

Holy Eucharist for the Epiphany Season January 2, 2022

At 10:45 am, a server tolls the Church bell for 2 minutes to call the community to worship.
The altar candles and the Advent candle(s) are lit.

Words of Welcome to be followed by **the Prelude**

Opening Sentence

We have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him.

Matthew 2:2

Processional Hymn: **As with Gladness Men of Old**

CP 160

As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led to thee.

As they offered gifts most rare
at that cradle rude and bare,
so may we with joyful song,
raising voices pure and strong,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee our heavenly king.

As with joyful steps they sped,
Saviour, to thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
thee, whom heaven and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet
ever seek thy mercy seat.

In the heavenly country bright
need they no created light:
thou its light, its joy, its crown,
thou its sun which goes not down;
there forever may we sing
alleluias to our king.

Gathering of the community

*read the **bolded verses** responsively with the Leader*

In this time and place

We gather on the unceded ancestral lands of the Skwxwú7mesh and shíshálh nations

From many places and peoples, we come to this house of prayer.

In this time and place

We give thanks for the light of God that shines in the darkness

A light no darkness can quench

In this time and place

We give thanks for the light and peace of Jesus Christ the Word made flesh.

The light of all people

In this time and place

We pray that the Spirit of God will be renewed in our hearts and minds

That we might be the light of God in the world.

In this time and place

Together, one people of God.

In the name of God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit. Amen

Kyrie Eleison / Lord, Have Mercy *(Taizé setting, sung)*

Ky-ri-e, ky-ri-e e-lei-son.

Chris-te, Chris-te e-lei-son

Ky-ri-e, ky-ri-e e-lei-son.

The Collect

May God be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Eternal God,

who by a star led wise men to the worship of your Son. Guide by your light the nations of the earth, that the whole world may know your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Transforming by Word and Sacrament

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Wendy Francis

A Reading from Isaiah

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 *read the bolded verses responsively with the Leader*

Of Solomon.

¹ Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

² **May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.**

³ May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

⁴ **May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.**

⁵ May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

⁶ **May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.**

⁷ In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

¹⁰ **May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.**

¹¹ May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.

¹² **For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.**

¹³ He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

¹⁴ **From oppression and violence he redeems their life;
and precious is their blood in his sight.**

Glory to God, Source of all Beings, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3: 1-12

Betty Mah

A Reading from Ephesians

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 to 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 to 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.

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Gradual Hymn: We three Kings

We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain: O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

Gaspar: Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign. [Refrain]

Melchior: Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising,
worshiping God on high. [Refrain]

Balthazar:
Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. [Refrain]

Glorious now behold him arise;
King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
sounds through the earth and skies. [Refrain]

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Susan Kimm- Jones

May God be with you. **And also, with you.**
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, Lord Jesus 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 Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon: Reverend Richard Hergesheimer

followed by ***Music Meditation***

The Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**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 man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;**

BAS 188-189

**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.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped 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.**

Prayer of the People

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
He welcomes sinners and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

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 neighbours 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 you name. Amen

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: The First Nowell

CPI39

The first nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

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.

Refrain:
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

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.

Refrain:
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

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.

Refrain:
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

Then entered in those wise men three,
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

Refrain:
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

Then let us all with one accord
sing praises our heavenly Lord,
who has made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood salvation bought.

Refrain:
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

Prayer Over the Gifts

BAS 280

Gracious God,
accept the offering of your Church, the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Eucharistic Prayer (Eucharist Prayer 4, BAS 201 - 203)

The Lord be with you

And also, with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to God

Let us give thanks to God our Creator

It is right to offer thanks and praise

It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law.

In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy Lord)

CP 735

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might *[repeat once]*

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, 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."

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations.

We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Fraction Sentence

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

CP 745

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. (*repeat once*)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Grant us peace, grant us peace.

The Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer After Communion

BAS 280

God of all the nations of the earth,

guide us with your light. Help us to recognize Christ as he comes to us in this eucharist and in our neighbours. May we welcome him with love, for he is Lord now and for ever.

Sending into the World

Blessing

BAS 248

May the God of infinite goodness scatter the darkness of sin and brighten your hearts with holiness; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.

Recessional Hymn: All Poor Folk and Humble

CP 151

All poor folk and humble,
all lame folk who stumble,
come haste ye, and be not afraid;
for Jesus, our treasure,
whose love passes measure,
in lowly poor manger was laid.
Though wise men who found him
laid rich gifts around him,
yet oxen they gave him their hay;
and Jesus in beauty
accepted their duty:
contented in manger he lay.

Refrain

Then haste we to show him
the praises we owe him;
our service he ne'er can despise,
whose love still is able
to show us that stable
where softly in manger he lies.

The Christ child will lead us,
the good Shepherd feed us,
and with us abide till his day.
Then hatred he'll banish,
then sorrow will vanish,
and death and despair flee away.
And he shall reign ever,
and nothing shall sever
from us the great love of our King.
His peace and his pity
shall bless his fair city;
his praises we ever shall sing.

Refrain

Then haste we to show him
the praises we owe him;
our service he ne'er can despise,
whose love still is able
to show us that stable
where softly in manger he lies.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Parish Announcement