

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

January 5, 2020, 10:00 am



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The Word of God

Prelude

Please STAND, as able, and join in singing,
Processional Hymn

What Star Is This?

Hymn #124

The Opening Acclamation

† Celebrant Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.
People Peace in heaven and glory in the highest. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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.

A † appears in the margin where you may wish to make the sign of the cross over your body. Making the sign of the cross is a choice left to each worshipper.

It is simply a way to engage your entire body (not just your speech and mind) in worship, and physically to signify embracing the blessing of God.

Please remain STANDING as able, and join in singing,

The Gloria

Robert Powell

7 Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-
13 might-y God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
19 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
26 sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re - ceive our
32 prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most
High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting by Robert Powell S-280 The Hymnal 1982

Celebrant: The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic

Deacon: The Rev. Jude Lyons

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Clayton Cobb

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson Isaiah 60:1-6

1st Reader A Reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their
nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought
to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

1st Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Remaining seated, please join in singing,

The Response

Psalm 72

Haugen



Lord, ev-'ry na-tion on earth will a - dore you, and all peo-ples shall walk by your light.

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*God, may your judgement come dwell in your king, your justice to each son and daughter;
Oh show forth your justice, your mercy to the poor.*

Justice shall flourish, and peace forevermore from the seas to the ends of the earth.

*For he shall rescue the poor when they cry, the weak and the helpless he shall save;
his mercy will shine on the poor and needy souls*

The Second Lesson Ephesians 3:1-12

2nd Reader A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

2nd Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

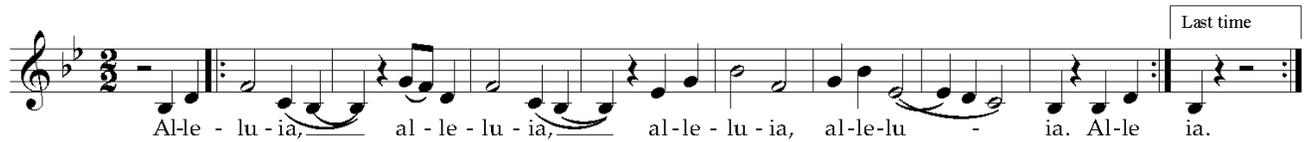
People Thanks be to God.

Please STAND, as able, and join in singing,

Gospel Procession

Repeating Alleluia

Calvin Hampton



From "Repeating Alleluia" by Calvin Hampton

The Holy Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

† Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please join in singing the Repeating Alleluia as the Gospel Procession returns.

Please be seated for

† The Sermon

There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.

The Rev. Dr. Clayton Cobb

Please stand as able, and join in saying,

The Nicene Creed

(Updated from The Book of Common Prayer addendum, Enriching our Worship I)

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became fully human.

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

The People join in reading the words in bold.

During this season of Epiphany we proclaim, "Arise, shine for your light has come!". O God of Light, we are ready for you to light our way that we might lead others to knowledge and love of you.

Shine in your church, O God; embolden us to speak truthfully and to act with the courage of love.

This day and always, **Christ, be our light.**

Shine in our nation, O God: help us appreciate the land, liberties and heritage we have received. Protect us from discord, confusion, arrogance, and evil. Anoint with wisdom those to whom we entrust the authority of government. This day and always, **Christ, be our light.**

Shine in your world, O God: heal the warring of nations and the wounding of the earth. Give all religious and secular leaders eyes to see and hearts to follow the way of justice and peace. This day and always, **Christ, be our light.**

Shine in your people, O God; make us one human family with compassion for all, with dignity for every human being and to be a welcoming presence for the stranger and refugee. This day and always, **Christ, be our light.**

Shine in those who serve in the troubled places of our world, O God; we ask your protection for our first responders and for those who serve the cause of justice in the armed and foreign services, and their families, especially Drew Deley, Kelly Hall, Mark Kappelmann, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve.

This day and always, **Christ, be our light.**

Shine, O God, in the helpless and the homeless, the unemployed and the underemployed, and be the deliverer of those in distress: bless and heal all in need, especially Andrea, Aidan and Lorcin, Barbara, Bob and Jane Africano, Stephanie Bezner, Howard Dale, Ceri Falk, Ann Godfrey, Sally Hill, Nathan Reddall Linman, Marjorie Morris, Karla Nicole, Shelley Reece,, and Steve Smith , and for those we name to you now...

