

CELEBRATION OF THE EPIPHANY

THE MANIFESTATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST TO THE GENTILES

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

JANUARY 5, 2020

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*AN EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE ANGLICAN TRADITION*

Holy Eucharist Rite II at 8:00 A.M. and 10:15 A.M.
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Welcome!

We are people of the Incarnation! The birth of the God-man, Jesus Christ initiated the fulfillment of the Old Testament Prophecies about the Messiah and the coming Kingdom of God.

God thrust God's self into human history so that humankind could experience unity with God. God did that through the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. This is love beyond our wildest dream. The love of God is so far beyond our comprehension that we cannot and will never be able to fathom it in its entirety. The best we can do is to try to understand it from the perspective of human love—one toward one another.

God's love for us is a working model for us to strive to live by, to accept the other for whom he or she is without trying to change that person into our image or our expectation of what that person should be and how that person should act.

God loves each human person regardless of race, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, social position, wealth or the lack thereof. God loves all of us with the same depth and intensity and calls each person to hear God's voice to come to God and to grow into the God who waits for us.

We invite you to fill out a Visitors Information Card and stay for hospitality after worship. Information is available about the Episcopal Church on our website or you can ask one of the clergy. Website, Email information and telephone numbers are found on the back of the bulletin.

- If you are interested in the Sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation, or being received into the Episcopal Church please see one of the clergy.
- Before you leave, please pray for us as we carry out the ministry of the love of God and service in our communities.

This congregation is committed to being an open, affirming and welcoming church to all who come here.

The Holy Eucharist

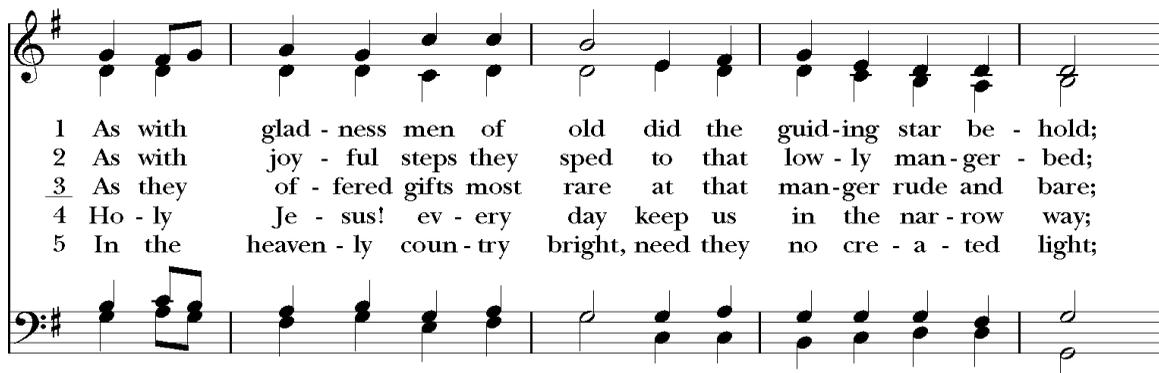
Prelude

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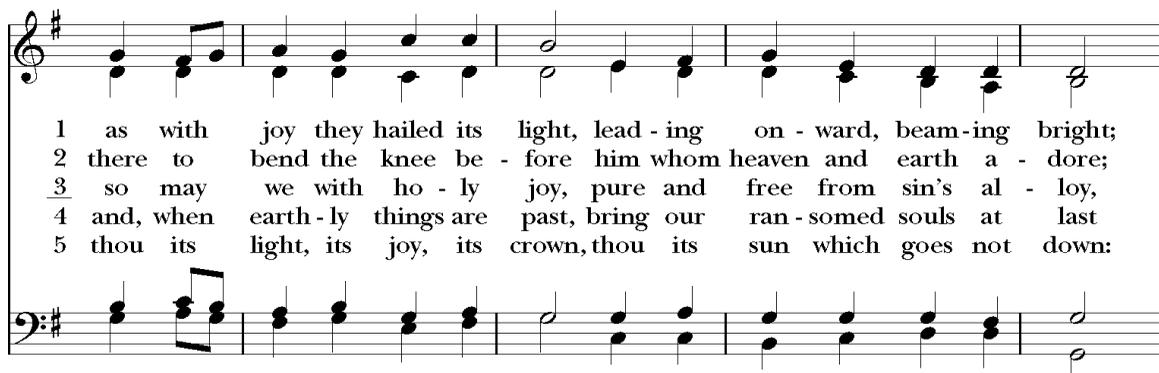
Gathering Hymn

