



Feast of the Epiphany

Holy Eucharist | January 5, 2025

WELCOME!

**Welcome especially to our neighbors from Mills Church,
who are joining us today for worship.**

You are invited to be a part of this community whether you're arriving for the first time or returning. This bulletin is intended to encourage and enable your enthusiastic participation.

The staffed Nursery is available for little ones during and following the 9:30 service.

St. David's Welcomes You

St. David's Episcopal Church is committed to following Jesus' example of practicing radical hospitality, seeking to find God in all people because they are of sacred worth. We welcome all persons, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, age, physical or mental capacity, education, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic or marital status. All are invited as full participants in the life and ministries of our community of faith.

St. David's Mission Statement

We at St. David's Episcopal Church are devoted to loving and serving God, one another and the world. Honoring the dignity and freedom of all to seek God at their own pace, we connect our life stories with the teachings of Jesus. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we believe our actions transform the world and ourselves.

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

Welcome

All are invited to gather in the narthex to welcome the Magi and join in the procession. If you have brought gifts for Reach and Restore, please bring them forward during the opening hymn.

Opening Hymn

O Come All Ye Faithful

**1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful, and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels.**

Refrain: **O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!**

**2. God from God, Light from Light eternal,
born of the Virgin's womb, a mortal he comes;
Our very God, begotten, not created.**

**3. Lo! star-led chieftains, Magi, Christ adoring,
offer him incense, gold, and myrrh;
we to the Christ child bring our heart's oblations.**

**4. Child, for us sinners, poor and in the manger,
we would embrace thee, with love and awe;
who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?**

**5. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest.**

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant To us a child is born: O come let us adore him.
Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

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

Song of Praise *Angels We Have Heard on High*
Children are invited to remain in worship.



1. An - gels we have heard on high sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun-tains in re-ply e - cho back their joy - ous strains.
Come a - dore, on bend - ed knee, Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

Glo - - - - - fi - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o, Glo - - - - -

- - - - - fi - a in ex - cel - sis De - - - o!

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord 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.**

We Hear and Respond to God's Word

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. To__ God com - pose a song of joy; to God make
2. Be - fore the na - tions God re - veals a just and
3. In__ ev - 'ry cor - ner of the earth, God comes to
4. With trum - pet, with the sound of horns, with strings, yes,
5. Let__ seas in all their full - ness roar, and peo - ple
6. The God of jus - tice comes to save; let earth make



mel - o - dy, _____ whose arm of strength does
right - eous will, _____ re - mem - ber - ing in
save and free; _____ break forth with shouts of
with the lyre, _____ with__ voic - es praise the
of all lands, _____ let__ moun - tains join and
mel - o - dy! _____ for__ God will judge with



wond - rous things, whose hand brings vic - tor - y! _____
faith - ful love the house of Is - ra - el. _____
ho - ly joy; all lands, make mel - o - dy. _____
sov - 'reign God, a lust - y, joy - ous choir. _____
shout__ for joy, let riv - ers clap their hands. _____
right - eous - ness and rule with e - qui - ty. _____

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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.**

Gospel Hymn

We Three Kings

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel Hymn and reading of the Gospel.

1. We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain: **O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect Light.**

2. *Born a babe on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again;
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.*

3. *Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh,
Prayer and praising gladly raising, worshiping God on high.*

4. *Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume breathes a life of gath'ring gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding dying, sealed in the stone cold tomb.*

5. Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and sacrifice: Heav'n sings alleluia: alleluia the earth replies.

The Gospel

Matthew 2:1 - 12

Deacon 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 The Gospel of the Lord
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

Rev. David Landt

oppression. We bring our hope for healing to the manger of your love.

All sing

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord.

Let us pray for the church. Help us, as followers of Jesus, come in faith to Bethlehem and be born anew to live faithfully with boldness of vision, courage, compassion, creativity, joy, humility, hospitality. Help us feed others and be fed, that we may herald your kingdom here on earth in your incarnate power.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord.