(please add your own prayers silently or aloud).

This day and always, **Christ, be our light.**

Shine in all our departed saints, O God: teach us to follow their witness of faith and unite us again with all who have gone before us, especially those we name to you now... *(Please add your own prayers silently or aloud).*

This day and always, **Christ, be our light.**

Let us pray together:

O Divine Light, you are the Light that transforms. Sometimes we look to you to be a neon sign hoping for easy answers to our problems in the moments when our lives are most dim. Your Presence reminds us that we embody your light. Let us shine your Light into the world that surrounds us through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

The Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

Please stand or kneel as able

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.

Please stand as able for

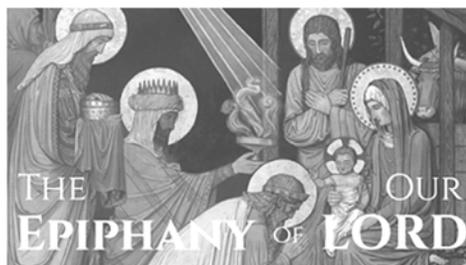
The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements



The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

When the Song of the Angels Is Stilled

Elizabeth Alexander

*When the song of the angels is stilled, the work of Christmas begins.
When the star in the heavens is gone, the work of Christmas begins.*

*To find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace to all people.
To make music in the heart.*

*When the kings and the princes are home, the work of Christmas begins.
When the shepherds are back with their flocks, the work of Christmas begins.
To find the lost...*

Please STAND, as able for,
The Offertory Hymn

As with Gladness Men of Old

Hymn #119 vv 1 & 3

Please remain **STANDING**, as able, for
The Offertory Prayers

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

People **Blessed be God forever.**

Celebrant Receive, O Lord, these gifts presented by your holy people for the work of your holy Church.

People **Blessed be God forever.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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 we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Please join in singing,

Sanctus

Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho-
san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est. —

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All stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues.

We will read the remainder of the Eucharistic Prayer responsively, with the People reading the parts in **Bold**.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it...

...do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

† **Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.**

In the fullness of time, bring all things under the influence of your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St Francis and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

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.

Fraction Anthem

Joy Has Dawned Upon the World

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The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the Fraction Anthem. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single line. The lyrics are: "Joy has dawned up - on the world, pro - mised from cre - a - tion: God's sal - va - tion". The second staff starts with a measure rest (marked '6') and continues the melody. The lyrics are: "now un - furled, hope for e - v'ry na - tion. Not with fan - fares from a - bove,". The third staff starts with a measure rest (marked '11') and continues the melody. The lyrics are: "not with scenes of glo - ry, but a hum - ble gift of love: Je - sus born of Mar - y."

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The Communion of the People

All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers. If you do not wish to share in Communion, we encourage you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply fold your hands across your chest when you come forward. Gluten-free Communion wafers are now carried alongside regular wafers at Holy Communion. If you require one of these, simply ask at the Altar rail.

If you have come with a particular prayer concern today, after receiving Communion you may come to the Nason Prayer Chapel to the right of the altar rail where someone will be available to pray with you.

The clergy will carry Communion to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward. Please notify an usher if you wish to be served in your seat.

Communion Music

With All Your Heart

Mary McDonald

*Steadfast in love, holding fast to faithfulness, the heart that's turned to righteousness;
Keeper of his word, keeper of his covenant, yield to the One who loves us best!*

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your path.*

*With words that heal, with hands that join to pray, set free from brokenness and sin.
Servant of the King your life, an offering; God writes his story once again!*

Trust in him, every plan you make. He will direct you. Lean on him, trust in him alone to make your straight.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart...

Please kneel or stand as able

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant May Christ our Lord, to whom kings bowed down in worship and offered gifts, reveal to you the light of his glory and pour upon you the riches of his grace; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**



Please stand as able, and join in singing,

The Closing Hymn

The People Who In Darkness Walked

Hymn #126

The Sending Forth

Deacon Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God!

Postlude