

Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Sunday, January 5, 2025 ❖ 10:00 am



Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby

Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump

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. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.

Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

Coming Events

Sunday, Jan. 5

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I in the Chapel
- 9:10 am Spiritual Formation Class: "Who is Jesus?"
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Monday, Jan. 6 – Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, Jan. 8

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
- 11:00 am Good Grief Meeting
- 6:00 pm Nurture Group
- 6:00 pm Men's Corner Meeting

Thursday, Jan. 9 – 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group

Friday, Jan. 10 – 9:00 am Beaders Group

Sunday, Jan. 12

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I in the Chapel
- 9:10 am Spiritual Formation Class: "Who is Jesus?"
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Monday, Jan. 13 – Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, Jan. 14

- 6:00 pm Finance Meeting
- 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 15

- 10:00 am Healing & Reconciliation Holy Eucharist
- 10:00 am Blue Bin Sorting
- 5:00 pm Good Grief Meeting

Thursday, Jan. 16 – 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group

For more events, dates and times, visit our church calendar:

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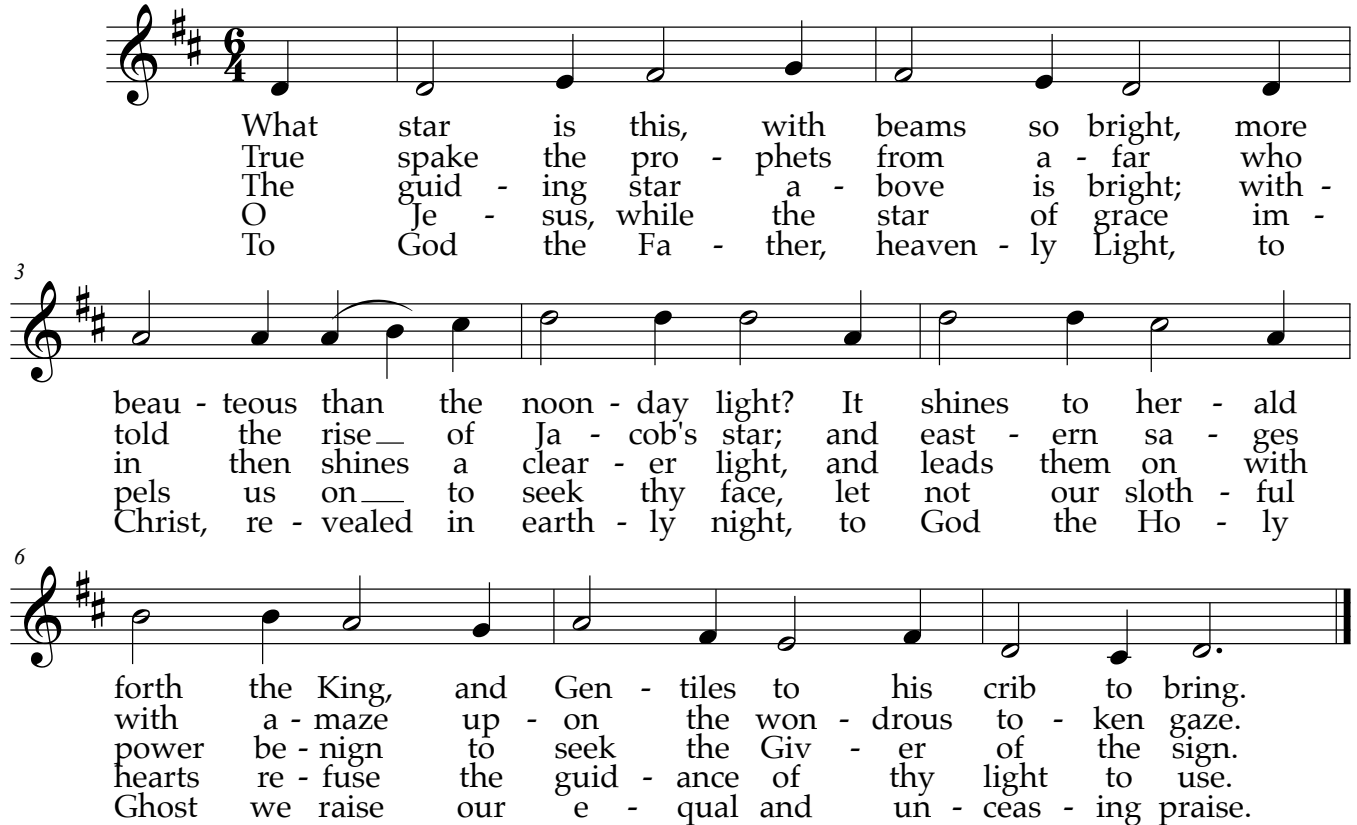
The Word of God

