

THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

The Episcopal Church in Agoura, Oak Park, and Westlake Village

The Feast of the Epiphany 👑 **January 10, 2021, 10:00 a.m.**



The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist with Epiphany Pageant

Gathering and Preparation

PRELUDE

Saw you never, in the twilight RAYMOND H. HAAN (B. 1938)
*Saw you never, in the twilight, when the sun had left the skies,
up in heaven the clear stars shining through the gloom like silver eyes?
So of old the wise men watching, saw a little stranger star,
and they knew the King was given, and they followed it from far.*

OPENING SENTENCES

Bishop From you shall come forth a ruler.
People **Who is the Shepherd of my people Israel.**
Bishop Happy are the people who put their faith in the Lord.
People **For they will praise God now and for ever.**

1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
 2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing,
 3 Shall we then yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,
 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple o - bla - tion,
 5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,

1 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;
 2 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
 3 o - dors of E - dom, and of - ferings di - vine,
 4 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure,
 5 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;

1 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,
 2 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
 3 gems of the moun - tain, and pearls of the o - cean,
 4 rich - er by far is the heart's a - dor - a - tion,
 5 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,

1 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
 2 Ma - ker and Mon - arch and Sa - vior of all.
 3 myrrh from the for - est, and gold from the mine?
 4 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
 5 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

THE COLLECT FOR EPIPHANY

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Let us pray.

Silence is kept. The Collect is said, after which the people respond: Amen.

The Pageant

FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6, 9

HYMN 124, VSS.1-3

What star is this, with beams so bright

PUER NOBIS

Unison or harmony



1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more beau-teous
2 True spake the pro-phet from a-far who told the
3 The guid-ing star a-bove is bright; with-in them
4 O Je-sus, while the star of grace im-pels us
5 To God the Fa-ther, heaven-ly Light, to Christ, re-

1 than the noon-day light? It shines to her-ald
2 rise of Ja-cob's star; and east-ern sa-ges
3 shines a clear-er light, and leads them on with
4 on to seek thy face, let not our sloth-ful
5 vealed in earth-ly night, to God the Ho-ly

1 forth the King, and Gen-tiles to his crib to bring.
2 with a-maze up-on the won-drous to-ken gaze.
3 power be-nign to seek the Giv-er of the sign.
4 hearts re-fuse the guid-ance of thy light to use.
5 Ghost we raise our e-qual and un-ceas-ing praise.

SECOND READING

Luke 2:1-7

HYMN 101, VSS. 1-2

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed

CRADLE SONG

1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
 *3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay
 the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.
 close by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.
 The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,
 the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
 and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

THIRD READING

Luke 2:8-16

Bible, p. 1203

HYMN 94 VSS. 1-4

While shepherds watched their flocks by night

WINCHESTER OLD

1 While shep-herds watched their flocks by night, all seat - ed on the ground,
 2 "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread had seized their trou-bled mind;
 3 "To you, in Da - vid's town, this day is born of Da - vid's line
 4 "The heaven - ly Babe you there shall find to hu - man view dis - played,
 5 Thus spake the ser - aph, and forth-with ap-peared a shin-ing throng
 1 the an - gel of the Lord came down, and glo - ry shone a - round.
 2 "Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring to you and all man-kind.
 3 the Sa - vior, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:
 4 all mean - ly wrapped in swath - ing bands, and in a man - ger laid."
 5 of an - gels prais - ing God, who thus ad - dressed their joy - ful song:

6 "All glory be to God on high
 and on the earth be peace;
 good will henceforth from heaven to men
 begin and never cease."

Midway through the reading, all sing Hymn 128.

HYMN 128

We three kings of Orient are

THREE KINGS OF ORIENT



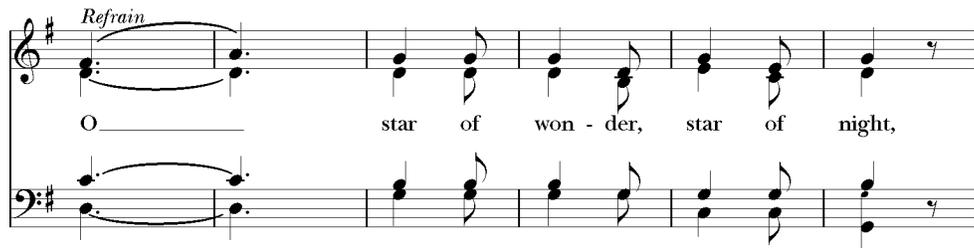
1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing
 2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



