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## **The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord January 5, 2020**

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**Grace Church is a diverse congregation committed to a common life sustained by  
worship. We bear witness to God's love in Christ through our life together and our  
service to the wider community.**

**All are welcome.**

# The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord

(Transferred)

**January 5, 2020**

Our Liturgy may be found in the Book of Common Prayer beginning on page 355.

## HOLY EUCHARIST

**Prelude** *Prelude in A*

J.S. Bach

*Please stand.*

**Hymn #117** *Brightest and best of the stars of the morning*

**The Opening Acclamation BCP 355**

**Collect For Purity**

**BCP 355**

**Gloria**



Barrie Cabena

**Collect of the Day**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**Response: And also with you**

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 WORD OF GOD

*Please be seated.*

**The First Lesson** A Reading from 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 those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14**

Give light to my eyes, O Lord.

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Jerome Webster Meachen  
(b. 1930)

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- 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.**

**The Second Lesson** A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians, (3:1-12) This is the reason that I, Paul, am in jail for Jesus Christ for your sake. You have already heard about my responsibility to share God's grace to everyone—no exceptions. The mystery of Christ was made known to me by revelation, so that you could see it for yourselves.

The people who lived before Jesus Christ did not know this mystery, but it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by God's Spirit. The mystery is that everyone has equal value in God's eyes: people who have never heard of God and those who have heard of God all their lives. The Gospel has become my life's work because of the grace that God showed me in this message.

Although I am the least qualified messenger, this grace was given me  
To preach the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see the plan hidden for ages by God who created all things. God's purpose is now to show all rulers, on earth and in the heavens, the wisdom that is revealed through the Church.

This is consistent with the plan that God had from the beginning of time, and that he accomplished through Jesus Christ our Lord. When we trust in Christ, we can speak boldly, and we can go before God with confidence.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

**Hymn #128** *We three kings of Orient are*

**The Gospel:** The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew (2:1-12)

**All: 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 was also frightened. Calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he asked 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 rules 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 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. **All: Praise to You Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**The Sermon** The Reverend Dr. Chip Graves

**The Nicene Creed** **BCP 358**

**The Prayers of the People**

In faith, hope and love let us pray for God's people throughout the world, for our Presiding Bishop Michael and for our Bishops Andrew, Allen, and Mary, for this gathering, and for the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, saying:

**Lord, make us one.**

That we worship God in spirit and in truth. For the peace that comes from God alone, for the unity of all peoples, and for the salvation of souls.

Let us pray in the purpose of Christ:

**Lord, make us one.**

That we may be freed from our sins against one another: from prejudice and hasty judgment; from ignorance or pride; from isolation and exclusivity; from apathy and complacency.

Let us pray in the forgiveness of Christ:

**Lord, make us one.**

That the leaders of all nations may seek peace and justice, and that they may give priority to the poor and the homeless, to children, refugees, and victims of random violence,

Let us pray in the spirit of Christ:

**Lord, make us one.**

That the churches may discover again their unity in the one baptism, that we may share joy and wonder at God's works.

Let us pray with the heart of Christ:

**Lord, make us one.**

That this congregation may begin this new year and new ministry with wisdom and courage,

Let us pray in the strength of Christ:

**Lord, make us one.**

That our homes may be filled with grace during this coming year, and that our families may have confidence and peace in following Christ.

Let us pray in the wisdom of Christ:

**Lord, make us one.**

That we may care for the earth that God has given us and conserve it wisely.

Let us pray in the peace of Christ:

**Lord, make us one.**

That all Christians may embrace together Christ's command to care for those in need; the sick, the poor, the hungry, the lonely, the outcast. That those who mourn maybe comforted, and those who are troubled may find peace.

