



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church Brookline



## The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ January 6, 2019

### **Welcome to St. Paul's!**

We invite and encourage your full participation in our worship this morning. This service bulletin is the only document you'll need to participate in this morning's liturgy. Any hymns not printed here may be found in the red Hymnal 1982, found next to your seat. When the community stands, please join us as you are able.

We are blessed because of your presence here this morning, and we want to do everything possible to make you feel at home. In our celebration of Holy Communion we believe that God welcomes all to Christ's Altar. You are welcome here! You are invited to fill out an information card found next to your seat and place it in the offering plate, or hand it to an usher so that we may welcome you more fully into this vibrant community of faith.

### **Nursery/Childcare Available**

A nursery with trained, adult child-care workers is available for infants and toddlers. The nursery is on the lower level. A changing table is located in each restroom on the upper level. Please speak to an usher if you need assistance.

### **Accessibility**

If you would like assistance with a wheelchair or walker, or if you would like Communion brought to you at your seat, please see an usher for assistance.

**Prelude** *O little town of Bethlehem*

Gordon Phillips, arr.

*The Prelude helps us transition into our shared sacred space. During the Prelude, some greet one another, some listen to the music, some pray, and some read through the bulletin and announcements.*

*All stand to sing the*

**Hymn** *We three kings*

Hymnal #128

**GATHER**

*Presider* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

**Song of Praise** *Arise and shine*

Voices Found #156

1 A - rise and shine, the pro - phet sang;  
 2 God's ris - ing sun will light the way,  
 3 You will not need the sun by day

your light has come, the mes - sage rang,  
 as peo - ple stream to dawn - ing's ray,  
 nor moon by night, to light - ing your way;

The shroud of dark - ness stripped a - way,  
 Your o - pen gates will nev - er close,  
 God's glo - ry and e - ter - nal might

God's glo - ry brings a bright new day.  
 in bus' - ling day or night's re - pose.  
 will be your ev - er - last - ing light.

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 Music: *Wareham*, melody William Knapp (1698-1768), alt.; harm. *Hymns: Ancient and Modern*, 1875,  
 after James Turle (1802-1882).

*All remain standing for the*

## **Collect of the Day**

*Presider* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Together let us pray.

**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.**

## **WORD**

*All are seated for the*

### **First Reading**

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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm**

72:1-7,10-14

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 rulers 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.

## Second Reading

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.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand to sing the*

**Hymn** *What star is this?*

Hymnal #124

*We remain standing and turn to face the reader for the proclamation of the*

## **Holy Gospel**

Matthew 2:1-12

*Deacon or Presider* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* **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.

*Deacon or Presider* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*After a brief prayer, all are seated for the*

## **Sermon**

The Rev. Jeffrey W. Mello

*After a period of silent reflection, all stand to say the*

## **Nicene Creed**

*Presider and People*

**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:  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and  
glorified, who 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.**

## Prayers of the People

Leader Loving God, we pray for your holy Church;

**People That we all may be one.**

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**People That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**People That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**People That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest.

**People Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader We pray for those on our parish prayer list, those remembered in the Community Prayer Book, those who celebrate birthdays this week and those in whose memory the altar flowers have been given.

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The people may add their own petitions. The Presider adds a concluding collect.*

Silence

*A Presider bids the*

**Peace**

*Presider* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*All are seated for the*

## **Welcome and Ministry Announcements**

### **TABLE**

*All remain seated for the*

**Offertory** *O Magnum Mysterium*

Ola Gjeilo

O magnum mysterium et admirabile sacramentum,  
Ut animalia viderent Dominum natum,  
Jacentem in praesepeio.

Beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt,  
Portare Dominum Jesum Christum. Alleluia!

*All stand to sing the*

**Presentation of the Gifts**

Hymnal 1982 #380, verse 3

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.**

*Presider* We remember that this is God's table, and not our own. We invite everyone to come forward to receive the bread and the wine, or a blessing. Wherever you are on your journey with or toward God, from any tradition or none at all, you are welcome and invited at this table.

