

Welcome to



THREE KINGS

by Unknown Artist

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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Epiphany

The name “Epiphany” is derived from a Greek word meaning “manifestation” or “appearing.” Today’s service celebrates the revelation of God in human form in his Son Jesus Christ. Today also commemorates the visit of the Wise Men to the Christ Child, and thus the Savior’s physical manifestation to the world.



Saint Benedict Episcopal Church

The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Weekend of January 8, 2022 | 6:00pm 8:00am & 10:00am

Welcome to Saint Benedict Episcopal Church, a church that feels like family! We are glad to have you worship with us today. If you are a newcomer, please complete a Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate so we can extend our welcome beyond this service. Additional information about Saint Benedict's and our ministries may be found online at www.saintbenedicts.org. Rite I (Sunday 8:00am) of The Holy Eucharist begins on page 323 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP); responses for this service are in **red**. Rite II (Saturday 6:00pm and Sunday 10:00am), on page 355 (BCP). Congregational responses for all services are found in **bold**. The music for the service is taken from the blue Hymnal 1982 (H-1982) and the red, green, and black hymnal Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS). We are a singing church; **we ask that you please stand at the introduction of hymns**. Prepare your hearts to celebrate in Word and Sacrament, Christ, the Word made flesh.

THE GATHERING

Organ Voluntary

The Three Kings from Nativity Suite by Wilbur Held

Please stand at the minister's invitation

Hymn 109 The First Noel

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The Opening Acclamation

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



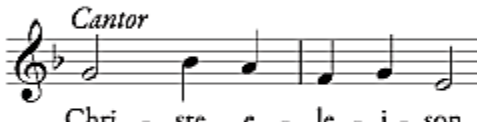
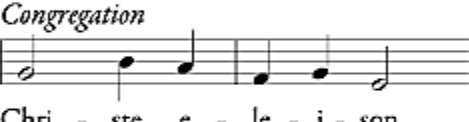


And blessed be God's kingdom now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

The Celebrant prays: 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.**

***(8:00am Rite I) The Decalogue and Kyrie Eleison**

The Celebrant continues: 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. *Sung by all:*

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Gloria in Excelsis

by William Matthias



Glo - ry to God in the high- est, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,
we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:
re - ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the
Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,
with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

At the Collect for the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

***(8:00am Rite I): And with Thy Spirit.**

The celebrant prays: 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 forever. **Amen.**

Please sit

THE WORD OF GOD

A Reading from Isaiah the Prophet

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.**

Deus, judicium *read responsively by verse*

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.**

A Reading from a letter to the Ephesians

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.**

Please stand

Hymn 128 We, Three Kings of Orient Are

Three Kings of Orient

At the Holy Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

***(8:00am Rite I): And with Thy Spirit.**

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

+ 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.

The Sermon

The Reverend Albert Cutie, Rector

Please stand

The Nicene Creed

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.

(PAUSE - SILENCE)

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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.

The Prayers of the People

Leader: Let us pray to God, who is made manifest in Jesus Christ.

As the prophet Isaiah rang out, "Arise, shine; for your light has come"; empower your Church, O God, to ring out the Good News of the Light of your son Jesus, which pierces even the deepest darkness. God of life and light: **Hear us as we pray.**

As a star rose high into the nighttime sky to draw the nations to the Christ-child; send your blessing, O God, on this nation, and every nation, and draw the whole world to your peace and truth. God of life and light: **Hear us as we pray.**

As John the Baptist guided throngs of people to the edge of the wilderness and baptized Jesus in the River Jordan, we pray that you would guide our country and our leaders to the ways of justice and righteousness. God of life and light: **Hear us as we pray.**

As Jesus climbed the mountaintop, and proclaimed blessings on the people of the world; we pray for the sick and the distressed, the poor and the lame. We especially pray for _____. God of life and light: **Hear us as we pray.**

As Jesus called his disciples to leave their nets and boats and follow him; we pray for those we love and who have answered your call to follow Jesus to your Heavenly Kingdom. Give them your peace. God of life and light: **Hear us as we pray.**

Like the Magi who traveled from afar to bring gifts and celebrate the Savior's birth; we pray for this community, and for those who celebrate their own birthdays and anniversaries; especially _____. God of life and light: **Hear us as we pray.**

The Celebrant prays: Lord Jesus, Light of the World, hear our prayers, and make us reflections of your Light, that the places of darkness in our world would be pierced by your Light, and that all nations would be drawn to you and be overwhelmed with joy. **Amen.**

The Peace

Please greet your neighbor according to social distancing guidelines

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

***(8:00am Rite I): And with Thy Spirit.**

Welcome and Announcements

The people remain seated while an offering is received to support Saint Benedict's work of sharing God's love with the world. Please be generous - we count on your support year-round. Text "give7801" to 1-888-364-4483. You may also make a secure donation online at our website www.Saintbenedicts.org or via the Saint Benedict's app.

THE LORD'S TABLE

Offertory Hymn 124 What Star is This With Beams So Bright

Puer Nobis Nascitur

Presentation Hymn

To God the Father, heavenly Light, to Christ, revealed in earthly night, to God the Holy Ghost we raise our equal and unceasing praise. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The service continues with Rite I on p. 333, Rite II on p. 361 (BCP)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

***(8:00am Rite I):**

The Lord be with you.