Please stand as able and join in singing.

The Processional Hymn

What Star Is this, with Beams so Bright

Hymnal #124



What star is this, with beams so bright, more
 True spake the prophets from a far who
 The guid - ing star a - bove is bright; with -
 O Je - sus, while the star of grace im -
 To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to
 beau - teous than the noon - day light? It shines to her - ald
 told the rise of Ja - cob's star; and east - ern sa - ges
 in then shines a clear - er light, and leads them on with
 pels us on to seek thy face, let not our sloth - ful
 Christ, re - vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly
 forth the King, and Gen - tiles to his crib to bring.
 with a - maze up - on the won - drous to - ken gaze.
 power be - nign to seek the Giv - er of the sign.
 hearts re - fuse the guid - ance of thy light to use.
 Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); TR. "Hymns Ancient and Modern," 1861, after John Chandler (1807-1876), alt.
 Music: "Puer nobis," from Trier MS., 15th cent.adapt. Michael Praetorius (1671-1621); harm. "Cowley Carol Book," 1902

The Opening Acclamation

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

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Almighty God,
People **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.**

Please remain standing as able and join in singing.

The Gloria

Gloria in excelsis Deo

Hymnal #96 (Refrain)

Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

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Words: French carol, tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt.
Music: French carol, arr. Edward Shippen Branes (1887-1958).

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.*

Please be seated.

The First Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6

Reader A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

- ¹Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
- ²For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
- ³Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
- ⁴Lift 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.
- ⁵Then 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.

⁶A 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Reader Let us read from Psalm 72 responsively (the People reading the text in bold).

Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's great-er
4 Son! Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854). Music: Ellacombe, 1784, harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

¹Give the King your justice, O God, *

and your righteousness to the King's Son;

²That he may rule your people righteously *

and the poor with justice;

³That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *

and the little hills bring righteousness.

⁴He shall defend the needy among the people; *

he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

Refrain

⁵He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *

from one generation to another.

⁶He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *

like showers that water the earth.

⁷In his time shall the righteous flourish; *

there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

¹⁰The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, *

and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

Refrain

¹¹All kings shall bow down before him, *

and all the nations do him service.

¹²For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, *

and the oppressed who has no helper.

¹³He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *

he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

¹⁴He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, *

and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

Refrain

The Second Lesson: Ephesians 3:1-12

Reader A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus.

¹This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In 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: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of 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. ⁸Although 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, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so 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. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able and join in singing.

The Sequence Hymn

How Bright Appears the Morning Star

Hymnal #497

How bright ap - pears the Morn - ing star, with
 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he
 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with

3
 mer - cy beam - ing from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es; O
 deigned to cast a pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture; the
 praise, ye sin - ners fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion. In -

7
 right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and
 whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser - a -
 car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great

10
 Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es: Je - sus, Je - sus!
 phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture; Je - sus, grant us,
 Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion. A - men, A - men!

15
 Ho - ly, ho - ly yet most low - ly, draw thou near us;
 through thy mer - it, to in - her - it thy sal - va - tion;
 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise be giv - en

18
 great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.
 hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.
 ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

Words: William Mercer (1811-1873), after Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608).
 Music: "Wie schön leuchtet," melody att. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608);
 arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Please remain standing as able.

The Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "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." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶'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.' "

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then 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." ⁹When 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. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On 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. ¹²And 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 be seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. Jason Shelby

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

Please stand as able and join in saying the Nicene Creed.

