

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

January 6, 2019

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II – 10:30 A.M.

The Service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer.

Prelude: Epiphany Garth Edmundson (1892–1971)
Prelude sur l'Introit de l'Épiphanie Maurice Duruflé (1902–1986)

THE WORD OF GOD

Introit *Ecce advenit* Plainsong

Behold, he appeareth, the Lord and Ruler: and in his hand the kingdom, and power, and dominion. Give the King thy judgements, O God: and thy righteousness unto the King's son.

– *Mal. 3:1, I Chron. 19:12, Ps. 72:1, 10, 11*

Hymn 124: “What star is this, with beams so bright” Puer nobis, *stand*

Opening Sentences

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, 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.**

Gloria in excelsis (*Hymnal S 280*)

All: **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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.**

The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: 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

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.**

Hymn 128: “We three kings of Orient are” Three Kings of Orient, *stand*
Stanzas 2-4 are sung by soloists from the choir. The refrain is sung by all.

Priest: 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.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon: The Reverend Kelly Carlson

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The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

Lector: God has called us out of darkness into the glorious light of the Son. Let us pray for the church and for the world, that all people may know the light of Christ, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

kneel

For the church and its ministry to the world, for all bishops and clergy, remembering especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Wayne, our Bishop, Luke, Kelly and Joseph, our clergy, for our parish staff, and for all those who bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to the nations, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the nations of the world and their leaders, for all those in authority, and for an end to war and oppression, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For those who have not heard the good news of salvation, for those who have heard but have not believed, and for those who have forsaken their faith, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the lonely and destitute, for the victims of injustice and discrimination, for the hungry and the homeless, for the unloved and the forgotten, and for all who seek to serve them, remembering especially the ministries of Beyond Housing, Episcopal City Mission, The Haven of Grace and Bravely, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the sick in body, mind, and spirit, for the dying and the bereaved, and for all those in need of our prayers, especially Eve Ballman, Bruce Carvell, The Drier Family, Bill Lacey, Ruth Noakes and Karmen Selby, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the saints who have gone before us in the faith and are now at rest, especially Donald Altvater and Sandy Duncker, and for all the saints on earth who surround us in a great fellowship of love, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest: Loving God, accept our thanks and praise for all your gifts so generously bestowed upon us, hear the petitions and intercessions of your faithful people, and guide our thoughts and actions, so that your will may be done and your name glorified, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: **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.**

The Absolution

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

All: **Amen.**

Exchanging the Peace

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The children join the Service from their Sunday School classes.

Announcements

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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.

The Offertory Anthem

arr. Paul Halley (b. 1952)

The People join in the singing of the anthem with the choir.

Stanzas marked "women" should be sung by all women and children with high voices;

stanzas marked "men," those with low voices.

All **The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.**

Women They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.

All **Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.**

Men And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.

All **Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.**

Choir This star drew nigh to the northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay
right over the place where Jesus lay.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

Choir Then entered in those wise men three
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

All **Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood mankind hath bought.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.**

– English carol, 18th century

The Presentation (*Hymn 100, stanzas 1 & 4*)

Antioch, *stand*

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
let earth receive her King:
let every heart prepare Him room,
and heaven and nature sing.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of His righteousness,
and wonders of His love.**

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

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Sanctus and Benedictus (*Hymnal S 129*)

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The Lord's Prayer

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Breaking of the Bread (*Hymnal S 152*)

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Cantor: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Carol: Bethlehem Down

Peter Warlock (1894–1930)

“When He is King we will give Him the Kings’ gifts,
Myrrh for its sweetness, and gold for a crown,
Beautiful robes,” said the young girl to Joseph
Fair with her firstborn on Bethlehem Down.

Bethlehem Down is full of the starlight
Winds for the spices, and stars for the gold,
Mary for sleep, and for lullaby music
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

When He is King they will clothe Him in grave-sheets,
Myrrh for embalming, and wood for a crown,
He that lies now in the white arms of Mary
Sleeping so lightly on Bethlehem Down.

Here He has peace and a short while for dreaming,
Close-huddled oxen to keep Him from cold,
Mary for love, and for lullaby music
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

— Bruce Blunt

Hymn 115: “What child is this, who, laid to rest”

Greensleeves

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

p. 365, *kneel*

The Blessing

Hymn 117: “Brightest and best of the stars of the morning”

Morning Star, *stand*

The Dismissal

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary: Chorale Prelude on “Vom Himmel hoch, komm’ ich her”
(“From heaven above to earth I come;” Hymn 80)

Johann Pachelbel
(1653–1706)

The sung setting of the Eucharist is by Robert Powell (b. 1932).

MUSIC NOTES: *Garth Edmundson (1892–1971)* was born and spent most of his life in Pennsylvania. He indicates that his *Epiphany* combines three “themes:” an “oriental” theme meant to evoke the wise men in the right hand, a “camel” theme in the left hand, and a “desert” theme (a single note!) in the pedal. • From the ridiculous to the sublime: *Maurice Duruflé’s (1902–1986) Prelude on the Introit for Epiphany* is a miniature masterwork based on the proper plainsong theme for the day. • The varied career of English-born *Paul Halley (b. 1952)* has seen him as organist and choirmaster at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York and as a member of the Paul Winter Consort. His music for the church is characterized by great harmonic inventiveness and dramatic flair. • *Bethlehem Down* was the winner of a Christmas carol competition sponsored by a newspaper. *Peter Warlock (1894–1930)* and the poet *Bruce Blunt* famously spent their winnings all in one night. • *Johann Pachelbel* is not the “one hit wonder” many assume he must be. Pachelbel was a prolific composer of music for the organ, writing in the “South German” style (as opposed to the “North German” style of Bach and Buxtehude). In *Vom Himmel hoch*, Pachelbel uses the first part of chorale melody in imitative fashion. The entrance of the full theme in the pedal is paired with rapid figuration in the hands.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers:	Peter Perkins, Carrie Burroughs
Ushers:	Mike Newport, Kurt Hibler, Wayne Norwood, Allan Ivie
Acolytes:	Jack Dutton, Joe Dutton, Cooper Dutton Charles Martin, Nell Melton, Grant Nicholson
Acolyte Master:	Ann Randazzo
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 Kovis, 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, Robert 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@stpeterseiscopal.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://stpeterseiscopal.org/worship/sunday-flowers/> or you may contact Carol Lyons, our Parish Secretary (314-993-2306, ext. 101; clyons@stpeterseiscopal.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@stpeterseiscopal.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