

THE EPIPHANY of the LORD



We have seen his star in the East,
and have come to worship him.

Matthew 2.2

Epiphany,
Swanson, John August

Welcome and Good Morning!

The Holy Eucharist,
Book of Alternative Services, (with Eucharistic Prayer 2)

Presiding & Preaching: Reverend Laurie Omstead

Deacon: Reverend Bill MacDonald

Licensed Lay Minister: Jackie Snair

Musicians: Carol and Donnie Webb

The Gathering of the Community

Opening Hymn:

We Three Kings
of Orient Are



Three Kings, Record number: [56527]

The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

And also with you.

Almighty God,
**To you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
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.**

Glory to God

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**

Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

**Eternal God,
who by a star
led wise men to the worship of your Son.
Guide by your light the nations of the earth,
that the whole world may know your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

ISAIAH 60: 1-6;



Journey of the Magi , James Tissot,
Minneapolis Institute of Art

Psalms 72: 1-7, 10-14 (alternating verses)

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the king's son;

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

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

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

He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**O God, bring our nation and all nations
to a sense of justice and equity, that poverty,
oppression and violence, may vanish
and all may know peace and plenty.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Second Reading:

EPHESIANS 3: 1-12



The Apostle Paul, Rembrandt, National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC

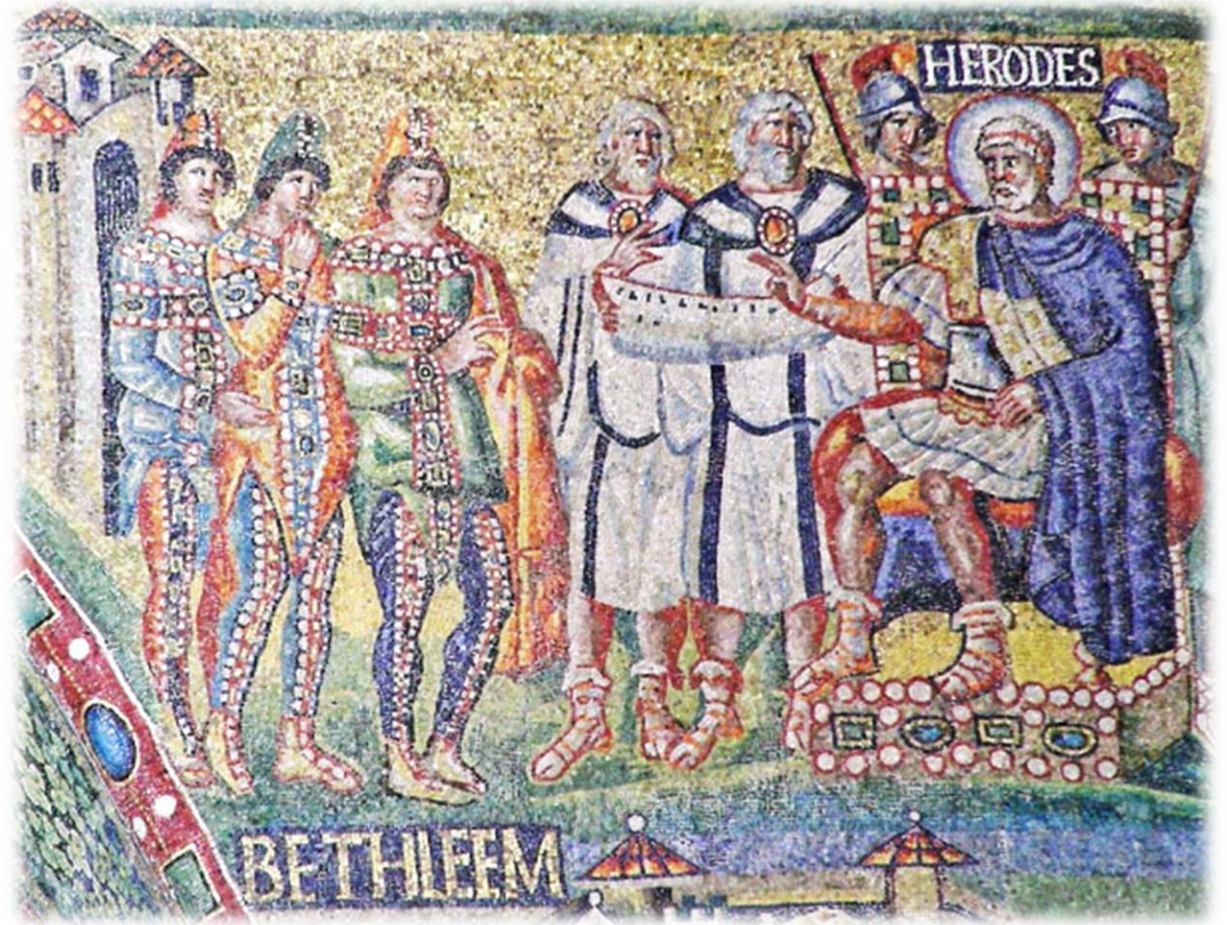
Gradual Hymn:
Nothing But a Child



Christ Child as Good Shepherd, Goa, India
Walters Art Museum, Baltimore, MD

The Good News:

The Holy Gospel of Christ
according to
MATTHEW 2: 1-12



Herod Speaks with the Magi -- Mosaic, Santa Maria
Maggiore, Rome, Italy

Reflection



Visit of the Three Wise Men, JESUS MAFA

The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism,
as we say,

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers
of the People,
Offered by
Jackie Snair



Star of Bethlehem Quilt, Museum of Fine Arts,
Boston, MA

Confession and Absolution

Dear Friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
God welcomes sinners
and invites us to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

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 neighbours 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.**

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord
be always with you.