As with gladness, men of old Hymnal 119

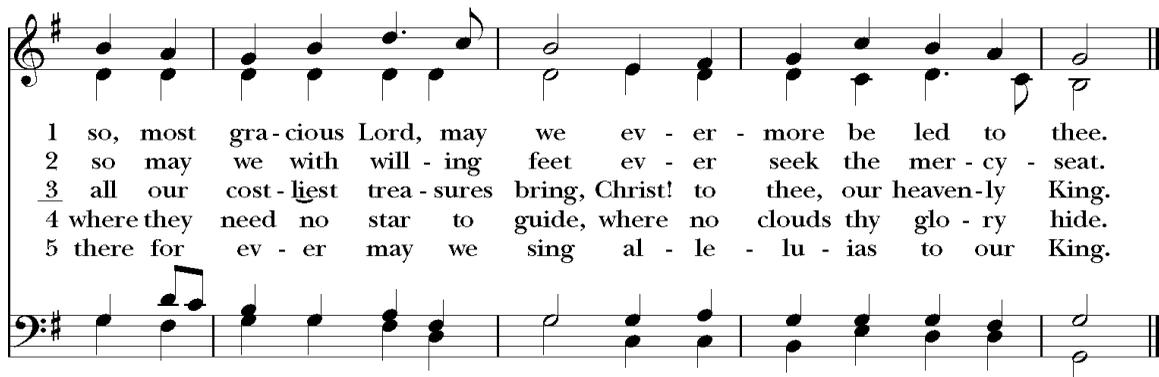
8:00 am Verses 1, 3, 4 10:15 am All Verses



1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man - ger - bed;
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man - ger rude and bare;
4 Ho - ly Je - sus! ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row way;
5 In the heaven - ly coun - try bright, need they no cre - a - ted light;



1 as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
2 there to bend the knee be - fore him whom heaven and earth a - dore;
3 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
4 and, when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
5 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down:



1 so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.
2 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek the mer - cy - seat.
3 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heaven - ly King.
4 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
5 there for ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our King.

The Word of God

The people standing, the Celebrant says

The Lord has shown forth his glory.
Come let us adore him.

The Celebrant says

BCP 355

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.**

Hymn of Praise Angels from the realms of glory

Hymnal 93
Verses 1, 3, 4

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;
beam a - far: seek the great De - sire of na - tions;
hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

A Prayer for God's Will

All together say

Loving God, we pray that your will for us and for St. Francis' Church be done. Rid our minds of personal goals and expectations, doubts and fears so that we may be vessels for your will and your expectations. We pray that your will for St. Francis' Church be made manifest to us; and give us the courage to carry out your will whatever it is. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who always lived out your will in his life. Amen

All sit for the Lessons. The Reader says

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

60:1-6

Arise, 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.

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 *Deus, iudicium* *God, your judgement* BCP 685

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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8:00 am The Reader reads the first verse to the asterisk and then all say the remainder of the psalm together.

10:15 am Psalm is chanted by all.

