

Saint Andrew's Parish

Kent, Connecticut

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
17 January 2021
Year B

HOLY EUCHARIST

*We ask that worshippers gather in silence; and when the music begins,
that this become part of their contemplative time.*

The Prelude

Largo from From the New World (Symphony No 9)

Antonín Dvořák
arr Henry Clough-Leigher

THE WORD OF GOD

All stand, as they are able

Introit (*spoken by the Celebrant*)

Ps 66

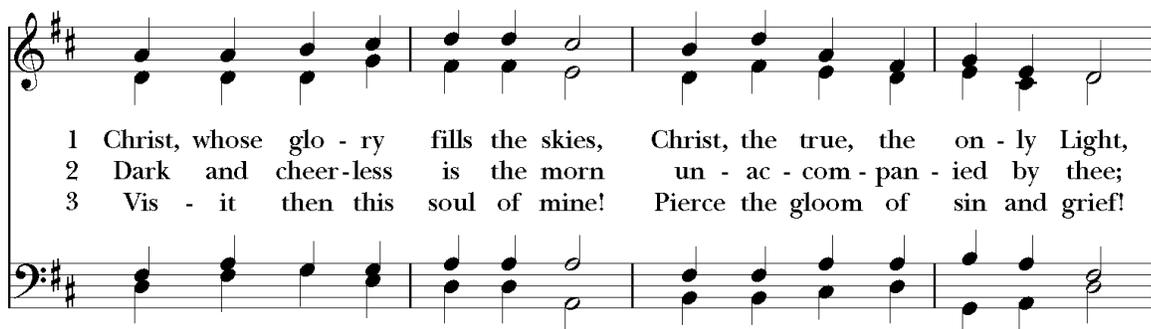
All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your Name.

Be joyful in God, all you lands; *
sing the glory of his Name;
sing the glory of his praise.

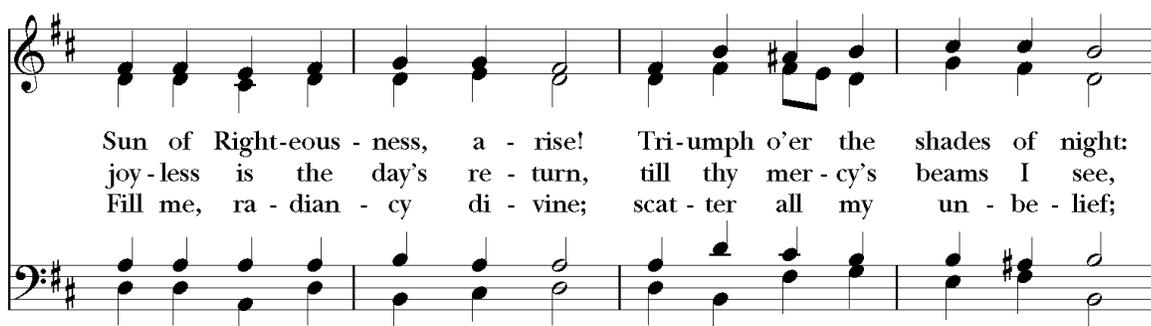
Entrance Hymn 7
(all humming)

Christ whose glory fills the skies

Ratisbon



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!



Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:
joy - less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Words: Chales Wesley (1707-1788) Music: Ratisbon, melody from *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524; adapt. att. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870);
harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

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

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.*

All (said) Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
 have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
 receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day (*remain standing*)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

All may be seated

The First Lesson

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Lector A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People *Thanks be to God.*

The Response: Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17 (*remain seated*)
(*all humming*)

Hymnal, S-429

William Crotch
(1775-1847)



- ¹ LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- ² You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- ³ Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- ⁴ You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
- ⁵ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- ¹² For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- ¹³ I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- ¹⁴ My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.
- ¹⁵ Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.
- ¹⁶ How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!
- ¹⁷ If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

Lector A reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians.

"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People *Thanks be to God.*

All stand, as they are able

Sequence Hymn 516
(all humming)

Come down, O Love divine

Down Ampney

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434?); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890), alt. Music: *Down Ampney*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
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Celebrant Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Celebrant Praise the LORD, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host. (*Ps 148:2*)

All Alleluia.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

All may be seated

The Sermon

Silence is kept

The Nicene Creed

BCP p 358

All stand, as they are able

All 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

Intercessor ... we pray:
People Hear us, God of Peace.