Let us pray in gratitude for all your gifts. We give thanks for the holiness of your creation. Help us rejoice with our whole heart and soul and voice.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord.

Let us pray for healing. Especially we pray for ... We pray for all who are anxious, depressed or lonely, especially during this Christmas season. Help us to remember that you are a God of connection and healing.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord.

Let us pray for those who have died. Especially we pray for ... We look for your light of life in our sorrow, grief and loss.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord.

Please offer your own prayers, silently or aloud.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord.

May our hearts be ready to be born again in love.

Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant
People

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

We Share in Holy Communion

Please stand, as you are able, while the offerings of bread and wine are presented. You may be seated until the singing of the Doxology, when we ask that you stand once more.

Offertory *Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning* Hymnal #118

Doxology



Now let us all with one accord sing
praises to our heav'nly Lord; who
with the Father we adore and Spirit
blest for ever more. No - el, No - el, No -
el, No - el, born is the King of Is - ra - el.

The Great Thanksgiving

Remain standing as you are able.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

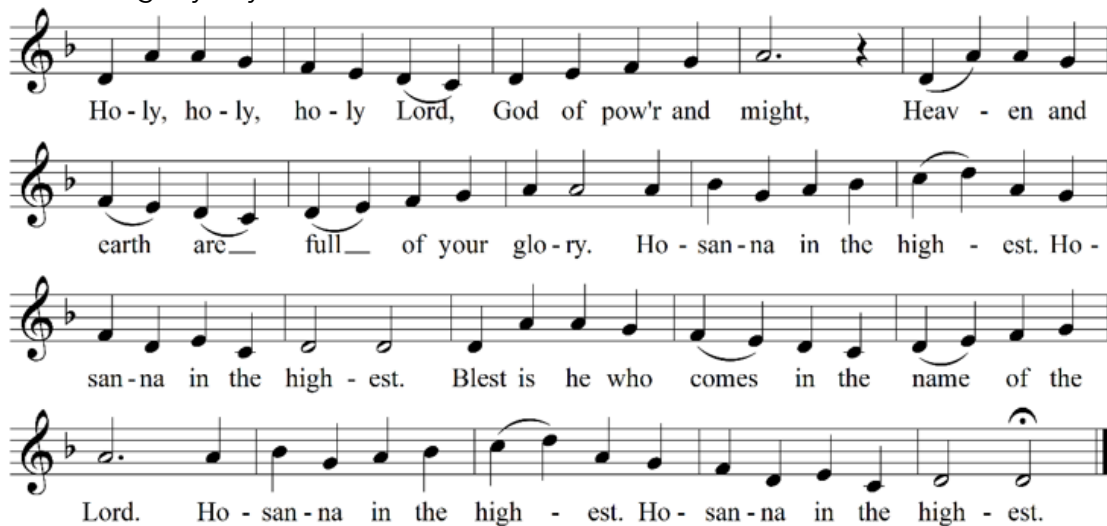
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



The image shows a musical score for a hymn, consisting of four staves of music in a single system. The music is written in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, Heav - en and'. The second staff continues with 'earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -'. The third staff continues with 'san - na in the high - est. Blest is he who comes in the name of the'. The fourth staff concludes with 'Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, along with rests and phrasing slurs.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

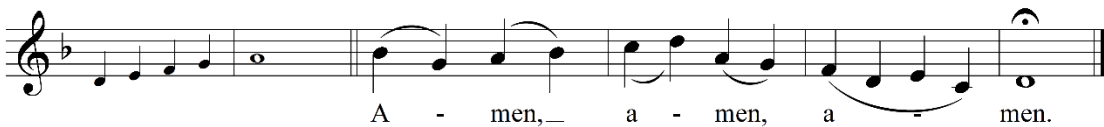
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:



We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

1,2. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the

This system of music is in 3/4 time and B-flat major. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "1,2. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the". The piano part consists of chords and moving lines in the right and left hands. A dashed oval highlights the notes for "a - way" in both staves.

world, have mer - cy on us. 3. Lamb of God, you take a -

This system continues the music. The lyrics are: "world, have mer - cy on us. 3. Lamb of God, you take a -". The piano part continues with similar accompaniment. A double bar line with repeat dots is present at the end of the system.

rit. **slower**
way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

This system concludes the piece. The lyrics are: "way the sins of the world, grant us peace." Above the first staff, the tempo markings "*rit.*" and "**slower**" are indicated. The piano part features a final chord and a fermata over the final notes. Dashed ovals highlight the notes for "way" and "the" in both staves.