*All remain standing for the*

**Eucharistic Prayer B**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

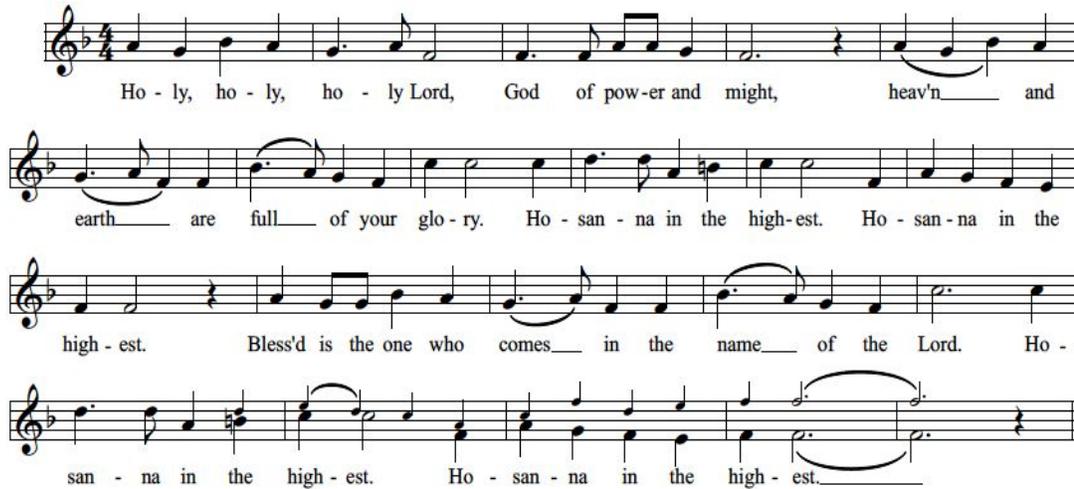
*Presider* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

# Sanctus

Hymnal #S 125



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n and  
earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless'd is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Presider* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

*Presider and People*        **We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*Presider*        And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O God of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the

fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

*The people respond, saying*

**AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

WLP #875

*The consecrated bread is broken. A period of silence is kept.*

*Cantor*  
Be\_\_ known to\_\_ us, Lord\_ Je - sus, in the break - ing\_\_ of the

1. *Congregation* 2. *Cantor*  
bread. The\_\_ bread. The\_\_ bread which we break, al - le -

*Congregation*  
lu - ia,\_\_\_ is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. Be\_\_

*Cantor*  
known to\_\_ us, Lord\_ Je - sus, in the break - ing\_\_ of the bread. One\_\_

*Congregation*  
bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia, for though man - y we share. one\_\_ bread. Be\_\_

known to\_\_ us, Lord\_ Je - sus, in the break - ing\_\_ of the bread.

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy Food for Holy People.

*Chalice bearers and healing ministers come forward.*

*All are welcome* to receive Communion by placing one hand over the other to receive the bread, and then help guide the chalice of wine to your lips. **Gluten-free** wafers are also available. Please let the clergy know of your desire for the gluten-free wafer. **Blessings** are available for those who desire one. Place your arms across your chest in an "x" and the clergy will know to offer a blessing instead of the bread and the wine.

## **Communion Anthem** *We have seen His star* Everett Titcomb

We have seen His star,  
His star in the East,  
And are come with our offerings  
To worship the Lord.

*A member of the Lay Eucharistic Visitor Team comes forward to receive a communion kit to bring to members of the community unable to be with us this morning.*

*After a moment of silent reflection, all stand to say the*

## **Postcommunion Prayer**

*Presider* Together, let us pray.

*People*

**God of abundance,  
you have fed us  
with the bread of life and the cup of salvation;  
you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth  
in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue forever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**SEND**

### **Epiphany Blessing**

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty; Eternal Majesty, Incarnate Word, and Abiding Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

### **Dismissal**

*Deacon or Presider* Go in Peace, bearing the Light of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn** *Brightest and best*

Hymnal #117

**Postlude** *Chorale Fantasia on "Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern"*

Dietrich Buxtehude *Like the Prelude, the Postlude is transitional music. During the Postlude, some leave the space to head out into the world or to coffee hour for fellowship and conversation, while others use this time to sit quietly in some final moments of prayer or meditation, savoring the beauty of the music.*

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