



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Feast of the Epiphany (transferred)

January 5, 2025

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II; BCP 355

9:00 AM Church School

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “Brightest and Best”

Blue Hymnal 118

OPENING SENTENCES

GLORIA

Blue Hymnal S 280

✠ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.*

THE FIRST LESSON 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. *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 72 (Congregation invited to sing bolded verses)

Give the King your justice, / O God,*
and your righteousness / to the / King's Son;

*That he may rule your people / righteously**
and the / poor with / justice.

That the mountains may bring prosperity to the / people,*
and the little / hills bring / righteousness.

*He shall defend the needy among the / people;**
he shall rescue the poor and crush / the oppressor.

He shall live as long as the sun and / moon endure,*
from one generation / to another.

***He shall come down like rain upon the / mown field,*
like showers that / water / the earth.***

In his time shall the righteous / flourish;*
there shall be abundance of peace
till the / moon shall / be no more.

***The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay / tribute,*
and the kings of Arabia and / Saba / offer gifts.***

All kings shall bow down before him,*
and all the nations / do him / service.

***For he shall deliver the poor who cries out / in distress,*
and the oppressed who / has no / helper.***

He shall have pity on the lowly and / poor;*
he shall preserve the lives / of the / needy.

***He shall redeem their lives from oppression and / violence,*
and dear shall their / blood be / in his sight.***

THE SECOND LESSON 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. ***Thanks be to God.***

GRADUAL HYMN "What Star is This"

Blue Hymnal 124

THE GOSPEL Matthew 2:1-12

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. ***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. The Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you Lord Christ.***

HOMILY

Moment of Silent Reflection

The Rev. Kate McKey-Dunar

THE RESPONSES OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People, Form I (*Response – “Lord Have Mercy”*)

Confession

White Card
BCP (Red Book) 383
White Card

THE PEACE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory Hymn “We Three Kings of Orient Are”

Blue Hymnal 128

DOXOLOGY (*Sung to “Puer Nobis”*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav’nly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharist Prayer C

BCP (Red Book) 369

Sanctus

Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)

Blue Hymnal S125

The Lord’s Prayer (*sung*)

Blue Hymnal S119

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

Fraction Anthem: Agnus Dei

Blue Hymnal S164

(gluten free wafers and juice are available upon request)

All are invited to come to the rail to receive communion or a blessing. If you do not want to receive the wine, please know that just receiving bread is a valid form of taking communion. If you do not want to receive communion, please come up and cross your arms over your chest. This is the signal for you to receive a blessing. Please stay at the rail until all have been served and then return to your seat.

Healing Prayer is offered in the chapel directly out the side door of the sanctuary during Communion. Please go receive Communion and then head to the chapel if you desire to receive laying on of hands and anointing. Healing Prayer can be used for physical, emotional, or spiritual healing for yourself along with prayers on behalf of others.

THE COMMUNION

Communion Hymn “The First Noel”

Blue Hymnal 109

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP (Red Book) 365

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN “As With Gladness Men of Old”

Blue Hymnal 119

DISMISSAL

Clergy

The Rev. Kate McKey-Dunar

Intercessor

Simon Howes

Lectors

Jane Sampson, Susann Gill-Riley

Organist & Choirmaster

Herb Lazration

Usher

Pat Freyer, Bruce Zepke

❖ Parish Announcements ❖

✚ PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember those in need of prayer: Margy, Bill, Amy, Carolyn, Alison, Kevin, Andrew, Adele, Xavi, Chris, Dee, Donald, Frank, Larry, Marilee, DJ, Deacon Knute, George, Chris, Michael, Samuel, Alex, Debbie, Manny, Will, Lucille, Donna, Lenny, Paul, Gayle, Al, Cherie, Sam, Leslie, Joanne, Ellen, Michael, Cami, Kaitie, Pat, Dave, Georgeann, Walt, Betty, Gary, Steve, Frank, Barbara, Christine, Sandie, Stacey, Drewseller, Bobby, Michael, Brandon, Jonathan, Margaret, Cathy, Rebecca, Caitlin, Mason, Russ, Renate, Pat, Sam, Renay, Mike. Please also pray for our military, and all those being deployed.

✚ WORSHIP

This Sunday, Healing Prayers First Sunday of the Month- We will be offering healing prayers during communion. Healing prayer is when anointing oil and hands are put upon someone and individual prayers are said for that person for their needs. This will happen in the chapel during communion. Please come up to the rail, receive communion or a blessing, and then go out the side door of the sanctuary to the chapel for prayer. Please note that you do not have to take part in healing prayer. It is something that we are offering for those that would like it.

✚ PARISH LIFE

Cooking with Kate will be THIS Sunday, January 5th! Come help prepare meatloaf for St. John's Family Center. Cooking will be after worship.

2025 Pledge envelopes are ready for those who indicated they would like them. *If you would like envelopes and did not indicate so on your pledge sheet, please leave your name on the clipboard in the Narthex. The office will have envelopes ready the following Sunday.* We would like to thank everyone for their continued support!

2025 Flower Chart is posted – Please see the posted chart so you can sign up early to get the date you desire. Cost for donating flowers is \$40 (cash preferred).

Annual Meeting – January 26 (snow date February 2) – Please bring a dish for our potluck meal and come to the annual meeting after the service on the 26th. This is a time for us to reflect on the past year and look to the year to come.

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In case of a pastoral emergency please call our Priest-in-Charge Rev. Kate McKey-Dunar at 475-265-0654 or email at rev.kemd@gmail.com. Thank you!

Office Hours are Monday – Thursday 11-3pm. Rev. Kate's Office Hours are Wednesday's 11 – 3pm, and Thursday by appointment. Please note, the office is closed on Friday.