HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite II The epiphany of our lord jesus christ transferred

January 3, 2021 10:00 a.m.

While we're unable to be in church together, we gather today as the church, the Body of Christ. Wherever you are, we hope you'll participate fully in our worship through singing, prayer, hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ, and receiving spiritual communion. May God richly bless you as you bless us!

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

How bright appears the Morning Star

Johann Pachelbel

All stand as able at the sound of the tower bell.
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Songs of thankfulness and praise

(HYMNAL 135)



James Tissot, The Journey of the Magi, ca. 1894



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 OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presiding PriestBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.



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 WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING

READER: A Reading from the Book of 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.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Silence is marked by the ringing of a bell.

THE RESPONSE (remain seated, read responsively)

1 Give the King your justice, O God, * and your righteousness to the King's Son;

2 That he may rule your people righteously * and the poor with justice;

3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, * and the little hills bring righteousness.

4 He shall defend the needy among the people; * **he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon en/dure, * from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, * like showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous / flourish; * there shall be abundance of peace till the moon be no more.

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, * and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

11 All kings shall bow down before him, * and all the nations do him service.

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Psalm 72:1-7,10-14

Isaiah 60:1-6

12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, * and the oppressed who has no helper.

13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; * he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, * and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

THE SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:1-12

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.

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Earth has many a noble city

(HYMNAL 127)



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THE GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

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.

The Gospel of the LordPeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

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THE NICENE CREED

Presiding Priest and People

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

The people pray responsively

Loving and gracious God, on this most holy season we bring to you our deepest hopes:

For the unity and faithful witness of your Church throughout the world, that our common life may manifest the love and blessing which you desire for the whole human family, we pray to you:

Loving God, hear our prayer.

For all who exercise power in the nations and economies of the world, that their actions may be guided by wisdom, justice and compassion, we pray to you:

Loving God, hear our prayer.

For those who live in situations of conflict, violence and oppression, especially the peoples of the Holy Land, those on our own borders, and for all who work for justice, freedom, reconciliation and peace, we pray to you:

Loving God, hear our prayer.

For deliverance from the shadows of hate and fear, that the Light of Christ may dispel every darkness, and bring the dawn of human flourishing, we pray to you:

Loving God, hear our prayer.

For refugees and immigrants, and for the homeless, that like the Holy Family they may find places of welcome and shelter, we pray to you:

Loving God, hear our prayer.

For all who are suffering in body, mind or spirit, that they may find confidence and hope in their troubles; and for all who minister to them in the name of the healing Christ, we pray to you:

Loving God, hear our prayer.

For those who are experiencing loss, or grief, or sadness, that your unquenchable love may lighten their darkness; give them the comforting balm of your healing touch, we pray to you:

Loving God, hear our prayer.

For those who have not felt your closeness, and those who do not yet know how dearly you love them, that they too may receive the blessing of this holy season, we pray to you:

Loving God, hear our prayer.

For the precious web of life, that we may respect all created beings, live gently on the earth, and see the divine beauty in the world you have made, we pray to you:

Loving God, hear our prayer.

For ourselves, that we may see the face of Christ in one another, and show forth Christ's love in everything we do, we pray to you:

Loving God, hear our prayer.

For everyone whose needs and yearnings are in our hearts today, especially those we now name . . . [*the people offer particular names and concerns*]

We pray to you:

Loving God, hear our prayer.

For all who have died, especially those we now name . . . [*the people offer particular names*] that in communion with all the saints they may forever rejoice in your presence; grant them your peace, and let light perpetual shine upon them, we pray to you:

Loving God, hear our prayer.

In thanks and praise for the Incarnation of your beloved Christ, who has shown us the fullness of our true humanity, we offer ourselves, all that we have and all that we are, that your Kingdom may come to dwell in our hearts and in our stories. We pray to you:

Loving God, hear our prayer.

The Presider concludes with this collect:

Living in hope, praying fervently for all who are suffering with COVID, and all who are suffering any injustice, and rejoicing in communion with the ever-blessed Mother of Jesus, Saint Barnabas, and the saints in every generation who have shone with the light of Christ, we praise you, God who loves us. For when we ask, you give; when we seek, you show the way; when we knock, you open. Praise to you for your unfailing grace. Make us now your faithful people, we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presiding PriestThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please remain seated. When we're together in church, an offering of money is collected.

You may make an offering by clicking here.

SOLO

I wonder as I wander Micah Parker, baritone

I wonder as I wander out under the sky How Jesus, the savior, had come for to die For poor on'ry people, like you and like i. I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus, t'was in a cow's stall With wisemen and farmers and shepherds and all, But high in god's heaven a star's light did fall, And the promise of ages, it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing A star in the sky or a bird on the wing Or all of god's angels in heaven for to sing He surely could have it, for he was the king!

I wonder as I wander out under the sky How Jesus, the savior, had come for to die For poor on'ry people like you and like i. I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

PRESENTATION ANTHEM

Presiding PriestAll things come from you, O Lord,**People**and of your own have we given you.

John Jacob Niles

Presiding Priest	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Presiding Priest	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Presiding Priest	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, 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 Presiding Priest 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,

Presiding Priest and People We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Presiding Priest 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, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with 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**

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

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.



Let us pray.

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.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the People of God.



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THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING



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

DISMISSAL

People

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Thanks be to God.

PROCESSION ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Chorale-Fantasia on "In dulci jubilo"

J. S Bach

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