



St. Francis' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday, January 2, 2022

The Feast of the Epiphany



Go forth and scatter the darkness

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN **BRIGHTEST AND BEST OF THE STARS OF THE MORNING** H 118 v. 1, 3-4



Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
Shall we then yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,
Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple o - bla - tion,



dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;
o - dors of E - dom, and of - ferings di - vine,
vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure,



star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,
gems of the moun - tain, and pearls of the o - cean,
rich - er by far is the heart's a - dor - a - tion,



guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
myrrh from the for - est, and gold from the mine?
dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.

Refrain



Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;



star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,



guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

OPENING ACCLAMATIONS

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider 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, so that we may truly love you, and worthily praise your holy name; through our Savior Jesus Christ.

People **Amen.**

GLORIA

ED BOLDOC

Glory, glory to God in the highest
Glory, glory to God in the highest
And on earth, peace to people of good will

We praise You, we bless You, we adore You, we glorify You
We give You thanks for Your great glory
Lord God, Heavenly King
O God, Almighty Father

Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us
You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer
You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us

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

Glory, glory to God in the highest
Glory, glory to God in the highest
And on earth, peace to people of good will
Amen!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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.

People: **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING

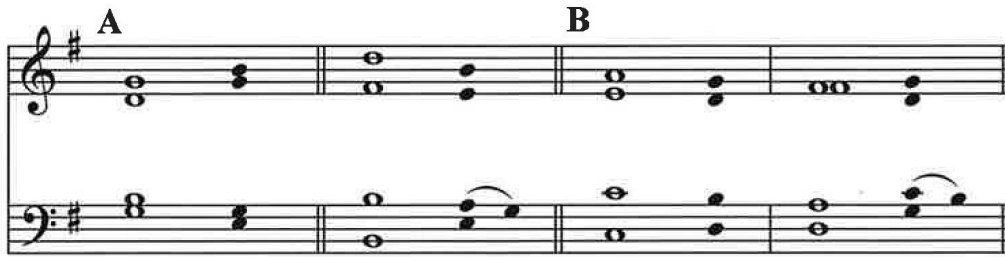
Reader A reading from the book of Isaiah.

60:1-6

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.

People The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



- 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 op/pressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon en/dure,
from one generation to a/nother.
- 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 be/fore him,
and all the nations do him / service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in dis/tress,
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

Reader A reading from the 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-- 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ANTIPHON

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
My sheep hear my voice says the Lord.
I know them and they follow me.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

THE GOSPEL

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

2:1-12

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 Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

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**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 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 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Presider You who by the leading of a star guided the Magi to the brightness of the Holy Child of Bethlehem; lead us by the guiding of Jesus our Savior to the light of revelation, that we may value and honor the varied gifts of our siblings and together present the offering of our life's labor at the feet of our Savior. Christ be our light.

People **Shine in our hearts.**

The intercessor readers the Prayers of the People. To each prayer, the people respond

People **Shine in our hearts.**

The Presider offers a concluding prayer.

Presider May Christ, the Morning-Star who knows no setting, find us ever burning with the light of love, the spirit of truth, and the wellspring of hope; that following the way of Jesus and filled with the flame of the Holy Spirit, we may be a holy people whose lives and living inspire, incite, and inflame your world with compassion and care. Through Jesus the Christ the light of the world.

People **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Presider The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own. Let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept for a time.

People **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.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

People **Amen.**

PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We invite you to extend the peace of God to those in the congregation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHALK BLESSING

The Church has a custom of blessing homes on the Feast of the Epiphany and the weeks following. We ask God's blessing on our homes and those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows. A traditional way of doing this is to mark the place we live using chalk blessed during the liturgy for the Feast of Epiphany.

The chalk and the blessing will be distributed as you exit the church and are available in the church office during regular hours.

Presider Our help is the name of the Lord:

People **The maker of heaven and earth.**

Presider The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in:

People **From this time forth with evermore.**

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

People **Loving God, bless this chalk which you have created, that it may be helpful to your people; and grant that through the invocation of your most Holy Name all who use it in faith to write upon the doors of their homes the names of your saints, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, may receive health of body and protection of soul for all who dwell in or visit their home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



OFFERTORY**WHERE IS THIS STUPENDOUS STRANGER?****WLP 726**

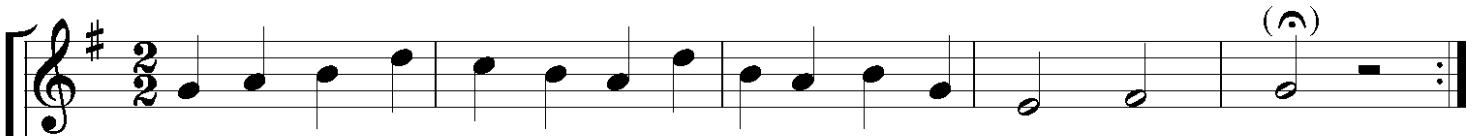
1. Where is this stu - pen-dous stran-ger? Gen - tle shep-herd now, ad - vise.
 2. O the mag - ni - tude of meek-ness! Worth from worth im - mor-tal sprung;



Lead me to my Mas-ter's man - ger, show me where my Sav-ior lies.
 O the strength of in - fant weak-ness, if e - ter - nal is so young!



O Most Migh - ty! O Most Ho - ly! Far be-yond the ser-aph's thought,
 God all bount-eous, all - cre - a - tive, whom no ills from good dis - suade,



art thou then so weak and low - ly as un-heed-ed pro - phets taught?
 is in - car-nate, and a na-tive of the ve - ry world he made.

DOXOLOGY**H 380**

During the 10:30 worship service, the following is sung as the offerings are presented.

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

EUCHARIST

At 8:00am, all are invited to gather around the altar now and return to your seat after receiving Communion.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thank to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God 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 people sing:

ED BOLDOC

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest

Presider 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 Presider is to hold it or lay a hand upon it.

Presider 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,

Presider and People

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

Presider 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 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 Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

The people sing:

ED BOLDUC

Amen, amen, amen

Amen, amen, amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE LAMB OF GOD

ED BOLDOC

The people sing:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world

Have mercy on us

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world

Have mercy on us

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world

Grant us peace

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Eucharistic bread is gluten-free and nut-free. This Eucharistic table does not belong to the Episcopal Church or to St. Francis'. This is God's table, and all are welcome. In the Episcopal Church, we receive both the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Jesus.

HYMN AFTER COMMUNION WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE

H 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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After all have received communion the Presider says

Presider God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

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 to 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.**

BLESSING

Presider May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord.

People **Amen.**

Presider May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth.

People **Amen.**

Presider May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts.

People **Amen.**

Presider And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

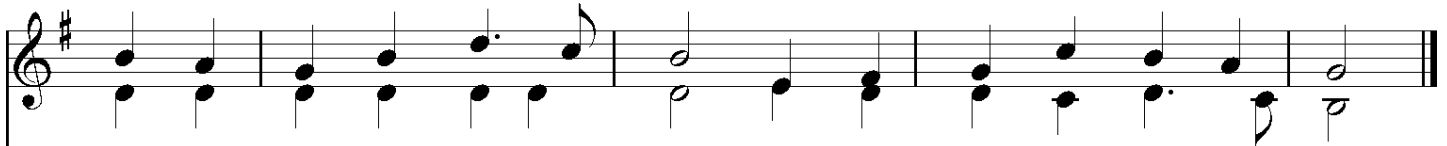
People **Amen.**



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.

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

Presider The Lord says, 'Go into all the world and make disciples of all the nations.' Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People In the name of Christ. Amen.