

Liturgy of the Word, Book of Common Prayer: Rite II

St. Francis' Episcopal Church
Eureka, Missouri

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

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MUSICAL COLLABORATION

The congregations of St. Barnabas' and St. Francis' joined together to record hymns for the Epiphany season. For the next seven Sundays, you will notice Music Directors Cheryl Foster (St. Francis') and Leah Milton (St. Barnabas') accompanying vocalists from both congregations. St. Francis' and St. Barnabas' shared their music with the diocese and invited other congregations to share their recorded music for the season as well so you may see musicians from other parishes pop up in worship! We hope you enjoy this diocesan collaboration!

Prelude

Welcome from the Vicar

Gathering: Liturgy of the Word

The people of God gather together.

A bell rings out. Silence is kept.

Gathering Hymn

What Star is This

H 124

Hymn Leaders, Susan Oris and Clark Burton, St. Barnabas'

Unison or harmony

The musical score is written for unison or harmony in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are arranged in three columns, with the first column starting on the first line of the vocal staff, the second on the third line, and the third on the fifth line. The first system covers the first three lines of lyrics. The second system covers the next three lines. The third system covers the final three lines and ends with a double bar line. The bass line provides a simple harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more beau - teous
3 The guid - ing star a - bove is bright; with - in them
5 To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to Christ, re -

1 than the noon - day light? It shines to her - ald
3 shines a clear - er light, and leads them on with
5 vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly

1 forth the King, and Gen - tiles to his crib to bring.
3 power be - nign to seek the Giv - er of the sign.
5 Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Chandler (1807-1876), alt.

Music: *Puer nobis*, melody from Trier MS., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621); harm. *Cowley Carol Book*, 1902

Opening Acclamations

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

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Song of Praise

All Glory

H 421

Hymn Leader, Leah Milton, St. Barnabas'



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from
2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther
3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -



hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be
gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -
va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who



to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for
on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and
was be - fore cre - a - tion. You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,



your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al - might - y Fa - ther.
we for judg - ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.
with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

Words: Nikolaus Decius (1490?-1541); tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.; para. of *Gloria in excelsis*; Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. All rights reserved. Used with permission. Music: *Allein Gott in der Höh*, melody att. Nikolaus Decius (1490?-1541); harm. Hieronymus Praetorius (1560?-1629)

The Collect of the Day

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant: 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.

People: **Amen.**

The Lessons

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.
The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of / hosts!
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living / God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her / young;
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my / God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your / house!
they will always be praising / you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in / you!
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' / way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of / springs,
for the early rains have covered it with pools of / water.
- 6 They will climb from height to / height,
and the God of gods will reveal himself in / Zion.
- 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my / prayer;
hearken, O God of / Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O / God;
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own / room,
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the / wicked.
- 10 For the Lord God is both sun and / shield;
he will give grace and / glory;
- 11 No good thing will the Lord with/hold
from those who walk with in/tegrity.
- 12 O Lord of / hosts,
happy are they who put their trust in / you!

The Second Reading

Reader: A reading from the book of 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 Hymn

We Three Kings

H 128

Hymn Leaders, Susan Oris and Clark Burton, St. Barnabas'

1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing
2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
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,
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.
5 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

Refrain

O star of wonder, star of night,
 star with royal beauty bright; westward leading,
 still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

The Gospel

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

2:1-12

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

The Ven. Rebecca Barger

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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

Intercessions Year B: Keyed to the Themes of the Revised Common Lectionary, © Geralyn Wolf

Deacon: It is in following the Light that we discover the truth. With the love of God to guide our footsteps, let us journey to the new Bethlehem and offer our prayers to the Holy Child, responding, “Hear us, God of Glory.”

Intercessor: For the light of hope which illumines the depths of reality and releases our hearts to offer the treasures of our souls; let us pray.

People: **Hear us, God of Glory.**

Intercessor: For the fragile stirrings of peace sown in troubled places throughout the world, that freedom may flourish, and its fruits bring hope to those most in need; let us pray.

