

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY
January 6, 2019
THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I – 8:00 A.M.

The Service begins on page 323 of The Book of Common Prayer.

Organ Prelude

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Sentences

stand

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

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

The Collect for Purity

Priest: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Gloria in Excelsis

All: **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Priest: Let us pray.

O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only begotten Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know thee now by faith, to thy presence, where we may behold thy glory face to face; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

The Lessons

Lector: A Reading from The Book of the prophet Isaiah. (60: 1-6) *sit*

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.**

Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14

- 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.**

All: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. *stand*
(2: 1-12)

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon: The Reverend Kelly B. Carlson	<i>sit</i>
The Nicene Creed	p. 326, <i>stand</i>
Prayers of the People	p. 328, <i>kneel</i>
Confession of Sin	p. 330
The Absolution	p. 332
<i>We exchange the Peace at the altar rail after receiving Communion.</i>	
Announcements	<i>sit</i>

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized persons are invited to receive Communion.

If you would like to receive gluten-free bread, let the priest know at the altar rail.

Healing prayer is offered in Grace Chapel this morning.

At the Offertory, Carol: Bethlehem Down	Peter Warlock (1894–1930)
The Presentation (<i>Hymn 380, stanza 3</i>)	Old 100th, <i>stand</i>
All: 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. Amen.	
The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II	p. 340
Sanctus and Benedictus	p. 341 <i>kneel</i>
The Lord's Prayer	p. 336
Breaking of the Bread	p. 337
Administration of the Sacrament	<i>sit</i>
Choral Hymn: "Brightest and best of the stars of the morning"	Star in the East
A Prayer of Thanksgiving	p. 339, <i>kneel</i>
The Blessing	
The Dismissal	<i>stand</i>
<i>Priest:</i> Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.	
<i>People:</i> Thanks be to God.	
Organ Voluntary	

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers:	Ann Babington, Brig Buettner
Ushers:	Randy and Cheryl Meyer
Altar Guild:	Merrill Buettner, Connie Lohr, Claudia McMillin
Counters:	Lisa Acker, Ruth Dewein

PRAYER LIST

For Parishioner: Eve Ballman.

For Family and Friends: Bruce Carvell, The Drier Family, Bill Lacey, Ruth Noakes and Karmen Selby.

For the Faithful Departed: Donald Altvater and Sandy Duncker.

For those Committed to Our Ongoing Prayers: Robert Barringer, Patricia Beseda, Donna Brookman, Chris Canepa, Amanda Carstens, Kathy Dacheau, Patricia Drew, Martha Ferguson, Meg Fuller, Jimmy Grimmett, Richard Hamman, Patty Hecker, Paul Johnson, Susan Kerkering, Marcy Kovic, Rick Ledbetter, Sandy Lehrer, Sophia Mandl, Elizabeth Mendoza, Matthew Meinen, Cheryl Meyer, Bryan Miller, Michael Montgomery, Signe Myles, Jeffrey Rixleben, Sarah Roberts, Ray Sellenriek, Dan Singer, Gerald Spencer, Jane St. John, Madeline Tufts, Timothy Vowels and Dick Williams.

TODAY...

CHILDCARE is available in the Little Building from 9:00 until 11:45 a.m.

PARISH BREAKFAST – Come enjoy a hot breakfast in the Undercroft today, served from 8:45 until 10:00. The cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family.

RECTOR'S FORUM meets each Sunday morning, 9:15-10:00 a.m. in the Undercroft. The topic for today and on January 13th and 20th is Holy Conversion. Everyone is welcome!

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL – All ages, please join us in Grace Chapel, 10:15 to 10:25 a.m. each Sunday before Sunday School!

JOINT EVENSONG FOR EPIPHANY – Everyone is encouraged to worship at a special Evensong at 5:00 p.m. **today at the Church of St. Michael and St. George** (6345 Wydown Blvd., Clayton). The St. Peter's Choir will join with the Choir of St. Michael's for the third such joint service with our two parishes. This service celebrates the Epiphany with music by Howells, Sowerby, Lehman, and Gabriel Jackson.

