



Transfiguration Episcopal Church

The Second Sunday after Christmas
In-Person & Livestream Eucharist
January 2, 2022, 10:30 a.m.

Please enter the sanctuary quietly and take a seat.

Note: The microphone is live at 10:20 and conversations will be recorded.

PRELUDE

Greensleeves

OPENING HYMN #128

WE THREE KINGS



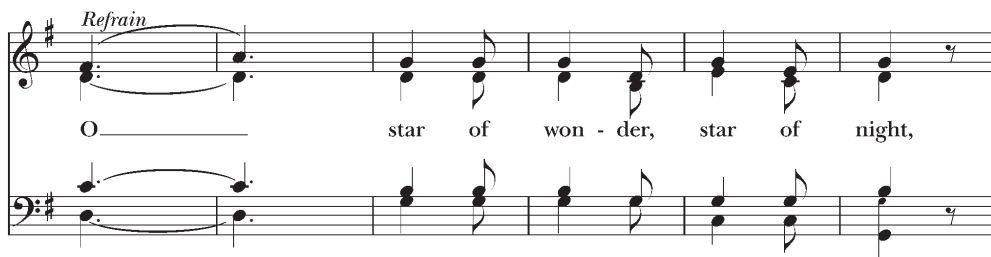
1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing
2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and

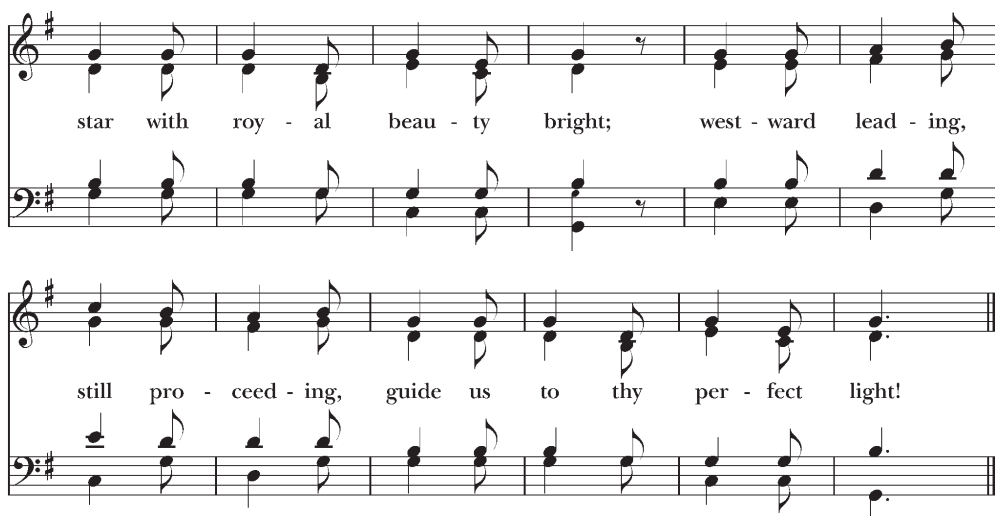


1 gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
2 bring to crown him a - gain, King for ev - er,
3 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
4 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
5 God and Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al - le -



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.





star with roy - al beau - ty bright; west - ward lead - ing,
still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

