

Music and Readings: The Feast of the Epiphany

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *We three kings of Orient are (Three Kings of Orient)* (H 128)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

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 Lessons

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

The people sit.

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.

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Remain seated.

- 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.
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.
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.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:1-12

The people sit.

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.

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN *O Master, let me walk with thee (Maryton)* (H 660)

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

All stand.

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.

THE SERMON (BCP p. 358)

The Rev. Anita Ware

OFFERTORY HYMN *O Lord hear my pray'r* (WLP 827)

O Lord hear my pray'r, O Lord hear my pray'r.

When I call, an - swer me. O Lord hear my pray'r. O

Lord hear my pray'r, Come and lis - ten to me. O

RECESSIONAL HYMN *Songs of thankfulness and praise (Salzburg)* (H 135)

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This Week's Events

Sunday 1/5

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation with Anita (Anita's office)

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Epiphany

Coffee hour immediately following Eucharist in the Narthex

11:00 a.m. Adult Formation (Parish Hall)

Monday 1/6

5:30 p.m. Contemplative Prayer Service (Chapel)

Tuesday 1/7

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (Chapel)

10:30 a.m. Food Pantry box assembly

Wednesday 1/8

9:30 a.m. New Year's Day Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Shepherd's Table food distribution

12:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist w/ Pam (Chapel)

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Food Pantry Boxes distribution

Thursday 1/9

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist & Healing Service (Chapel)

Compline on Zoom will resume in January

Upcoming Dates

Sunday 1/19

Annual Meeting following Holy Eucharist

Prayer List




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