Let us pray in the mercy of Christ:

**Lord make us one.**

Priest: Eternal God, giver of love and peace, you call us to live together as one community; give us grace to learn your ways and to fulfill your purpose, that we may bring justice and peace to all people, in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen**

**The Confession      BCP 360**

**The Peace**

**Announcements**

**The Offertory**

Masters in this Hall,  
Hear ye news to-day  
Brought from over sea,  
And ever I you pray:

**Chorus**

*Nowell! Nowell! Nowell!*  
*Nowell, sing we clear!*  
*Holpen are all folk on earth,*  
*Born is God's son so dear:*  
*Nowell! Nowell! Nowell!*  
*Nowell, sing we loud!*  
*God to-day hath poor folk raised*  
*And cast a-down the proud.*

Going o'er the hills,  
Through the milk-white snow,  
Heard I ewes bleat  
While the wind did blow

Then to Bethlem town  
We went two and two,  
And in a sorry place  
Heard the oxen low

Therein did we see  
A sweet and goodly may  
And a fair old man,  
Upon the straw she lay

And a little child  
On her arm had she,  
"Wot ye who this is?"  
Said the hinds to me

This is Christ the Lord,  
Masters be ye glad!  
Christmas is come in,  
And no folk should be sad

*Please stand.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Eucharistic Prayer A Sanctus and Benedictus

BCP 361  
Barrie Cabena

Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord God of  
Pow - er and might heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry Ho -  
sa - na in the High - est Bles - sed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord Ho - sa - na in the High - est

### The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

### The Breaking of the Bread BCP 364

### Agnus Dei S161

Barrie Cabena

### The Invitation BCP 364

Lamb of God you take a - way the  
sin of the world, have mer - cy on us Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world have mer - cy on us Lamb of  
God you take a - way the sin of the world grant  
peace.

### The Holy Communion

*You are invited and welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.*

### Anthem The Shepherd's Farewell

Berlioz

*Please stand*

### Hymn #112 In the bleak midwinter

**Sending forth of the Eucharistic Visitors:**

In the name of this congregation I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body because we shared on bread, one cup. **Amen.**

**Blessing**

May Christ, the son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, The Father, The Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Hymn #124** *What star is this with beams so bright*

**Dismissal**

**Postlude** Prelude and Fugue in C

J.S. Bach

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**Ministers of the Liturgy**

**Celebrant and Preacher:** The Rev. Dr. Chip Graves

**Assisting Priest:** The Rev. Adolfo Moronta

**Organist:** Peter Roberts and The Grace Church Choir

**Lector 8 AM** Brinda Bradley

**Lectors 10 AM** Delores Brathwaite, Jean-Marie Bradford Intercessor: Mailk Bradford

**Ushers:** Carmen Greenidge, James Henderson, Maria Lewis, Matthew Reid, Jane Washington, Camille Worrell

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**THIS WEEK AT GRACE**

**Sunday, January 5**

**8:00 AM & 10:00 AM** The Holy Eucharist

**11:30 AM** Teacher's Meeting - Library

All Sunday School Classes Meet

Distribution of Toys Grace La Gracia Children

**12:30 PM** La Gracia Santa Eucaristía

**Tuesday, January 7**

**12:05 PM** Chapel Service

**7:30 PM** La Gracia Leaders Meeting

**Wednesday, January 8**

**12:10 PM** DTM @ Grace

**3:00 PM – 5:00 PM** Ada's Outreach – Parish Hall

**7:15 PM** BSF Bible Study – Library

**Thursday, January 9**

**12:05 PM** Eucharist in Chapel

**Friday, January 10**

**6:30 PM** The ECW Holiday Party at Via Garibaldi Restaurant in White Plains

**Saturday, January 11**

**11:00AM to 1:00PM** Confirmation Class with Fr. Chip – Library



**Grace Church Prayer List: Grace Church Prayer List: We hold the following people in prayer:**

Lee Aldrich, Bernice Burton, Gloria Chang, Cynthia Cole, Lydia Coleondro, Kimberly Corselli, Inez Dale, Jimmy Delaney, Carol DiGilio, Vincent Doria, Bill Dunphy, Cathy Dunphy, Sandra Esannason, Laura Fields, Lynda Gravenese, Lydia Green, Sylvia Howard, Jackie Jansky, Ivy John, Paul Nair, Evgeniy Kaufman, Nellie King, Peshotan Kotval, Tim Lewis, Manoris Long, Donna Louis, Paxton Louis, Dorothy Lynch, Janice Moore, Selena Perry, Gladstone Reid, Leroy Reid, Renee Reid, Uriel Reid, Charlotte Roberson, Al Sargent, Marilyn Seimia, Sonia P. Smith, Norman Stanton, Susan Stanton, Dominick Vita, Natasha Vodyanitskaya, Marthe Watkins, Ray Williams

**Calvary Hospital:** Verna Brown

**Cedar Manor, Ossining:** Robert Auld

**Serving in the Armed Forces:** Kenny Duffy,

Denny J. Edmondson, Christopher P. Halstead, David Packer, Sgt. Christopher Vigliotti, Gunnery Sgt. Les Yearwood

Please contact Sandy McAllister if you would like to place someone's name on our prayer list.