Intercessor ... our Savior Jesus Christ.
People Amen.

The Confession of Sin

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Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All kneel, as they are able

Silence is kept

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

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord
Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep you in eternal life. Amen.

All stand, as they are able

The Peace

BCP p 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you;
People And also with you.

All may share the peace, verbally

All may be seated

Offertory Anthem

Search me, O God

Dvořák

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All stand, as they are able

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer B*

BCP, p 367

Celebrant Blessed are you, O Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which the earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the Bread of Heaven.

People *Blessed be God forever.*

Celebrant Blessed are you, O Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the Cup of Salvation.

People *Blessed be God forever.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

... ..

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS *(said)*

Celebrant ... to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

All may remain standing or kneel, as they are able and prefer

... ..

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.

... ..

Celebrant ... Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*said by all*)

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

Celebrant This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

People *Whoever eats this bread will live forever.*

Silence is kept

Facing the People, the Celebrant says the following

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

At the invitation of the Celebrant, all pray

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live and die in your love. Amen.

The Post-communion Prayer

BCP p 366

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

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May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. *Amen.*

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. *Amen.*

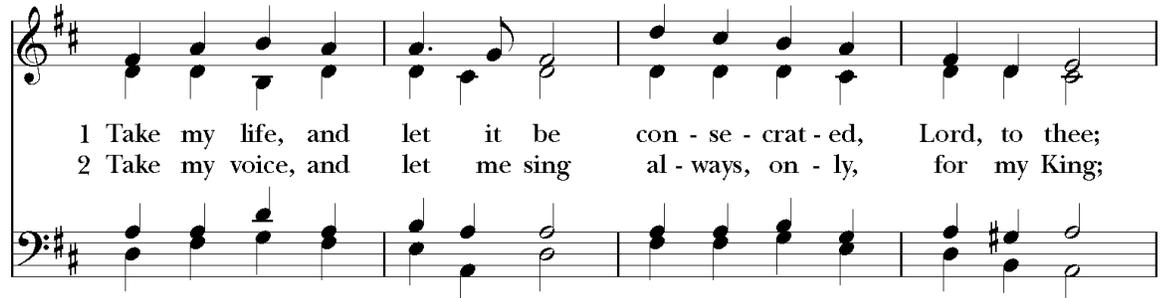
May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. *Amen.*

And may the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
rest upon and abide with you, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Retiring Hymn 707
(all humming)

*Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee*

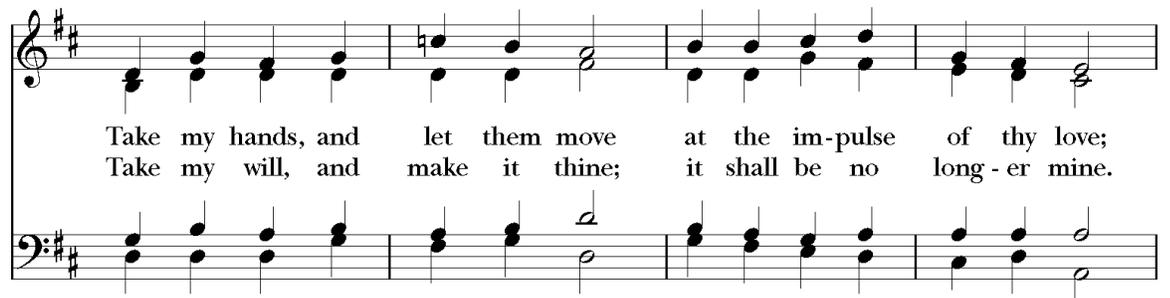
Hollingside



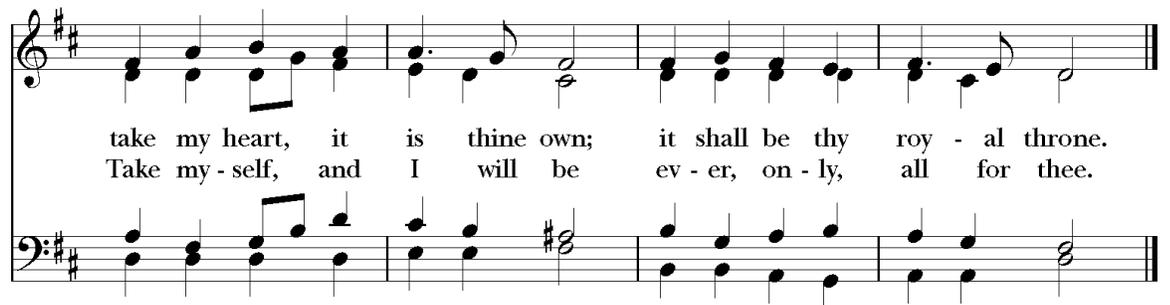
1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;



take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.



Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.



take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879), alt. Music: *Hollingside*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

Announcements

The Dismissal

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Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

All may be seated or may depart, as they wish

The Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in D Major

Dvořák

The flowers this day are given to the glory of God.

Worship This Week

Monday, 18 January	Holy Eucharist: <i>The Confession of St Peter</i>	6:00 or online (TBA)
Wednesday, 20 January	Holy Eucharist	6:00 pm or online (TBA)
Friday, 22 January	Prayer and Meditation <i>(will NOT be held if parish remains closed)</i>	5:30 pm
Sunday, 24 January	Holy Eucharist: <i>Epiphany 3</i>	8:30 & 10:30 am or online (TBA)

Note: All of these services will be **moved to online-only** if the parish remains temporarily closed due to COVID-19. Saint Andrew's closure protocol is described in this week's Announcements.

Upcoming Holy Days

Monday, 25 January	Holy Eucharist: <i>The Conversion of St Paul</i>	6:00 pm
Tuesday, 02 February	Holy Eucharist <i>The Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple (Candlemas)</i>	6:00 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important: Parish COVID Closure Protocol

The recent upsurge of COVID-19 in Connecticut and just about everywhere else means that we need to think about additional measures to keep parishioners and others safe. Although gathering for worship on Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings and other times is a deeply engrained practice for many of us, following Jesus' commandment to love our neighbors means that we may have to forgo, for a time, some of the things we most cherish, to help limit the spread of the virus.

To this end, at the November vestry meeting, St Andrew's adopted the following COVID closure protocol: Each Thursday afternoon, we will look at the Connecticut COVID Data Tracker (<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Data-Tracker>). If either the Town of Kent and/or a majority of the towns around Kent are red, meaning they have 15 or more cases per 100,000 people, then:

- **All worship will be pre-recorded and online-only.** (The choir will not rehearse or sing; a single cantor may sing during pre-recorded worship.) Recordings of Sunday services will be uploaded to the parish's YouTube account by 8:00 am on Sunday morning, and recordings of other services (including Sunday evening services during Advent and our Wednesday Eucharists) will be uploaded at least an hour before they were scheduled to take place. Bulletins for Sunday worship will be available online, as usual.
- **All other in-person activities at the parish will either be suspended or move to online-only.**

If we move to online-only, we will announce this in the Friday and Saturday E-pistles *and* on the parish web site. Any move to online-only will continue until the COVID status of Kent and/or the surrounding towns has moved to orange (or less) for *two successive Thursdays*.

It was difficult to make this decision, and it may be a difficult one to accept. Ultimately, the most important consideration is that we all remain safe and healthy so that we can return to worship and fellowship as an entire parish once the pandemic has ended.

Parish Office Closed

The parish office is temporarily closed, which means the phone isn't being answered. Father Douglas checks the voicemail once-a-day, usually around 9:00 am. If you have a more urgent need, please call him at 860-592-0171 or email him at frdouglas.sak@gmail.com.

Parish Annual Meeting on Sunday, 24 January

The annual meeting of St Andrew's Parish will be held on Sunday, 24 January, at 12:00 noon. So that everyone is able to participate in this important parish event, the meeting will be held virtually, via Zoom. This way, we will not have to worry about masks, social distancing, attendance limits or anything of that nature. Copies of the annual report for 2020 will be provided to all parishioners via email (and also in hard copy, to those who request this).

(In this time of pandemic, the Diocese has encouraged all parishes to interpret their bylaws so as to facilitate, rather than hinder, essential operations. We fully anticipate returning to an in-person meeting next year.)