And with Thy Spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

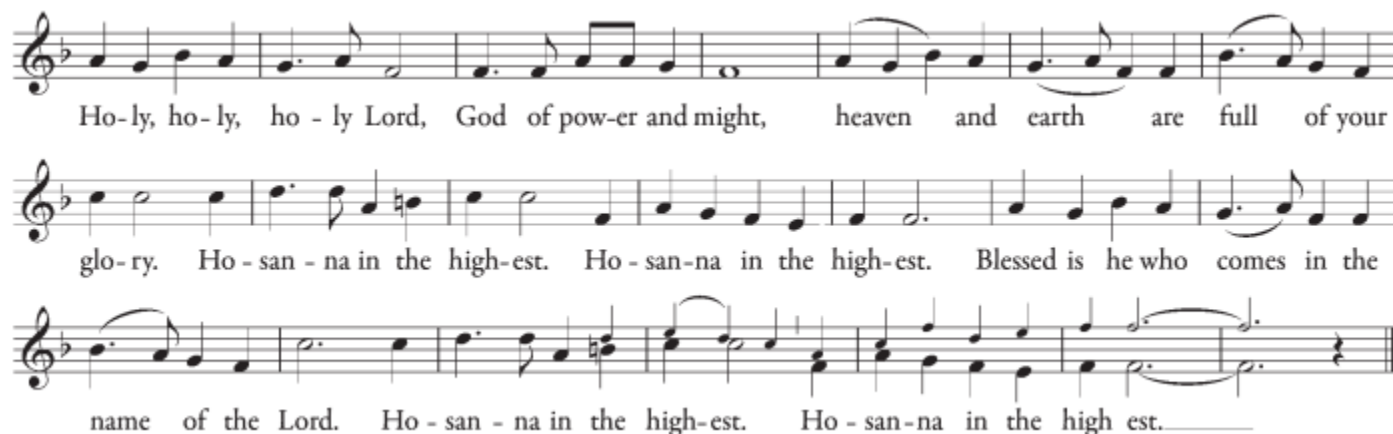
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant continues with the Preface and Sanctus:

***(8:00am Rite I): Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts: heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High. +Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**



The people remain standing or kneel as the Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, to which the congregation responds: **Christ Has Died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again, and sings: Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

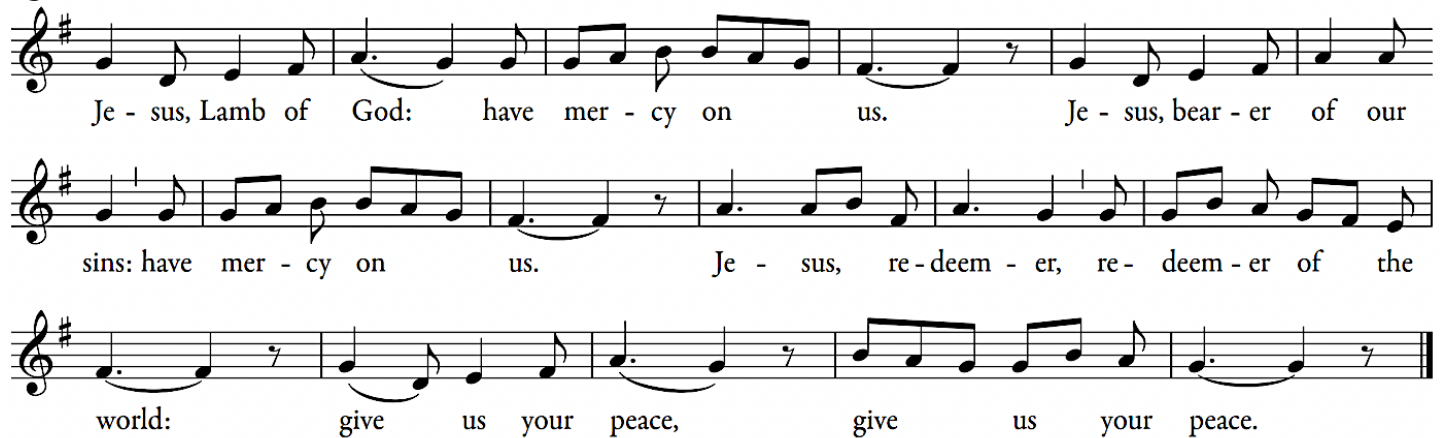
The Breaking of the Bread and Fraction Anthem

The bread is broken. Silence is kept.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Agnus Dei



Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Choral Anthem

Song: Agnus Dei (Worthy is the Lamb)

by Michael Smith

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

For our Lord God Almighty reigns

Holy, Holy, are You Lord God Almighty

Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb

You are Holy, Holy, are You Lord God Almighty

Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb.

Amen.

Organ Meditation

Le Nativite by Olivier Messiaen

The Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***(8:00am Rite I):** Almighty and ever living God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen

THE SENDING FORTH

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his goodness and love. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father +, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Hymn 119 As With Gladness Men of Old

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The Dismissal

Go in peace proclaiming the Word made flesh. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Organ Voluntary

In dir ist Freude, BWV 615 by J.S. Bach



The parish family of St. Benedict's wishes you and yours a very Blessed Christmas season and Prosperous New Year! Please pray about making an end-of-the-year Christmas or New Year's donation and gift to this church. We recently completed paying the mortgage on this new church building, but we are still in need of large donations for ongoing maintenance and operational expenses. While we are frugal, and very careful in our spending, our day-to-day operational costs are many. Please pray and consider making a substantial offering to help us continue doing God's work. We make this appeal in the name of Jesus, because we know that God's work is done by generous and caring persons like you. Please do not forget St. Benedict's in your Last Will and Testament. God bless you for your generosity.



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SATURDAY: 6:00 PM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II (“Dog-friendly” Service)

SUNDAYS: 8:00, 10:00 and 11:30 (Spanish) AM HOLY EUCHARIST

TUESDAY: MORNING PRAYER 8:30 AM

WEDNESDAY: HEALING PRAYERS 7:00 PM

THURSDAY: MORNING PRAYER 8:30 AM

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