**Birthdays**

Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> Delores Brathwaite

Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> Michael Heffner

Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> Jane Noel

Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> Victoria Carter, Aaron Woodberry

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**Monthly Gratitude Altar Guild**

This month we raise up Brinda Bradley and the Grace Church Altar Guild team.

Please recognize them and thank them for this amazing ministry.

Brinda Bradley (Chair)

JoAnn B. Boylan

Cynthia Cole

Lyris Cooper

Sandy Gadsden-McAllister

Edith Gonzalez

Melanie Jackson

Matilde Lazcano

Carol Mitchell

Shirley V. Spencer

Audrey Taylor

Dorothy Thompson

**TODAY**

**Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> Toys for The Children of Grace La Gracia:** Every year La Gracia distributes toys to children on the Feast of Epiphany/Three Kings Sunday. This year, we will distribute gifts to all our children – in the morning and in the afternoon.

**The Episcopal Church Weekly Bible Study Is Available Online**

We are adding another Bible Study at Grace Church. It has been developed by the Episcopal Church and can be accessed online by clicking this link or searching the following web address: <https://episcopalchurch.org/bible-study/year-a>.

Once you access the site, scroll down to Bible Study for Epiphany A. You'll see four tabs, one for each week in Epiphany. Just click the correct tab and enjoy. God Bless, Fr. Chip

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

**Confirmation Class January 2020:** Fr. Chip is holding a Confirmation class in January 2020. The class will be similar to his adult education class held earlier this year. The class will cover the basic tenets of the Episcopal church to include history, beliefs, liturgy, sacraments and so much more. Those completing this course will be able to be Confirmed later next spring 2020. The specific class dates will be based on participant feedback. Please email the office or Fr. Chip if you are interested.

**Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> God's Word for Today's World Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) in the library.** A New BSF Satellite Discussion Group will meet, right here, at Grace Episcopal Church, on Wednesday evenings from 7:15pm-8:45pm. There is no cost to join.

**Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup> ECW Holiday Outing:** The Episcopal Church Women invite all women of Grace La Gracia to join us for an evening of food and fellowship at Via Garibaldi Restaurant in White Plains, Friday January 10, 2020 at 6:30pm. Cost is \$40 which includes appetizer, main course, beverage and dessert. Please join us! RSVP to melaniejackson41@gmail.com or 914-235-2389 by January 5.

**Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> Census Sunday 2020** Father Chip and I met with County Executive George Latimer in November and learned that Grace Church/La Gracia can play an important role in the upcoming Census as a "trusted voice in the community". *A new school to ease overcrowded classrooms. A new road to ease overcrowded commutes. There are many ways the 2020 Census can shape your community. The results collected once a decade, help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding flow into states and communities each year.* (<https://2020census.gov>) Karen M Barnes Partnership Specialist - U.S. Census Bureau will be joining us (during announcements) at the 8, 10 and 12:30pm (in Spanish) Services to address concerns, answer questions and share how we can be involved. Michael Heffner

### **Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> Financial Visioning**

Over the past several years we have developed a growing financial deficit. Therefore, your leadership is proactively responding by developing a financial visioning process, eventually leading to a healthier environment. This process will begin with a meeting in the library at 7PM Monday January 13th. All are welcome to attend. The diocese is working with us in this process, allowing us to define what we want at Grace Church and how to support that vision given our resources. If you are interested in attending, please let our office know. If you are unable to attend, then you can catch the next meeting. This process will take several months.

### **Volunteer to be an Usher**

Ushers are needed for all services. Please contact Andrea Spencer at E: dreaspencer@aol.com