The Communion

We invite all people regardless of age or denomination to share in the Holy Communion at the Lord's table. Please come forward to receive the bread and wine. When receiving from the common cup, please do not intinct (dip the bread in the wine). If you wish to receive only the bread, you may remain in place at the rail, crossing your arms across your chest when the chalice bearer presents the cup, or return to your seat after receiving the bread. Gluten-free wafers are available. If you do not wish to receive communion you are invited to receive a blessing. Please indicate this desire by crossing your arms over your chest. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you.

Communion Hymns

What Child Is This?



1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Ma - ry's
 2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate Where ox and
 3. So bring him in - cense, gold and myrrh, Come, pea - sant,



lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems
 ass are feed - ing? Good Christ - ian, fear; for sin - ners
 king to own him; The King of kings sal - va - tion



sweet, While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 here The si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 brings, Let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



sweet, While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 here The si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 brings, Let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep - herds guard and



an - gels sing; Haste, haste to bring him laud, The



babe, the son of Ma - ry.

The Word Became Flesh

The Word be-came flesh and dwelt a - mong us, and we have seen his
glo - ry. The Word be-came flesh and dwelt a - mong us,
filled with en - dur - ing love.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "The Word be-came flesh and dwelt a - mong us, and we have seen his glo - ry. The Word be-came flesh and dwelt a - mong us, filled with en - dur - ing love." The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

Text: John 1:14 Music: ©2005 Roger Stratton

Sending Forth of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

On those days when the parish sends out Lay Eucharistic Visitors to those who cannot attend the liturgy, the Bread is presented to the Visitors at the altar, using this form.

Deacon In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we share the one bread and the one cup.**

Prayer after Communion

All

**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.**

We Go into the World in God's Name

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

O God, our times are in your hands. Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Sovereign of the universe, who in your steadfast love made a covenant with your people Israel and consummated it through the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ: Let these servants' covenant promises be a sign of your mercy, forgiveness, and ardent desire; that through their common life, you may bind up the broken-hearted, and reconcile all things in heaven and on earth; in the power of your life-giving Spirit. Amen.

The Blessing

Christmas flowers are given:

In Thanksgiving for Family - Sharon Engel

In Thanksgiving for 35 years of Marriage - Revs. Len & Lindsay Freeman

In Memory of Tom Golden - Maureen Golden

In Thanksgiving for Family and Friends - Becky Sweely

In Memory of Dorothy & Pat Roggow (Parents of Judy) and Our Grandparents
- Judy & John Galich

In Memory of Dwight Lord and Rae Davenport - Gretchen S. Lord

In Memory of Walter & Penny Johnson and Binta Rose - Judy Bouts

In Memory of Mary & Lou Taylor - Susan Taylor

In Thanksgiving for my family, friends, and St. David's community who bring me joy
- Eileen McNamara

In Memory of Bruce and Shirley Stevenson, and Marilyn Schimmek - Bonnie Boyd

In Thanksgiving for Matthew, Sydney, Nathan, and Will - Bill and Barbara Hise

In Thanksgiving for My Incredible Family - Nancy Mark

In Memory of Chuck - Sue List

In Celebration for My Dear Family - Sue List

Paul and Debie Tsuchiya

In Thanksgiving for family, friends, and the St. David's community
- The Very Rev. Katherine Lewis

In Memory of John Seppanen - Cliff and Patty Crockford

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