



Star of Bethlehem by Waldemar Flaig. Oil on canvas circa 1920; Franziskaner Museum, Villingen-Schwenningen, Germany.

Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ

January 6, 2020

1:00 p.m.

St. Martin's-in-the-Field Episcopal Church

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The Reverend Nathan Erdman, *Associate Rector and Chaplain*

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Our mission is to gather as a welcoming community of Christ called to love and serve God, our neighbors and each other in joyful presence in the world.

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Welcome to St. Martin's-in-the-Field Episcopal Church

Our worship services are taken from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), and The Hymnal 1982 (H).

All are invited to participate fully in our worship of God today.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II - 1:00 P.M.

THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME

PRELUDE: *Mit Freid und Freud ich fahr dahin*, BWV 603

Johann Sebastian Bach

OPENING HYMN: *What star is this, with beams so bright*

H 124, v. 1 & 4

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.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect for Purity entreats almighty God to prepare our hearts for worship. This prayer dates back to the 10th century and has appeared in almost every Anglican Prayer Book in the world since Thomas Cranmer's original translation in the 1549 Prayer Book.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 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.**

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; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 72:1-7, 10-14

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- ¹Give the King your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the King's Son;**
- ²That he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;**
- ³That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the little hills bring righteousness.**
- ⁴He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**
- ⁵He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.**
- ⁶He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.**
- ⁷In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.**
- ¹⁰The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.**
- ¹¹All kings shall bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.**
- ¹²For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, and the oppressed who has no helper.**
- ¹³He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; he shall preserve the lives of the needy.**
- ¹⁴He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, and dear shall their blood be in his sight.**

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE 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 Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Collect of the Day "collects" our individual thoughts into unified prayer that we might respond to the lessons we are about to hear.

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

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

SERMON

The Reverend Jason Poling
Rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

NICENE CREED

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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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

The Nicene Creed is the most ancient and important corporate confession of our faith. We are joining ourselves to the great heritage of the holy (of God) catholic (universal) and apostolic (witnessing to the resurrection) church down through the centuries.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE— FORM III

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The Prayers of the People remind us that in our worship we are connected to a larger fellowship - the Church - the Body of Christ, on whose heart lies the cares and concerns of the world.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer this week we pray for The Diocese of Abuja – The Church of Nigeria; and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for: Epiphany, Odenton; St. Alban's, Glen Burnie; and St. Andrew's, Pasadena. Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church; ***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; ***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Eugene and Robert our bishops; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons; ***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

For Donald, our President; for Joseph, our President-elect; the Congress and Supreme Court of the United States; for Larry, our governor; and Steuart, our county executive; and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; ***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble. ***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed, eternal rest; ***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; ***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

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

We continue to pray for those affected by the COVID-19 virus and all health care providers, as they tend to those who have been infected; for those affected by natural disasters; for those whose lives have been forever altered by racial violence and for those who have seen their neighborhood host terrifying violence and astonishing destruction; for those who live in fear, remembering especially our Black brothers and sisters who have for decades cried out against injustice and not been heard by those with the power to make change; and for all those serving in our military and law enforcement communities.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. ***And also with you.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The
Offertory
 Hymn is to be
 sung by the
 livestream
 congregation
 during the
 setting of the
 Table for Holy
 Eucharist.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN: *We three kings*

H 128, v. 1 & 2



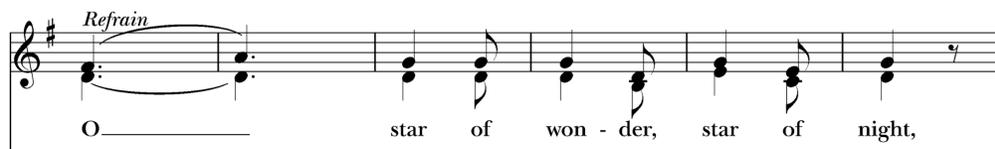
1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing
 2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



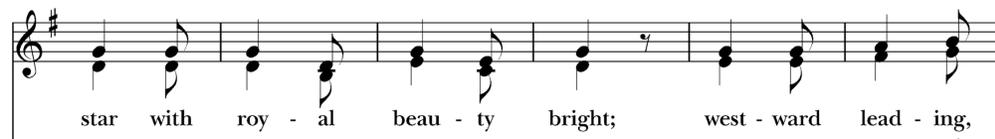
1 gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
 2 bring to crown him a - gain, King for ev - er,
 3 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
 4 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
 5 God and Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al - le -



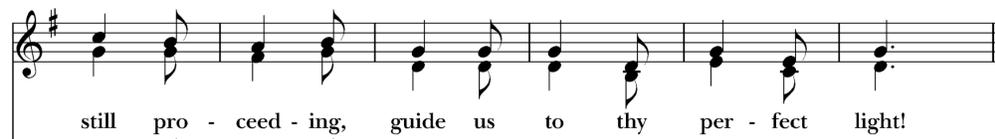
1 moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 2 ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
 3 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship him, God Most High.
 4 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 5 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.



Refrain
 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!

The **Sanctus**,
 which begins,
 "Holy, holy,
 holy..." is
 a hymn of
 remembrance,
 consecration
 and praise
 where our
 voices echo
 the voices of
 the angels
 who eternally
 praise God
 with these
 words. Our
 worship also
 includes the
Benedictus,
 "Blessed
 is he..." a
 Christological
 acclamation
 of the coming
 of Christ into
 the world,
 taken from
 Matthew's
 gospel.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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 him thanks and praise.**

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:

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.

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 Father, **We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 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. **AMEN.**

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

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.

FRACTION

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

INVITATION

Bishop Sutton has permitted the Celebrant ONLY, on behalf of the congregation, to consume the consecrated elements of the Eucharist.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

BLESSING

The Post-communion Prayer comes from the prayer book for the Armed Forces and speaks to Spiritual Communion whereby the assembled congregation spiritually partakes of the bread and wine while only the celebrant consumes the elements.

CLOSING HYMN: *As with gladness men of old*

H 119, v. 1 & 5



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 Dismissal
asserts the relationship between worship and living. It is a call to mission, a call to live the baptismal and Eucharistic life in the world.

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: *Festive Proclamation*

Jason W. Krug

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