

The Epiphany

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Prelude *The first Nowell* (played on hammered dulcimers)

Opening Hymn *The first Nowell* (now... we get to sing it!)

Celebrant Blessed by God, Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier

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

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

God be with you

People And also with you

Celebrant 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.

The Lessons

A Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

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 Reader may say

Love has taken a name and a form

People: Becoming meek for helpless creatures, and walking among us

Canticle *Love came down at Christmas*

Words: Christina Rossetti
Music: Garta, melody from Petrie Collection of Irish Melodies, Part II

A Reading from the Epistles of the Early Church

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 Reader may say

A son came to earth to dwell with the outcasts and rejected, the lowly, the simple, the victims of violence and those in crisis

People: May we be of a mind to keep the same company.

Gradual *Angels from the realms of glory*

The Holy Gospel

Then the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

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.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev. Ken Phelps, Jr.

An Affirmation of Faith (*New Zealand Book of Common Prayer*)

Celebrant: We are not alone, we live in God's world.

*People: We believe in God: Who has created and is creating,
Who has come in Jesus, The Word made flesh,*

to reconcile and make new,

Who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the Church:

To celebrate God's presence,

To love and to serve others,

To seek justice and resist evil,

To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

The Prayers of the People

As we celebrate the Epiphany, the manifestation of God's love to every nation, every race, let us offer prayer for the Church, our people, our community and our world, saying: *Shine your light on your Church, Lord*

We pray for us, your faithful people, and those who lead us, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Eugene and Robert our Bishops, Ken and Lisa, our clergy, Betsy, our clergy emeritus. Kip, Patrick, Deb, Tom and Barbara, our wardens, Steve, our treasurer; our vestry and other mission leaders; those who serve the Gospel at Epiphany, Odenton; St Alban's, Glen Burnie; and St Andrew's, Pasadena; and, for John L. Rabb and Charles L. Longest, that we may walk in your way of love and manifest your love to the world: *Shine your light on your Church, Lord*

We pray for all the nations of the world, that those in authority will work toward peace and equity for all people. Especially we pray for Donald, President of the United States; Joe, President-elect; Larry, Governor of the State of Maryland; and those who serve us in County and State:
Shine your light on the Nations, Lord

We pray for people everywhere, that their lives may be full, that their families may be secure, that their hearts be filled with your peace: *Shine your light on all your children, Lord*

We pray for the community in which we live, that neighbors care for neighbors, creating a truly caring community for all: *Shine your light on this community, Lord*

We pray for those who are suffering in ways that are known or hidden to us. We pray for those lost in the darkness of prejudice, hostility, and fear; for those burdened by the yoke of racism, injustice, terrorism, hunger, and war. We pray for those who struggle mightily and for those whose light is dimming. We pray for those who are ill and those who care for them. We pray for those who are born today and for those who will die. We pray especially for:

(Members are encouraged to pray silently or aloud for those known and unknown to our community. When all petitions have been offered, and a period of silence has been kept, the leader continues...)

That their affliction lead to endurance, their endurance to virtue, and their virtue to hope: *Shine your light into the seasons and passages of our lives, Lord*

We pray for those who have been called into larger life with you, especially Doug Ward, Michael Moore, Mike Gurwitz, and Gerald Noonan: *Shine your perpetual light upon them, Lord.*

The Celebrant continues

Loving God hear the prayers of your people. May the light of this season be born anew in all. Let our hearts beat as one. Let our trust increase and be born out in faithful acts of kindness and mercy. May we live together in peace. *Amen.*

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you
People And also with you

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

The Holy Communion

The Offertory *Oh, sleep now, Holy baby*

Celebrant: O God, baptize our hearts into a sense of the needs and conditions of all
People: *That we might be of a mind to flood the earth with mercy and bread .*

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: May God be with you
People: *And also with you*
Open your hearts
We open them to God and one another
Let us give thanks to God, our Creator
It is right to give our thanks and praise

Then, facing the Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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:

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and a living death, and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus, your Word become flesh.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to you, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to offer upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, only to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take and eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is the cup of God's new Covenant, sealed with my blood. Whenever you drink from this cup, remember me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Jesus, born this night, crucified and risen, who was, and is, and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves as a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation. And, in the fullness of time bring us with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of your Holy Spirit, to you be honor and glory and praise, for ever and ever.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: In this season of incarnation you remind us that we are one human family, and so we eat from one loaf and drink from one cup

People: *Thank you, loving God, for the food that makes us one in spirit, and for the child that makes us one in you.*

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing with spiritual food in the sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our redeemer. Amen.

Benediction

Closing Hymn *Now greet the swiftly changing year*



1. Now greet the swift - ly chang - ing year with joy and pen - i - tence sin - cere; re -
2. For Je - sus came to wage sin's war; this Name of names for us he bore; re -
3. His love a - bun - dant far ex - ceeds the vol - ume of a whole years needs; re -
4. With Je - sus, Lord to lead our way in haz - ard and pros - per - i - ty, what
5. "All glo - ry be to God on high and peace on earth," the an - gels cry; re -

joyce, re - joyce with thanks em - brace an - oth - er year __ of grace. __
joyce, re - joyce, with thanks em - brace an - oth - er year __ of grace. __
joyce, re - joyce, with thanks em - brace an - oth - er year __ of grace. __
need we fear in earth or space in this new year __ of grace. __
joyce, re - joyce, with thanks em - brace an - oth - er year __ of grace. __

*Words: Slovak, 17th cent.
Music: Sixth Night, Alfred V. Fedak*

Dismissal

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