The Nicene Creed

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, who with the Father and the Son he 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.

Please remain standing as able.

The Prayers of the People (the People read the responses in **bold**)

Deacon Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Deacon Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Deacon Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Deacon Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Deacon Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Deacon Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Deacon Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Please kneel or sit as able.

The Confession of Sin

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

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.**

The Absolution

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.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Ministers and People exchange signs of peace in the name of the Lord.

Please be seated.

The Welcome and Announcements

Anyone who has a birthday or anniversary in the next week is invited to come forward for a blessing:

All **Watch over your child(ren), O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

Celebrant Walk in love as Christ loves us, bring offerings of praise and thanksgiving to his table.

The Offertory Anthem

What Child is This

Hymnal #115

*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!*

*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.*

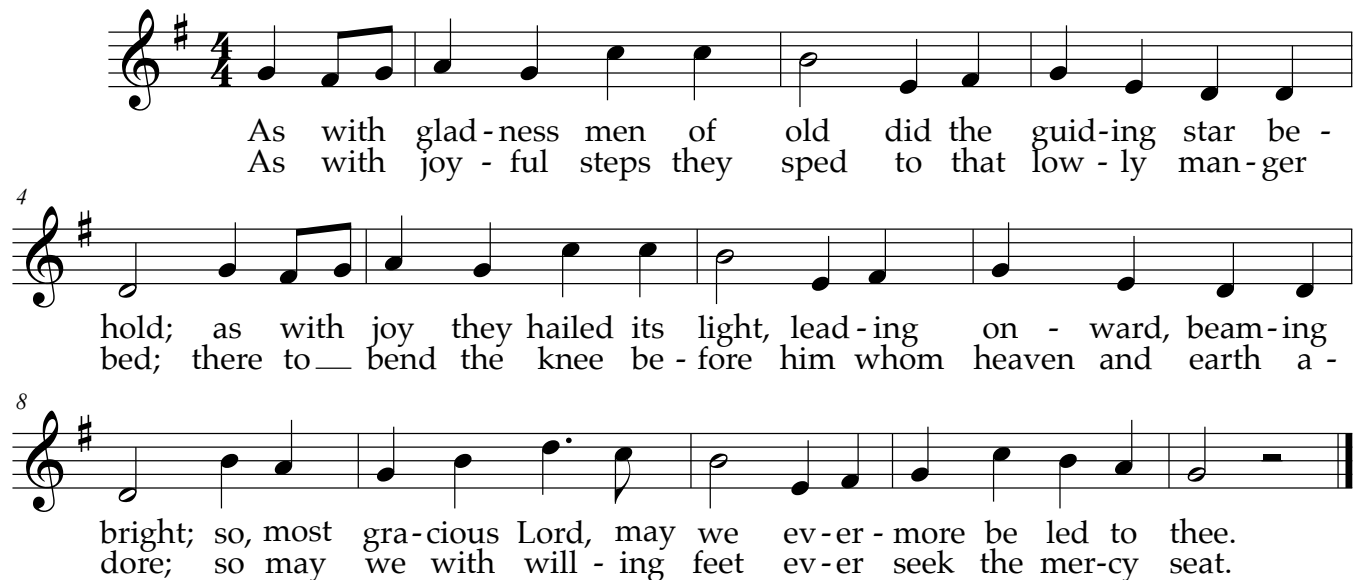
*So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come, peasant, king to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him. Refrain.*

St. Francis Choir

The Offertory Hymn

As with Gladness Men of Old

Hymnal #119



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
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 -
bright; so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev-er - more be led to thee.
dore; so may we with will - ing feet ev-er seek the mer-cy seat.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: "Dix," melody Conrad Kocher (1786-1872);
arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); harm. "The English Hymnal," 1906.

Please stand as able.

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 our 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, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your 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:

The Sanctus

Hymnal #S-78



Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord, God of power and might. Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo-ry, Ho-

7 san - na in the high-est. Bless - ed is the One who comes in the name of the

12 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: "Forest Green," English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958).