HEALING PRAYERS – If you would like to receive healing prayers with the laying on of hands and anointing, as you leave the altar rail today after receiving Holy Communion go to Grace Chapel, where one of the clergy will be waiting for you. If you would like family members or friends to accompany you, they are welcome to participate. The ritual is brief, allowing you time to return to the church proper for the final blessing and dismissal. If you have any questions about this ministry of the Church, Luke, Kelly or Joseph would be happy to talk with you.

FOOD DRIVE SUNDAY – Thank you for your generosity for today's "1st Sunday" food drive for the Trinity Episcopal Church food pantry. Watch for the posting of February's list of food needs at the end of January.

THIS WEEK...

NEWS DEADLINE – Please submit news to the Church Office by noon on Tuesdays.

ST. PETER'S CARES – Need a ride, a meal or a prayer? St. Peter's has a ministry that can help – that's St. Peter's Cares! Leave a voicemail or email (314-993-2306, ext. 125 or shepherd@stpetersepiscopal.org) and a Shepherd will contact you within 24 hours.

MEN'S BREAKFAST – Join us this Tuesday at 7:15 a.m. for good food and fellowship!

WOMAN'S GUILD – Join us this Tuesday for lunch at 12:15 p.m., followed by our program. Yoga meets at 11:00 a.m. each Tuesday.

SEARCHING FOR GOD IN THE DAILY NEWS meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room across from the office. Come explore the lively intersection where theology meets current events.

BIBLE STUDY – Join us at 7:00 on Thursday mornings in the Elliot Room.

PRAYER GROUP – Come on Friday mornings at 10:00 for Bible Study of the Sunday readings and to pray for the needs of the parish and the world.

BREAKFAST CREW – Have fun making breakfast with fellow parishioners 4-6 mornings per year. Contact Kathy Bitting: 314-503-3622 or kbitting3622@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

SANDWICH MAKERS – Join us next Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the Undercroft kitchen to make sandwiches for Sunshine Ministries.

EPIPHANY LESSONS AND CAROLS – St. Peter's Evensong series returns to the second Sunday of the month beginning next Sunday, January 13th at 5:00 p.m. with a Service of Lessons and Carols for Epiphany. The service will be sung by the St. Peter's Singers, with music by North American composers.

SUNDAY FLOWERS – We have most Sundays in 2019 open for flowers dedications. To donate, go to the parish website at <http://stpetersepiscopal.org/worship/sunday-flowers/> or you may contact Carol Lyons, our Parish Secretary (314-993-2306, ext. 101; clyons@stpetersepiscopal.org. Thank you!

HELP WANTED – St. Peter's is looking for a part-time weekend sexton (facility/maintenance assistant). Duties will include set-up and clean-up for worship and events, kitchen duties, and general maintenance. Experience is a plus, but it may also be a great opportunity for someone to learn. Contact Parish Administrator, Janet Rouse, janetr@stpetersepiscopal.org, or 314-993-2306, ext. 102.

TRIVIA NIGHT – The Young Adults Group will host a Hollywood Trivia Night on Friday, February 8th to raise funds for Outreach Haiti and kick-start our participation in this new ministry which supports the remote mountain community of Petit-Harpon through its local church, school, and clinic. Watch for your invitation in the mail soon!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 6 - 13, 2019

Sunday	1/6		The Feast of the Epiphany
			Food Drive Sunday
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		8:45-10:00	Parish Breakfast – Undercroft
		9:15 a.m.	Rector’s Forum – Undercroft
			Confirmation Class
		10:15 a.m.	Children’s Chapel
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		5:00 p.m.	Evensong @ St. Michael & St. George
Tuesday	1/8	7:15 a.m.	Men’s Breakfast
		12:15 p.m.	Woman’s Guild Lunch
Wednesday	1/9	1:00 p.m.	Searching for God in the Daily News
		5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Thursday	1/10	7:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		6:00 p.m.	Choristers
		7:15 p.m.	Parish Choir
Friday	1/11	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Group
Sunday	1/13		The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		8:45-10:00	Parish Breakfast – Undercroft
		9:15 a.m.	Rector’s Forum – Undercroft
			Sandwich Makers
		10:15 a.m.	Children’s Chapel
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		5:00 p.m.	Epiphany Lessons and Carols