Epiphany
Jesus Christ, King of Kings and Lord of Lords
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FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY
03 January 2016

Entrance Rite

Procession Hymn “What Star is This” Hymnal 124
Opening Acclamation BCP 355
Collect for Purity
Hymn of Praise “All Glory be to God” Hymnal 421

Proclamation of the Word of God

Collect for Epiphany BCP 213

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.

* Service Music S-98, S-128, S-164 found in the very front of the Hymnal
Old Testament Reading  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.

Gradual  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.

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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.

Epistle 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.

Sequence “We Three Kings” Hymnal 128

The Holy Gospel 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.

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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.

Gospel Respond  “As with Gladness” (verses 1-3) Hymnal 119
Sermon Fr. Mann
Nicene Creed BCP 358

Prayers of the People Dn. Ormond Plater

Presider
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.

Silence

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; Dabney, our bishop; for priests, deacons and all who minister in Christ. For all the holy people of God. Glory and praise to you, O living God.
For all believers who put their trust in the incarnate Son of God.  

*Glory and praise to you, O living God.*

For the leaders of the nations and all in authority. 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.*

For travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, for those in prison, and for the dying and the dead.  

*Glory and praise to you, O living God.*

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need.  

*Glory and praise to you, O living God.*

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

*Glory and praise to you, O living God.*

*Presider*

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.*

Peace (shared by all as a sign of our unity in Christ Jesus)
Holy Communion

Offertory “Brightest and Best” Hymnal 118
Eucharistic Prayer B BCP 367
Sanctus *Hymnal S-128
Lord’s Prayer BCP 364
Fraction Anthem *Hymnal S-164
Communion Music 1 “What star is this….” Instrumental
Communion Music 2 “What Child is this…” Hymnal 115
Prayer of Thanksgiving BCP 366

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

Announcements

Epiphany Blessing

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. Amen.

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

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

And the blessing go God Almighty, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you this day and always. Amen.

Procession Hymn “The people who in darkness walked” Hymnal 126
Dismissal People Respond “Thanks be to God!”
Postlude
ENGAGE….REFORM….TRANSFORM

Lay Readers  Ruth Blakley, Nancy Rex  
Greeters  Linda Rothmann, Kathy Brock  
Altar Guild  Beth DeLos Reyes  
Crucifer  Chad Arbeen  
Altar Flowers  Given to the glory of God  

Birthdays and Anniversaries  
5 January  Ken Silvey  
7 January  Michelle England  

In your compassion - Pray for the Ill  
Bernard  Roberta  Vince  BC  Jackie  Ann  
Paul  Dick  John  Bill  Wyatt  Terry  
May  Jacob  Marleon  Diana  Gary  Patty  
Louis  Carol  Danieleee  Michael  Grace  Leila  
Tyler  Paula  Dabney  Patty H.  Rosemary  Betty  
George  Pat  Louis  Ruby  

FATHER of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; Look down from heaven, we humbly beseech thee, behold, visit, and relieve thy sick servant, for whom our prayers are desired. Amen  

Pray for those in our Armed Services  
Joe  Scott  Paul  Jonathan  Kirk  Joel  
Ross  Brendan  Russell  Charles  Kevin  Alex  
Brian  Josh  Nokens  Thomas  Brodey  Frank  
Jacob  

LORD, please hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.  

“Every guest is a gift from God.” We are very happy you are here. Please join us after church on the patio for refreshments.  

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