Please kneel or stand as able as the Celebrant continues.

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,

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

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, put all things in subjection under 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 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, forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

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

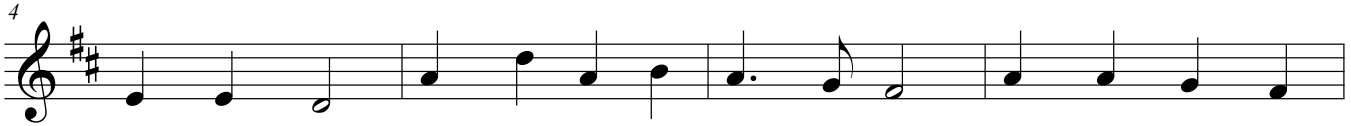
Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.**

The Fraction Anthem
Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Hymnal #135



Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to
Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro - phet, Priest, and
Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and
Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re -



thee we raise, Man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges
King su - preme; and at Ca - na, wed - ding guest, in thy God - head
faint - ing soul; man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the
splen - dent light, where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured



from a - far; branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at
man - i - fest; ma - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter
dev - il's might; man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing
glo - ry saw. When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je -



Beth - le - hem; an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made
in - to wine; an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made
good from ill; an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made
ru - sa - lem, cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made



man - i - fest.
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Words: Sts. 1-3, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885), st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984).
Music: "Salzburg," melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

The Invitation

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God, Holy gifts, for Holy people.

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)

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 you may light a candle and, if you wish, someone will be available to pray with you.

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 receive, we encourage you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply fold your hands across your chest when you come forward. The clergy will carry Communion to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward. Please notify an usher if you wish Communion to be brought to you. Gluten-free Communion wafers are available. If you require one of these, simply ask.

The Communion Song
We Three Kings of Orient Are

#128



We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing gifts we
Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to
Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense owns a
Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of
Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and



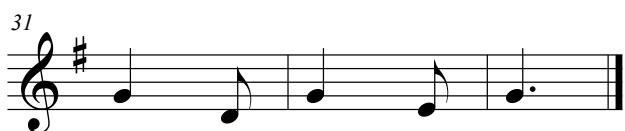
tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain,
crown him a - gain, King for ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er
De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing glad - ly rais - ing,
gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing,
Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al - le - lu - ia: al - le -



fol - low - ing yon - der star. O — star of won - der, star of night,
o - ver us all to reign.
wor - ship him, God Most High.
sealed in a stone - cold tomb.
lu - ia the earth re - plies.



star with roy - al beau - ty bright; west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us



to thy per - fect light!

Words: John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891), alt. Music: "Three Kings of Orient," John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891).

Please kneel or stand as able 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 Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

People **Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

Celebrant And, the blessing of God Almighty, ✚ The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit be with you always.

All **Amen.**

The Sending Forth

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Please stand as able and join in singing.

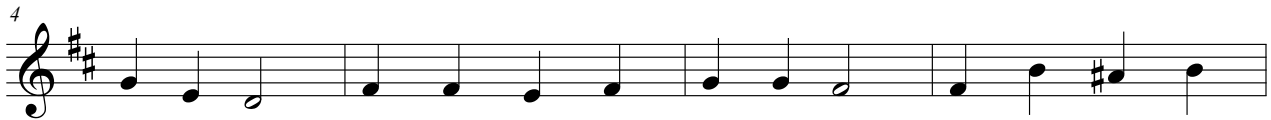
The Closing Hymn

Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Hymnal #7



Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the
Dark and cheer - less is the morn un - ac - com - pan -
Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of



on - ly light, Sun of Right - eous - ness, a - rise! Tri - umph o'er the
ied by thee; joy - less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's
sin and grief! Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my



shades of night: Day - spring from on high, be near; Day - star, in my
beams I see, till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and
un - be - lief; more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the



heart ap - pear.
warm my heart.
per - fect day.

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

The Postlude

O be joyful in the Lord

John Rutter



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We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Thomas, Drew Deley, Michael Heredia, Mark Kappelmann, Joseph Leahy, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Barry Witt, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve.

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We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

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