**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 endure, *
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 shall 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.**

**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.**

A reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

3:1-12

This 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 to 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 to 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn before the Gospel

What star is this
All Verses

Hymnal 124

Unison or harmony

1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more beau - teous
2 True spake the pro - phet from a - far who told the
3 The guid - ing star a - bove is bright; with - in them
4 O Je - sus, while the star of grace im - pels us
5 To God the Fa - ther, heav - en - ly Light, to Christ, re -

1 than the noon - day light? It shines to her - ald
 2 rise of Ja - cob's star; and east - ern sa - ges
 3 shines a clear - er light, and leads them on with
 4 on to seek thy face, let not our sloth - ful
 5 vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly

1 forth the King, and Gen - tles to his crib to bring.
 2 with a - maze up - on the won - drous to - ken gaze.
 3 power be - nign to seek the Giv - er of the sign.
 4 hearts re - fuse the guid - ance of thy light to use.
 5 Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

The Gospel

The Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew 2:1-12
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, 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.¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped,* they were overwhelmed with joy.¹¹ 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.¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of our Savior.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The People sit

The Sermon *Children when present and Adult*

Fr. Alfred Jewson

After the sermon all sit for a while in silent reflection.

All stand

The Nicene Creed

**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 truly 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.**

Prayers of the People *Adapted from Prayers by Deacon Ormond Platter*

The Deacon calls the people to prayer

As we join the wise men from the East and humbly offer gifts at the feet of Jesus, let us offer prayers to God who shows the glory of Christ in all the world.

Intercessor

By the manifestation of the King of the Jews to the shepherds and the magi.
Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Wayne our Bishop, Deon our Bishop elect, Alfred our priest and Rebecca our deacon. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer for the people and ministry of the Church of St. Michael and St. George in Clayton and Andrew, Peter, Tom, Anne and Stewart their priests. In our companion Diocese of Lui we pray for Ma'di'ba Parish, and Francis, their priest. For all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For our Discernment Team and in thanksgiving for all believers who put their trust in the Incarnate Son of God.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For our political leaders and all in authority that their leadership may be in the best interest of all the people of this nation and for peace and justice.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the conversion of the whole human race to our blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

We remember the sick and the suffering, the hungry and the oppressed, special intentions, first responders, those in the military, travelers, those in prison, and especially those who have asked for prayers. For parishioners: Noel, Roger, Jack, Linda, Darla, and Sylvia. For those who have asked for prayer: Dayna, Morgan, Lynn, Benjamin, Sarah, Joan, Virginia, Charlie and Kristine. Please name those you wish to remember, either silently or aloud. *Pause* For deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the ministry of Friends of St. Francis Childcare Center, especially students: Addison, Ava, Bella, and Bently and teachers: Bethany, Abby, Maddie, and Chloe. O God, we give you thanks for this ministry.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

We remember Josephine and Nancy and all who have died. Please name those you wish to remember, either silently or aloud. *Pause* Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Remembering our most glorious and blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, Isaiah the Prophet, St. Paul, St. Francis and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord.

Celebrant:

God of the stars of night, accept the prayers we offer on this joyful feast. Fill our hunger with your word of truth and summon all who thirst to the banquet of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

EOW 56

The Deacon says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept. Minister and People

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

We hear the words of **Absolution** and, knowing ourselves forgiven, are invited to share God's peace. The Celebrant says, **The Peace of Christ be always with you.** We answer together, **And also with you.** Then we share a sign of God's peace.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ. First welcome the visitor, then greet new friends, then greet old friends.

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant begins the offertory with these words

Sisters and brothers present yourselves as living sacrifices to the Lord.

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offering of bread and wine to the celebrant.

Offertory Hymn

We three kings of Orient are
All Verses

Hymnal 128



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



1 gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
2 bring to crown him a - gain, King for ev - er,
3 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
4 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
5 God and Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al - le -



1 moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
2 ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
3 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship him, God Most High.
4 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
5 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

Refrain

O star of won - der, star of night,

star with roy - al beau - ty bright; west - ward lead - ing,

still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

The stanzas may be sung by three soloists: 1 and 5 by the ensemble; 2-4 by individuals; and the refrain by all.