And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn:

Adore Him



The Magi and the Christ Child, detail
Peter Paul Rubens,
Royal Museums of Fine Arts of Belgium,
Brussels, Belgium

Prayer over the Gifts:

**Gracious God,
accept the offering of your Church,
the hearts of your people
joined in praise and thanksgiving,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving
Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Redeemer.
He is your living Word
through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature.
He lived and died as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

In fulfillment of your will
he stretched out his hands in suffering,
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;
and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,
and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.

By his resurrection
he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious God,
accept our praise,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread and gave you thanks,
saying, "Take, and eat:
this is my body which is broken for you."

In the same way he took the cup,
saying, “This is my blood which is shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me.”

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we offer you this bread and this cup,
giving thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit
upon the offering of your holy Church.
Gather into one
all who share in these sacred mysteries,
filling them with the Holy Spirit
and confirming their faith in the truth,
that together we may praise you
and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son,
with the Holy Spirit
in the Holy Church,
now and for ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, we are bold to pray

**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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world

**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

The Communion

The gifts of God
for the Children of God.

Thanks be to God.

Music During Communion:

The First Nowell

That's What It Takes
to Make A King



Shining Hope, Lauren Wright Pittman
Liturgical Artist

Prayer After Communion

**God of all the nations of the earth,
guide us with your light.**

**Help us to recognize Christ as he comes to us
in this eucharist and in our neighbours.**

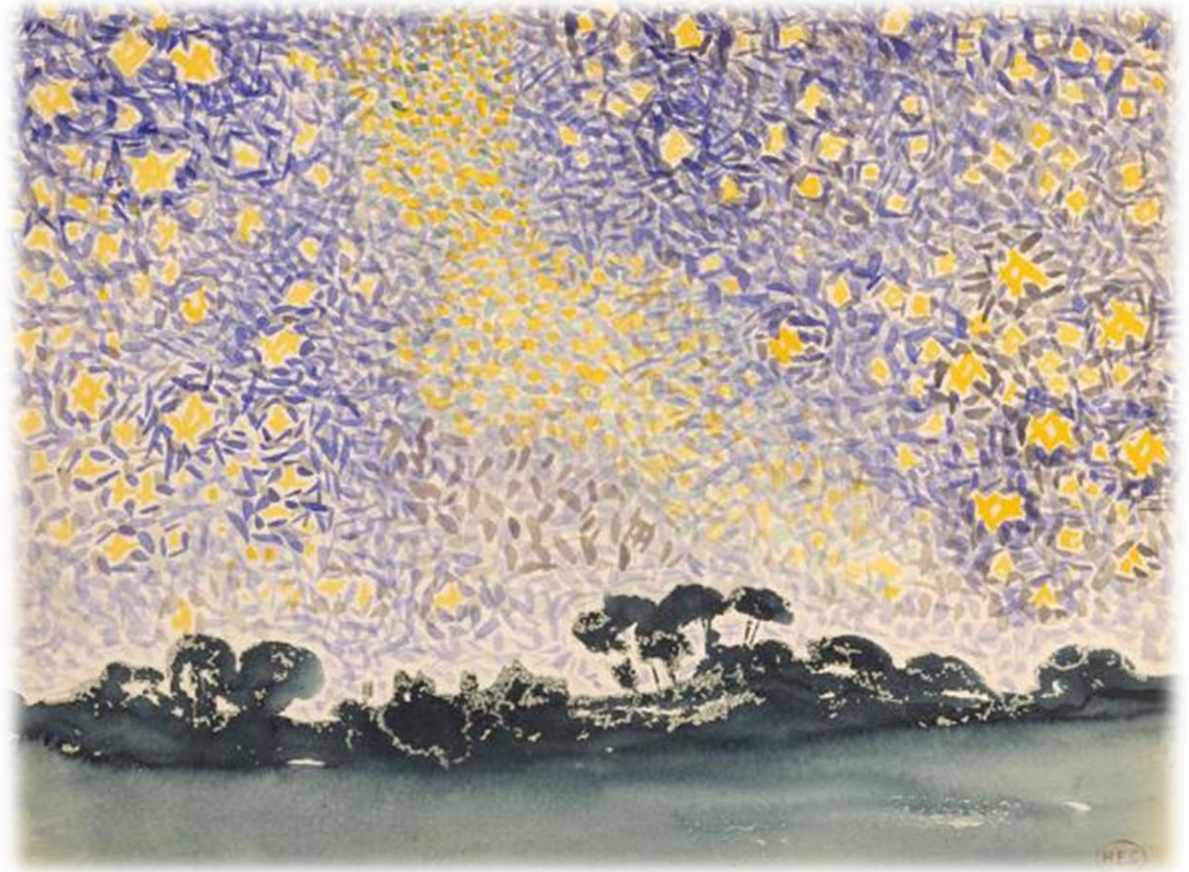
**May we welcome him with love,
for he is Lord now and for ever. Amen.**

Doxology

Glory to God,
**whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.**
**Glory to God, from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen**

Closing Hymn:

Rejoice With
Exceeding Great Joy



Landscape with Stars, Cross,
Henri Edmond, 1856-1910

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