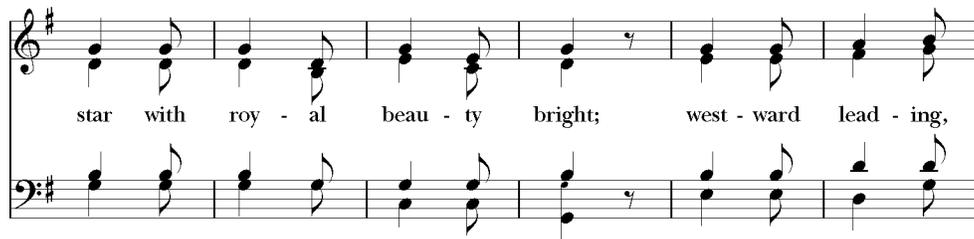
1 gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
 2 bring to crown him a - gain, King for ev - er,
 3 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
 4 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
 5 God and Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al - le -



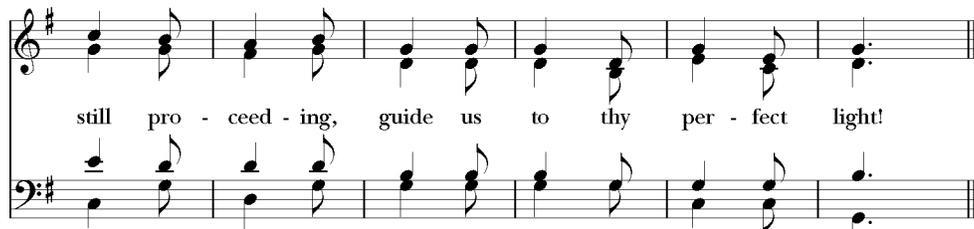
1 moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 2 ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
 3 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship him, God Most High.
 4 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 5 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.



O star of won - der, star of night,



star with roy - al beau - ty bright; west - ward lead - ing,



still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

LITANY FOR EPIPHANY

Leader: As the Magi of old followed the star:

People: **Help us, O God, to follow the leading of your Spirit.**

Leader: As they were led to the Savior:

People: **Lead us, O God, to him who is the way, the truth and the life.**

Leader: As they brought treasures to the King:

People: **Empower us, O God, to offer our gifts of faith, hope and charity to the world.**

Leader: As the shepherds fell down and worshipped the holy child:

People: **Inspire us, O God, to serve him every moment of our lives.**

Leader: As Mary kept all things and pondered them in her heart:

People: **Enable us, O God, to remember and to love.**

Leader: As your Son shines for ever as the light of the world:

People: **Shine forth in us, O God, that we may be lights of the world in our own generation.**

Leader: Holy Jesus, come from God:

People: **Fill us with your holy and life-giving Spirit now and always. Amen.**

HYMN 119

As with gladness men of old

DIX

1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man - ger - bed;
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man - ger rude and bare;
4 Ho - ly Je - sus! ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row way;
5 In the heaven - ly coun - try bright, need they no cre - a - ted light;

1 as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
2 there to bend the knee be - fore him whom heaven and earth a - dore;
3 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
4 and, when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
5 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down:

1 so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.
2 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek the mer - cy - seat.
3 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heaven - ly King.
4 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
5 there for ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our King.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We observe a time of silence between each petition, offering our own intercessions, until the leader says, "Lord in your mercy."

People: **Hear our prayer.**

The leader adds a concluding sentence, after which all respond: Amen.

THE PEACE

Bishop The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS

All **Watch over your *children*, O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever they may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Holy Communion

ANTHEM

Dix

MALCOLM ARCHER (B. 1952)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

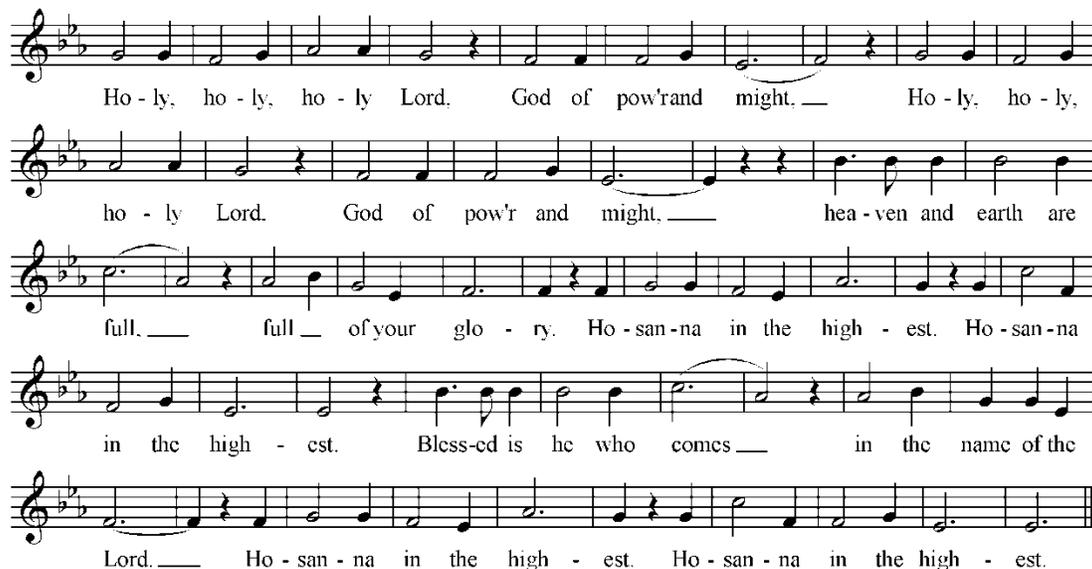
Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The priest continues with the prayer.