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

The Doxology

The people stand while the bread and wine and money offerings are presented and placed on the altar. The bread and wine will become the gift of Christ to us. Our money offerings will become one of the gifts we offer back to Christ.

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
 Praise him, all creatures here below
 Praise him above, ye heavenly host
 Praise, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Tune of Hymn 380

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

8:00 am The Celebrant says

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 him thanks and praise.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

Then 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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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:

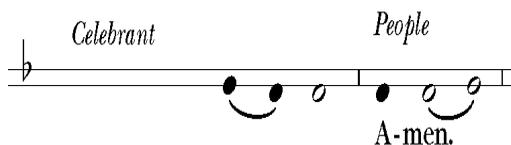
**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

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, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Francis, Isaiah the Prophet, St. James 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.**



The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

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

Celebrant and people

**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.

8:00 am *The Celebrant says*

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

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

10:15 am

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S154

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
 there - fore let us keep the feast.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Body and Blood of Christ are shared with all who are baptized. A blessing is given to anyone who would like to come forward but does not want to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Hymn Let all mortal flesh keep silence Hymnal 324 *All Verses*



1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and
2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on
3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -
earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man
on the way, as the Light of Light de -
sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the



mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,
Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,



Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,
he will give to all the faith - ful
that the powers of hell may va - nish
"Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"



our full hom - age to de - mand.
his own self for heaven - ly food.
as the dark - ness clears a way.
Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

The Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors

After the ablutions (washing) of the vessels used for Holy Communion, the Deacon sends Eucharistic Visitors forth to bring Holy Communion to the homebound and infirm

The Deacon says

In the healing name of Jesus, you the members of St. Francis' Church send forth *name* bearing these holy gifts of bread and wine that *name* may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup.

Prayer after Communion

BCP 366

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Epiphany Blessing

BOS 24

The Celebrant blesses the People

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

All Verses

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
 4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen-dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
 and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
 where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

Birthdays: Anne Booker—January 6
Cindy Reese—January 6
Lydia Broom-Morse—January 10
Cheryl Foster—January 10

Announcements

Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the people with these words

May Jesus be the heart of your Epiphany Season! Go in joy and peace in the name of Christ.

We will go and spread the Good News! Amen.

Something to Think About

The word, “epiphany” means a sudden manifestation of the essence or meaning of something. In the Feast of the Epiphany, the meaning of the Incarnation was made present – Christ was born for the salvation of all people. What can you do to make this Good News known to others?

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**St. Francis' Church is a Two Rule Church:
Love God, Love Each Other!**

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Bible Study Questions

This Sunday all of our bible study questions will focus on the Gospel story recorded in St. Matthew 2:1-12.

1. Describe how you picture these wise men.
2. What verses tell the number of wise men, list their names, or describe them as kings?
3. How does the story of the wise men described in Matthew compare to your version?
4. Why do you think this story has been so embellished?
5. What does “Epiphany” mean to you?
6. What can we learn from the wise men and their journey?
7. What did the wise men gain in their search?
8. How has God been revealed to you during the last year? How might you become more open to God’s revelations in the future?
9. What does it mean today to seek Christ?
10. What are you willing to sacrifice in order to worship Jesus, the King of the Jews?
11. Write down three ways to seek Christ this coming year.

ANNUAL MEETING - SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020

The Annual Meeting of St Francis’ Church members will take place following the 10:15 A.M. worship on January 26th. Lunch will be provided and there will be activities for younger children. All adults and youth are encouraged to attend this important meeting. Bishop’s Committee and Delegate elections, new budget, current ministries and opportunities for new ministries are on the agenda. Please make plans to attend.

