The wise ones followed God's star to Bethlehem, seeking the Saviour.

*All* **Let us follow the star.**

*Leader* They found Jesus in Bethlehem and knew they had found the one they were seeking.

*All* **Let us recognize Jesus.**

*Leader* They fell down and worshipped him, offering him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

*All* **Let us offer our gifts to the Lord.**

*The door is marked 20+C+M+B+26.*

*Leader* Let us pray.

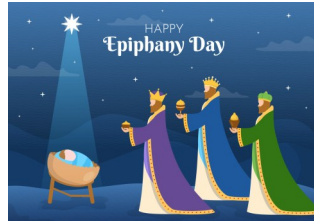
*All* **Holy One, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of your Son who became one of us over two thousand years ago. Bless our church and each person who enters these doors. Watch over our going out and our coming in. Fill us with the light of Christ, that we may grow in love, in wisdom, and in faith. Amen.**

*NOTE: The letters CMB stand for Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar as well as Christus Mansionem Benedicat, "May Christ bless our church".*

**Dismissal**

*Presider* Go in peace to love and serve our God.

*All* Thanks be to God.



***Weekly Cycles of Prayer***

**In our parish,** we pray for Pamela Abram, Sharon Adye, Alicia Aguayo & Marco Chairez-Molina, Lois Ainey, Eden Markle, Elizabeth Alvarez & Juan Rueda, and Isaac Rueda.

**In our community,** we pray for the Friendship Community Church, Saanichton, the pastor, and your faithful people.

**In our Region,** we pray for the Parish of St. Michael and All Angels, Royal Oak, the Very Rev. Ainsley Tucker, and the people of the parish and neighbourhood.

**In our Diocese,** we pray for Anna, our Bishop, and Christ Church, Gabriola Island.

**In our Ecclesiastical Province,** we pray for The Right Rev. Clara Plamondon, Bishop of the Territory of the People.

**In Canada,** we pray for The Rev. Canon Dr. Scott Sharman, Animator for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations.

**In the world,** we pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa.





# HEARING LOSS INFO SESSION AT SHOAL

 January 5th     10:00 – 11:00 AM     \$5 Registration Fee

Join us for an inspiring introductory presentation with **Gael Hannan**, internationally recognized author and advocate for hearing health. This is a great opportunity to learn, share, and connect with others living with hearing loss. Complimentary coffee and cookies will be served!

For more information or to register for this event, please contact the SHOAL reception by email or phone.

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### ***Announcements***

**WELCOME TO VISITORS** - Would you like to receive a tax receipt for your offering (over \$20)? Please pick up an offering envelope from the plastic stand on the credenza at the entrance to the church. It is so lovely to have you at church today.

**COUGH, COLD, FLU, COVID SEASON PROTOCOLS AT ST ANDREW'S** -If you feel at all unwell, please do not come to church. If you are able, consider joining in the livestream of the 10am Sunday morning service through the web-site here: <https://www.standrewssidney.ca/blog> until you have recovered. If you feel that you may be coming down with something but aren't entirely sure, please wear a mask to church. Thank you for thinking of the vulnerable and immuno-compromised members of our community!

**Vestry Reports** - If you chair or lead a ministry at St Andrew's, please submit your report for the 2025 Annual Report on or before Monday, January 25th at noon in the office admin@standrewssidney.ca). Thank you!

**STELLY'S MUSIC THEATRE IS PERFORMING DISNEY'S DESCENDANTS THIS JANUARY!** - Tickets are available through the Stelly's Performing Arts website (<https://sites.google.com/sd63.bc.ca/stellys-performing-arts/home>), the school office, or using the QR code on the poster in the hall. Shows are January 15-17 at 7pm and January 17-18 at 1pm and the cost is \$18 / ticket. Doors open 30 minutes before the show. Hope to see you there!



***Quarterly Mission***  
**January - March 2026**  
**Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness**

**\*\*\* This Week at a Glance \*\*\***  
**(January 4 - 12, 2026)**

<b>Sunday</b>	January 4 <sup>th</sup> 2026 - Epiphany of the Lord 8:00 am Holy Communion BCP 10:00 am Holy Eucharist BAS
Monday	10:00 am Labyrinth walk 1:30 pm Friends of St. Andrew delivery
Tuesday	3:30 pm Friendship Circle
Wednesday	11:30 am Neighbours Lunch 2:00 pm Zoom Prayer Gathering <i>(Please contact the church office for the link)</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10:00 am Holy Eucharist</b> 11:30 am Brunch Bunch
Friday	1:30 pm Friends of St. Andrew delivery
Saturday	11:30 am Brunch Bunch
<b>Sunday</b>	January 12 <sup>th</sup> 2026 - Baptism of the Lord 8:00 am Holy Communion BCP 10:00 am Holy Eucharist BAS

**Readings for January 11, 2025**



OT: Isaiah 42:1-9  
 Psalm: 29  
 Epistle: Acts 10:34-43  
 Gospel: Matthew:3:13-17

### Sources

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**Collect, Prayer over the Gifts:** Alternative Collects of the Revised Common Lectionary, prepared by the Liturgy Task Force of the Faith, Worship and Ministry Committee of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada, 2019.

**Eucharistic Prayer:** From A New Zealand Prayer Book, The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, 1989.

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## **Book of Common Prayer**

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