SANCTUS S-130

FRANZ SCHUBERT (1797-1828),
ARR. RICHARD PROULX (1937-2010)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'rand might, Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Bishop Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The priest continues the prayer, at the end of which all respond: AMEN.

All say together

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

In this time of social distancing, when we long for the physical Sacrament of Holy Communion but cannot - for safety - partake of it, it can be meaningful to pray for God's presence in our lives, express our desire for Communion, and name our hope of taking part in the Sacrament soon.

Priest If you desire to receive Holy Communion, I invite you to pray with me this prayer of Spiritual Communion.

People **Jesus, my savior and friend, I believe that you are truly present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion and truly present to us here and now. Since I cannot now receive you in the bread and wine, I remember and trust your words, "This is my body; this is my blood – given for you." I love you and ask you to come spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you. Keep all of us strong in faith, hope, and love until we can meet at your table again. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

HYMN 109

The first Nowell the angel did

FIRST NOWELL

1 The first No - well the an - gel did say
2 They look - ed up and saw a star
3 And by the light of that same star
4 This star drew nigh to the north - west,
5 Then en - tered in those wise men three

1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,
3 three wise men came from coun - try far;
4 o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,
5 full rev - erent - ly up - on their knee,

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,
2 and to the earth it gave great light,
3 to seek for a king was their in - tent,
4 and there it did both stop and stay
5 and of - fered there in his pres - ence

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1 on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.
 2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 3 and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
 4 right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
 5 their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

Refrain

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

6 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 our life hath bought.

Refrain

THE DISMISSAL

Leader Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**



EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS

Connect with us! Visit us at tcote.org or send us an email at info@tcote.org to receive the latest news.

THIS WEEK: JANUARY 10 - JANUARY 17

- Today** Morning Prayer, 10:00 a.m. (virtual service)
Outdoor Service, 12 noon
- Wed.** Bible Study, 12 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Prayer, 7:30 p.m.
- Fri.** Private Prayer Time, Nave 1 p.m.- 5 p.m.

PATERNITY LEAVE

As my wife Stefanie transitions back to work after her maternity leave, I'm taking two weeks of paternity leave to help ease the transition in our house, and to spend some time with our infant Austin. I will be out from Monday, January 11th through Sunday January 24th to focus on family, but don't hesitate to reach out if something's urgent! - Rev. Greg

ANNUAL MEETING COMING UP - SUNDAY, JANUARY 31 AT 11 AM

Join us for our Annual General Meeting Sunday, January 31st after the 10 am service. We'll have a brief coffee hour, then transition into the important work of approving a budget, electing new Bishop's Committee members, reviewing last year, and looking with hope to the new year. Join us on the 31st!

A WORD OF THANKS

Thanks go out to Kate Listick, Melissa Birch, Sarah Pennywitt, Andrew Loosemore, Brendan Baker, and John Brunson for recording the hymns that were sung during the Pageant this morning!

Thank you!

Jay

REFLECTION

"Prayer is not designed to change God, but to change us."

Thomas Keating

HARBOR HOUSE LUNCHEES FOR DINNER

TCOTE will be continuing its meal program for Harbor House with Lunches for Dinner instead of the hot meal for the next couple of months at least. On January 19 we need your help with 10 brown bag lunches so we can provide the 70-80 lunches Harbor House needs that day. Let Yvonne Lux, yvonnlux@gmail.com, know if you plan to help so we make sure we are on track. The lunch details are below. Thanks so much! Yvonne Lux, Outreach Chr.

Lunches for 10 people - Include sandwich- turkey or ham appreciated or pb&j, granola bar, chips, fruit/raisins, cookies and a drink. Drinks and fruit should be separate. More snacks you can add to the lunch the better. Nuts and beef jerky are good to add too. Individual boxed milks are appreciated for children.

Drop off is between 4:00 and 4:30 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at Avenida de las Flores and Mt.Clef.

JACKET UP-DATE

The jackets/sweatshirts, etc were sorted into large black bags according to size for delivery to Harbor House on January 6th (the feast of the Epiphany!!). The donations were amazing with many being new with tags still attached. All of the donations were in very good condition. What an amazing and generous community!! Thank you!

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

In order to have an accurate list of names during the prayers for birthdays and anniversaries, we are now asking all prayer requests be submitted by email. Please send us the name or names and birthday (month & day) or anniversary date to eanguiano@tcote.org. Thank you

Prayers have been requested for:

Dorothy, John, Jennifer, Bill, The Draper Family, Carol, Ken, David, Laurie, Tony, Carrie, Jay, June, Kerrie and family