Prayer Rota

Members of the congregation for whom we are asked to pray this week.
Noel Choweller and Pat & Mike Rohan and Brenda Russell

Prayer List

Parishioners: Roger Reese, Jack Doerr, Annie Rayman, Linda Doolittle, Darla Becker, Tracey Oswald & Sylvia Ahmad

Parish & Diocesan related prayer requests: St Francis' Discernment Committee and Friends of St. Francis' Childcare Center, especially students: Addison, Ava, Bella, and Bently and teachers: Bethany, Abby, Maddie, and Chloe. For those working abroad: especially Ryan & Lauren Smith

For those who have asked for prayers: Deacon Dayna Jewson, Morgan, Frank Baldwin, Pat Jacobi, Bob Sweeney, Lynn Stemme, Benjamin Cra, Sarah, Joan Deuschle, and Virginia Stemme.

For those who have died: Josephine Hall, cousin of Della Thompson and Nancy Richards, cousin of Suzanne Jones

CHILE, CHECKERS & CHEESECAKE—JANUARY 10 6:00—8:30 pm in the Community Rood Family Fun Night !!!

*Do you have a favorite chili or soup recipe
or a favorite dessert recipe?*

Potluck chili or soup and dessert, BYOB, and games. Bring your favorite board/card game, a pot of soup or chili, and/or dessert. Soda and lemonade will be available. A family night to start the new year. Friday, January 10, 6pm to 8:30. Come one....come all. Questions? Cal Kathleen O'Reilly 314-706-2330



This Week at St. Francis' Church

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| Sunday January 5 2nd Sunday after Christmas Day | 8:00am 9:00 am 10:15am 11:45am 6:00 pm | Holy Eucharist Choir Practice Holy Eucharist Adult Forum— Friends of St. Francis Childcare Center—Michael Booker & Kathy Regnier <i>Al-Anon- Community Room</i> |
| Monday January 6 Feast of the Epiphany | 5:00 pm 6:00 pm | Evening Prayer & Intercessions Worship & Music Committee |
| Tuesday January 7 | 8:30 am 10:00am 7:00 pm | Morning Prayer <i>Al Anon—Children's Room</i> <i>Overeaters' Anonymous –</i> <i>Community Room</i> |
| Wednesday January 8 | 1:30pm 5:30 pm 6:30 pm | Crafternoon – Community Room Centering Prayer Tutoring-Community Room |
| Thursday January 9 | 8:30 am 3:30 pm 6:45 pm | Morning Prayer Chalice Meeting <i>AA—Community Room</i> |
| Friday January 10 | 10:00am 10:00am 6:00 pm | Bible Study – Community Room <i>OPEN OA Group—Children's Room</i> Chili, Checkers, & Cheesecake— Community Room |
| Saturday January 11 | 7:00 am | <i>AA—Community Room</i> |
| Sunday January 12 First Sunday after the Epiphany Baptism of our Lord | 8:00 am 9:00 am 10:15am 11:45am 6:00 pm | Holy Eucharist Choir Practice Holy Eucharist Adult Forum—Racism in the Bible - Vernon Alexander <i>Al-Anon- Community Room</i> |

Today's Ministers of Worship

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| Celebrant | The Rev. Alfred Jewson |
| Deacon | The Ven. Rebecca Barger |
| Musician | Cheryl Foster |
| Choir Director | Max Starbuck |
| Christian Formation | Kathy Regnier |
| Altar Guild | Sue Schmidt |
| Acolyte 8:00am | Tatum, McCart |
| Lector & Intercessor 8:00am | Janet Houseman |
| Announcements 8:00am | Barb Sacco |
| Greeter | Doris Schaefer |
| Usher | Bob Smith |
| Acolyte 10:15 am | Rich Mayfield |
| Lectors 10:15 am | Tracey Oswald, Paul Jokerst |
| Intercessor 10:15am | Joe O'Reilly |
| Torchbearers 10:15 am | John Schmidt, Sue Schmidt |
| Eucharistic Minister 10:15 am | Bob Schaefer |
| Eucharistic Visitor | Tracey Oswald |
| Tellers | Christ Kinder, Bob Smith |
| Announcements 10:15 am | Jerry Smith |

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of time.

--Matthew 28:19-20

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