Slate of Candidates for Annual Meeting

The Nominations Committee has completed its work and is pleased to announce the following slate of candidates to stand for election at the annual meeting on Sunday, 24 January:

Officers

- Christopher Rehkow, *Senior Warden*
- Randy DiPentima, *Junior Warden*
- Steve Morocco, *Treasurer*
- Andrea Sehl, *Assistant Treasurer*

- Bill Dillon, *Clerk*

To serve out James Vick's remaining term in Vestry Class of 2023

- Ron Marasco

For the Vestry Class of 2024

- Katherine Almquist
- Kent Freeman
- Janet Rivkin

Delegates to Diocesan Convention

- Christopher Rehkow
- Ron Marasco

Alternate Delegates

- Randy DiPentima
- Eric Roper

Nominations Committee for 2021

- Charmian Place, Chair

Thank you to everyone who has agreed to stand for election!

Charmian Place

Chair, Nominations Committee

Chalking of Homes During Epiphanytide

As you may have read in the E-pistle, the Church has an ancient Epiphany tradition that helps us maintain on into the new year the spirit of love, joy and blessing that somehow seems to come to us more easily in December and early January. For centuries, Christians have used chalk to write a blessing over the main door of their homes on or around 06 January, which is the Feast of the Epiphany. It looks like this:

20 + C + M + B + 21

The letters of the inscription are the abbreviation for the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat* ("May Christ bless this house"). A second meaning (which may have been used as a mnemonic device) is Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, which are the traditional (that is, non-scriptural) names of the Wise Men who came to Jesus. The + signs represent the Cross, and **20-21** is the year.

Each time we enter our home, this simple inscription reminds us of Christ's abiding presence with us. And as the chalk begins to fade, with time, may that represent His manifestation coming more fully into our hearts ... and, we pray, into our hands and feet, our minds and voices.

If you would like to chalk your own home this Epiphanytide, everything you need is ready for you. Father Douglas has blessed a supply of chalk and prepared a very brief blessing rite. Both are available for you to pick up in the breezeway at the rear of the rectory. If you would prefer, we can mail these items to you: Simply be in touch with Laura in the parish office.

Welcome Our 'New' Parish Administrator!

We are very, very pleased to announce that Laura Filippi has joined us as our new parish administrator! Laura has been working since mid-December and is doing an absolutely terrific job. Some of you may remember her from her previous work at St Andrew's. Here is a little introduction she provided about herself:

I have been working at Kingsley Tavern in Kent since they first opened almost 8 years ago. I started as parish administrator a few years back but then left to live in Colorado for a little over a year. Cut to now, and I am back at both Kingsley and St Andrew's! As much as I enjoyed living somewhere new, I was incredibly happy to move back to a town that I hold

very dear to my heart. Although not a true Kent native, I am unbelievably grateful for the community that she gets to be a part of. They say home is where the heart is, and my heart is most definitely in Kent!

Please help us welcome Laura back to St Andrew's by giving her a call or sending her a note or an email. She will be in the parish office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 – 2:00.

All Recovery Group Meetings Suspended

While the parish is temporarily closed, all recovery group (AA and Al Anon) meetings have been suspended. They will resume when we re-open.

Computer Help Is Available

If you or someone you know is having difficulty accessing our online services, the weekly E-pistle or our web site ... or who would like to participate in our Zoom offerings but don't know how ... please let Fr Douglas or Heather know. We have parishioners who are willing to help you and also make sure your equipment and internet connection are working properly. We don't want anyone to miss an opportunity to be part of the life of St Andrew's!

Kent Food Bank

Please continue to bring food items to donate to the Kent Food Bank. There is a basket in the narthex and also a collection bin in the breezeway at the rear of the rectory. We will deliver donations to the Food Bank each week.

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Vestry Class of 2021

Leila Erskine
Stephen A Morocco
George Potts

Vestry Class of 2022

Alice Hicks
Robert McDowell
Eric Roper

Vestry Class of 2023

Marel Rogers
Lynn Perry
James Vick

Delegates to Diocesan Convention

Christopher Rehkow, Ron Marasco, Charmian Place, Lynn Perry



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