People: **Hear us, God of Glory.**

Intercessor: That we may be humbled in the presence of the poor, bending the knee of our hearts to those who have no defender, and to those whose economic and personal distress pains us to encounter; let us pray.

People: **Hear us, God of Glory.**

Intercessor: For those who are suffering with illness and for those who bear a private grief, we pray especially for Noel, Roger, Ernie, Rosie, Paul, Mary, Max, Ann, and Skip. And we remember those who have asked for our prayers, Tony, Glenn & Marie, Sally, Virginia, Steve, Todd, the Franek family, Wayne, Akemie, Will, Cindy, Jessica, Jean, Shirley, Derrick, Bob & Bev, and the Corley family, and all who are afflicted by COVID 19, that God may bring them relief from their burdens; let us pray.

People: **Hear us, God of Glory.**

Intercessor: For all that is to be revealed to us during this new year: the joys, the disappointments, the struggles, the new directions and insights; that through all our journeys we may know the Messiah as our constant companion; let us pray.

People: **Hear us, God of Glory.**

Intercessor: For a generosity of spirit, that through the delight of giving treasures rich and rare, we may share a common bounty and support a shared mission; let us pray.

People: **Hear us, God of Glory.**

Intercessor: Enfold those who have ended their course on earth and have joined the saints in the region of light, especially Jerry Corley, who died December 25. May we, in our own time, come to the joys of your eternal reign; let us pray.

People: **Hear us, God of Glory.**

Intercessor: In companionship with the angels of light, we continue our prayers.

At this time, I bid your intercessions and prayers of thanksgiving, either silently or aloud.

At this time, please offer your prayers and thanksgivings for the world, the church, and all those we love, either silently or aloud.

Please see our parish Prayer Lists, which can be found on page 12 of this bulletin, for additional biddings and concerns.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant: Let us pray in the way that Christ taught us.

People: **OUR FATHER, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, they will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our traspasses, as ew 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 Peace

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

We invite you to take a moment and extend the peace of God to the members of your household and then to people in the world that you love and struggle to love.

Announcements

The Blessings

Officiant: Our help is the name of the Lord:

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

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

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

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: 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.**

Women's Uncommon Prayers, The Rev. Lynne A. Grifo

Officiant: May the Wisdom of God lead you in her marvelous way,
Be your shelter by day and a blaze of stars at night.
May she stir your inmost being always to seek her.
And the Wisdom, Love, and Grace of God
Be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

Hymn Leader, Kyra Jordan

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer Lists

Our homebound parishioner: Noel

Our parishioners: Roger, Ernie, Rosie, Paul, Mary, Max, Ann, and Skip

For those who have asked for prayers: For Tony, Glenn and Marie, Sally, Virginia, Steve, Todd, the Franek family, Wayne, Akemie, Will, Cindy, Jessica, Jean, Shirley, Derrick, Bob and Bev, and the Corley family; first responders, healthcare professionals, and educators who continue to work during this pandemic; medical researchers searching for a vaccine for COVID-19

For those who have died and those who mourn: For Jerry Corley, father of friends of Laurie+, who died December 25; for those who have suffered loss from natural disasters across our country; for the law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty in 2020 and their families; and for the youth in St. Louis who have suffered directly from gun violence this year and those whose lives were lost and their families

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: For the people and ministry of The Church of St. Michael & St. George, Clayton, and Andrew their rector, Peter & Tom their assistant rectors, and Anne & Stewart their priest associates

Companion Diocese of Lui, South Sudan: For Ma'di'ba Parish, and Francis, their priest

For those committed to our ongoing prayers: Deaconess Anne House interns; those discerning a call to ordained ministry; the ministry of the chaplains, staff, volunteers at Episcopal City Mission, and the youth in detention and their families; patients, families, & communities affected by substance use disorders; those suffering from untreated & undertreated pain and chronic diseases; those who serve in our military; those who are affected by COVID-19

Today's Ministers of Worship

Preacher	The Ven. Rebecca Barger
Presider	The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti
Deacon	The Ven. Rebecca Barger
Director of Music	Cheryl Foster
Lector	Kathleen O'Reilly
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