

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

January 2, 2021, 10:00 am



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The Word of God

Prelude

Variations sur "In dulci jubilo"

Denis Bedard

We welcome Rebecca Ogle as our guest organist this morning.

Processional Hymn

What Star Is This

Hymn #124, vv 1-3

What star is this, with beams so bright, more beau-teous than the
True spake the pro - phet from a - far who told the rise of
The guid - ing star a - bove is bright; with - in them shines a

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noon - day light? It shines to her - ald forth the King, and
Ja - cob's star; and east - ern sa - ges with a - maze up -
clear - er light, and leads them on with power be - nign to

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Gen - tiles to his crib to bring.
on the won - drous to - ken gaze.
seek the Giv - er of the sign.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749), tr. John Chandler (1807-1876). Music: Puer nobis, adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

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 text 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.

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jon Feuss,
Associate Rector, St. James' Episcopal Church, Wilshire Blvd

Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump

Please say together,

The Gloria

**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

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 Jeremiah 31:7-14

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

Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
"Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and
those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,

I will let them walk by brooks of water,
 in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
 for I have become a father to Israel,
 and Ephraim is my firstborn.
 Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,
 and declare it in the coastlands far away;
 say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,
 and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."
 For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,
 and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.
 They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
 and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,
 over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
 and over the young of the flock and the herd;
 their life shall become like a watered garden,
 and they shall never languish again.
 Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
 and the young men and the old shall be merry.
 I will turn their mourning into joy,
 I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
 I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
 and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
 says the Lord.

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

People Thanks be to God.

The Response Psalm 84:1-8, *Quam dilecta!*

Reader Let us read from Psalm 84 responsively by half verse,
 (the People reading the text in **bold**).

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *

**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
 my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

2 The sparrow has found her a house

and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *

**by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
 my King and my God.**

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *

they will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *

whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs,

for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

The Second Lesson Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

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

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

In the Bleak Midwinter

Hymn #112, vv 1, 2, 4



In the bleak mid-winter frost-y wind made moan, earth stood hard as
Our God, heav'n can - not hold him, nor earth sus - tain, heav'n and earth shall
What can I give him poor as I am? If I were a
i - ron, wat - er like a stone. Snow had fal - en, snow on snow,
flee a - way when he comes to reign. In the bleak mid - win - ter a
shep - herd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a wise man
snow on snow. In the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
sta - ble place suf - ficed the Lord God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.
I would do my part, yet what I can I give him, give my heart.

Words by Christina Rossetti Music by Gustav Holst

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.

The Sermon

The Rev. Jon Feuss

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

Please 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**.*

Happy are those whose strength is in the Lord. Confident that the Lord God of Hosts will hear us, let us pray for the church and the world saying, "Lord of glory, hear our prayer."

The magi came from the east to worship your Son: grant to Christians everywhere a longing for your courts and the spirit of adoration that we may always be praising you.

Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

The infant Christ received gifts of gold, incense, and myrrh: accept the offering of our hearts and minds and lives at the beginning of this year.

Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ: bless our President, our Governor, all who make and administer our laws, all members of our Armed Services, and grant an abundance of peace to your world.

Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

The Holy Family lived in exile and in the shadow of death: look in mercy on all who are poor and powerless, the homeless and the refugee, and all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit especially Andrea, Barbara, Amy Clute, Pauline Duley, Ceri Falk, Sue Ferme, Frances Hailwood, Sally Hill, Michael, Mick Mohuchy, Marjorie Morris, Bruce Shaefer, Christa van der Velden, and all those we name to you now: *(please add your prayers silently or aloud)*.

Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

Your Son shared the life of his home and family at Nazareth: protect in your love our neighbors, our families, and this community of which we are a part.

Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

Silence

Celebrant Holy One, we rejoice in our fellowship with the shepherds, the angels, the magi, the Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, and all the faithful departed. In your unfailing love for us and for all people, hear and answer our prayers through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **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.**

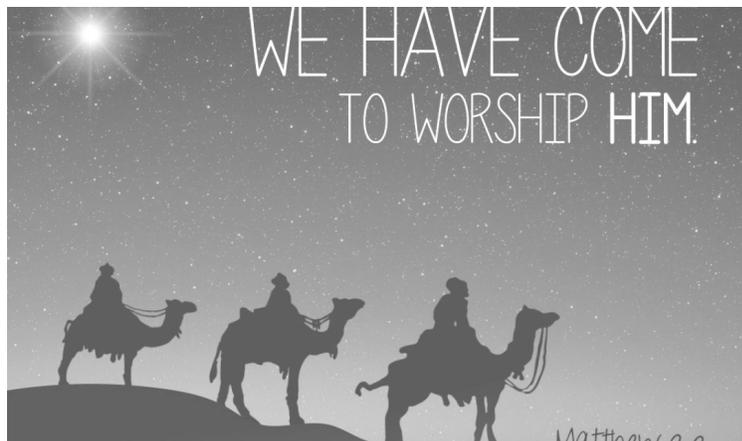
The Peace

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

Organ Anthem

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

Max Drischner

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 say together,

The Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Glory be to you, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*We will read the remainder of the Eucharistic Prayer responsively, 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Celebrant 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.

For our online community—*an invitation to pray together the spiritual communion prayer from the National Cathedral. A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

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 join in singing,
The Closing Hymn

As with Gladness men of Old

Hymn #119, vv 1-4

As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be -
As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man - ger
As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man - ger rude and
Ho - ly Je - sus! ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row

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hold; as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing
bed; there to bend the knee be - fore him whom heaven and earth a -
bare; so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al -
way; and, when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at

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bright; so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to
dore; so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek the mer - cy
loy; all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heaven - ly
12 last where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry

thee.
seat.
King.
hide.

The Sending Forth

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

People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Pastorale from "Le Prologue de Jesus"

arr. Joseph W. Clokey

Thank you for worshipping with us!

Welcome!

We warmly welcome you if you are here with us for the first time today. We joyfully welcome *all* people into our community – without exception. Whoever you are, and whatever the status of your relationship with God, you will find fellow travelers here.

With blessings and peace from the community of St Francis Church.

Weekly Worship

Sundays

8am—Rite I Holy Communion, Chapel

10am– Rite II Holy Communion, with full choir, Main Sanctuary

Ongoing

Bible Study on Zoom—Contacts: Jack Hailwood, john.w.hailwood@outlook.com or Suellen Eslinger, suellesl@verizon.net

Yoga—Mondays from 11:15am -12:45pm - Level 1/2 Hatha Yoga for Strength and Mobility.

Wednesdays 9:00-10:15am Level 1 Gentle Yoga for Vital Mobility and Balance.

(free-will offering). Contact: Jill, jillfenskelynych@gmail.com

Meditation—Thursdays 9:30-10:30am—in the library. Contact: Kristina Pelá, krab3@yahoo.com;

AA—Thursdays & Sundays 7:30 pm, **Al-Anon**—Thursdays 7:00pm

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Children and families—free childcare in the nursery on the Parish Hall stage, during 10am worship; pre-K thru 5th grade—Meet in classrooms at 9:55 a.m. Children re-join their families in Church in time for Communion. Contact: Kristina Pelá, krab3@yahoo.com;

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