

Welcome to Saint Mary's Episcopal Church!  
Epiphany Sunday—January 9, 2022  
Eucharist Service

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/TRANSITION TO WORSHIP

The Word of God

OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Enriching Our Worship*

*Celebrant* Blessed be the one holy and living God.

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

SONG OF PRAISE

*Your Light Has Come*

Richard Bruxvoort-Colligan  
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OPENING COLLECT

*The Book of Common Prayer, p.214*

*Celebrant* God be with you.

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

*Celebrant* 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 forever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

FIRST MESSAGE

Isaiah 60:1-6

*Lay Leader* Let us prepare ourselves to hear the Word of God.

*People* **Our hearts and minds are open.**

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.

*Lay Leader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

SUNG PSALM

*Please stand as you are able.*

GRADUAL

Hymnal #128 – *We Three Kings* vs 1-3

John Henry Hopkins, Jr.

## 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.**

*Please be seated.*

## HOMILY

The Reverend Tom Eklo

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH AND BAPTISMAL PROMISES

*A New Zealand Prayer Book*

*Lay Leader* Please stand as you are able and join together in affirming our faith.

*People* **You, O God, are supreme and holy.  
You create our world and give us life.  
Your purpose overarches everything we do.  
You have always been with us.  
You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure.  
You came to us before we came to you.  
You have revealed your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again.  
You are with us now.  
You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.  
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.  
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.  
You are God. We worship you.**

*Lay Leader* Please turn and face the middle aisle as we make our promises to each other and to God. And now we join together with members of the worldwide Anglican/Episcopal Communion in translating the beliefs in our hearts into action in our lives, in these baptismal questions. Please respond to each promise by saying, "I will with God's help."

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Book of Common Prayer, Church of England*

*Lay Leader* God of light and life, our prayers rise before you this day in hope and faith.

We pray for your church, for our diocese, bishops, clergy and all people.

*People* **Flame of abundant love, be our Joy in proclaiming your Good News to the world.**

*Lay Leader* We pray for all who are coming to faith, all who wonder about faith, and all who are struggling with faith.

*People* **Light of all creation, guide us to lead, teach and nurture your disciples.**

*Lay Leader* We pray for those in need of food, shelter, clothing, and of God's healing touch, especially those for whom our prayers are especially desired...

*People* **Comforter of the suffering, warm our hands to loving service.**

*Lay Leader* We pray for the world, especially where there is trouble and suffering, far away or nearby.

*People* **Ember of steadfast care, fuel our passion to challenge injustice and violence and to pursue peace and reconciliation.**

*Lay Leader* We pray for the land on which we stand, the peoples, creatures, plant life and waters around us.

*People* **Star blaze of glory, lead us to care for this fragile earth, our island home, and to heal the circle of creation.**

*Lay Leader* God of radiant light, your love illumines our hopes before we know them and our needs before we ask.

Kindle your flame within us, that in our prayers and service, we may know your transforming presence at work in the world around us. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## SAINT MARY'S COMMUNITY PRAYERS: CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

*Everyone is invited to offer concerns and thanksgivings.*

*Lay Leader* Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Light of the World!

May your Holy Spirit continue to guide and illumine the discerning hearts and minds of the Saint Mary's Search Committee and rector candidates, in the search for a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for ministries in your name. **Amen.**

## CONCLUDING COLLECT

*The Book of Common Prayer*

*Lay Leader* Lord our God, accept the prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you, we give glory, Father, Son and Holy spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

## Eucharistic Prayer

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

[parishresources.org.uk](http://parishresources.org.uk)

*Celebrant* Loving God, we follow the Magi in giving you gifts, praying that as you receive our acts of offering, you would shine the light of Christ in our hearts to lead us in lives which serve you more deeply. **Amen.**

*We are not passing the offering plates at this time.*

*You are welcome to place your offering in the plate at the entrance to the sanctuary or make an online offering by pressing the "contribute" button on our website, [saintmarysepiscopal.org](http://saintmarysepiscopal.org).*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Eucharistic Prayer 3, *Enriching Our Worship*

*Celebrant* God be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts  
*People* **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant and People sing The Sanctus*

*Celebrant* And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

*Celebrant and People*

**Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

*Celebrant and People worshipping virtually*

**Gracious God, You stand at the door of our hearts and knock. You wait for us and we only can let you in. We believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill us with your presence. Nourish us with your body and unite us in your blood, that we may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

*People* **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

*Celebrant* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.  
*People* **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

*Please be seated.*

COMMUNION HYMN

*Come Light of Lights* tr. from a Celtic chant of the Céile Dé order  
Music: Ruth Cunningham

Hymnal #119 – *As With Gladness* Words: William Chatterton Dix  
Music: *Dix*, melody Conrad Kocher

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Please stand as you are able.*

9 am Liturgy Team from 2019

*Celebrant* Let us pray together.  
*People* **Loving God, thank you for all the blessings of this life and especially for your presence in the bread and wine. As Jesus sent the disciples, send us from this table brimming with hope, joy and good news for the whole world. Amen.**

CELEBRANT BLESSING

CLOSING SONG

*Love Has Come*

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DISMISSAL

*Deacon* <Deacon says the words of dismissal.>  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

SOCIAL TIME