OPENING ACCLAMATION

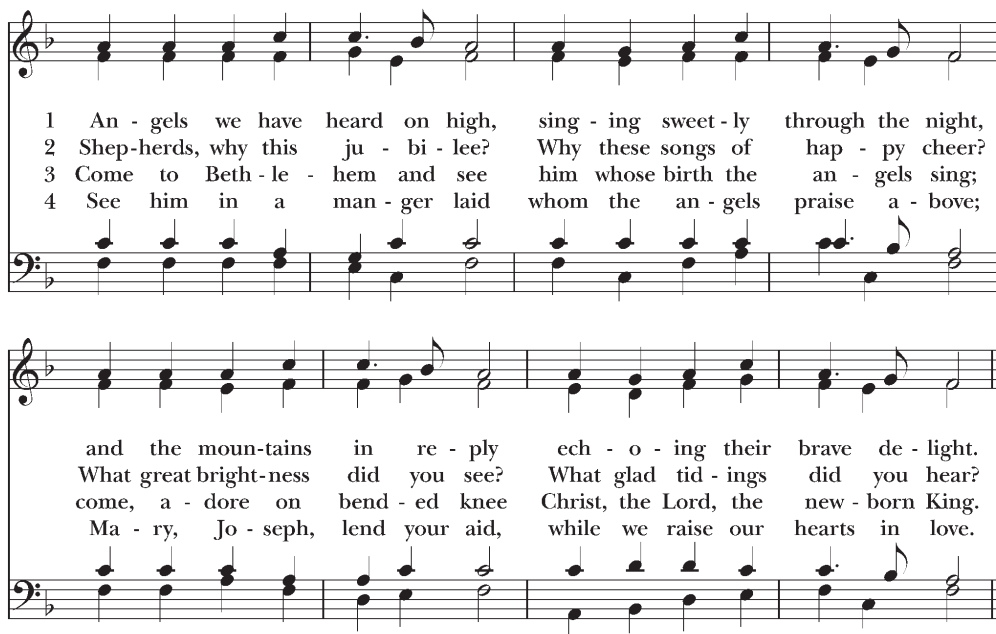
Presider Blessed be God: most holy glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People **And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Presider introduces the Eucharist informally.

HYMN OF PRAISE

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;
and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

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

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

THE COLLECT

Presider God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The people are seated.

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 84:1-8

All remain seated as we say the Psalm antiphonally.

How dear to me is your dwelling, O God of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for your courts;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

**The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, *
by the side of your altars, O God of hosts,
my Ruler and my God.**

Happy are they who dwell in your house; *
they will always be praising you.

**Happy are the people whose strength is in you; *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs,*
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

**They will climb from height to height; *
the God of gods will be revealed in Zion.**

O God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

**Behold our defender, O God, *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.**

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THE GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

The People stand as they are able.

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 our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

THE REV. BOB KOSSLER

A period of silence is kept.

The People stand as they are able as we say together.

**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

Presider

Good and gracious God, in this season you gave us your Son, the Lord of the universe, wrapped in swaddling clothes, the Savior of all, lying in a manger. Draw us into the mystery of your love. Join our voices with the heavenly host, that we may sing your glory on high. Give us a place among the shepherds, that we may find the one for whom we have waited. Let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all those in need, saying: Glory to God in the highest.

Leader

Let us pray for the Church around the world as it celebrates the birth of Christ. Bless all those who are entrusted with ministry that your Word might be proclaimed with truth and courage across our world. Let us pray.

People **Glory to God in the highest.**

Leader

Bestow your wisdom on all who govern, that in honoring the earth and its diverse races, cultures, and religions, we may celebrate the light of this holy night. Let us pray.

People **Glory to God in the highest.**

Leader

Grant reconciliation to those surrounded with conflict and violence, that they may live in the peace. Let us pray.

People **Glory to God in the highest.**

Leader

Let us pray for all who are cold, hungry, or alone. Embrace with your tender care all who wander alone or have no place to lay their head, that they may experience hope. Let us pray.

People **Glory to God in the highest.**

Leader

Let us pray for all who are anxious, depressed, or ill. Draw near to those who are suffering or sick, especially those we remember in our own hearts ... *[pause]* that they may feel the comfort of Christ. Let us pray.

People **Glory to God in the highest.**

Leader

Let us give thanks for all the faithful departed who have been bearers of the Word made flesh, especially those we remember in our own hearts ... *[pause]* Let us pray.

People **Glory to God in the highest.**

Leader

Let us pray with thanksgiving for all our blessings. Open our hearts to your presence, that we may be transformed by new birth. Let us pray.

People **Glory to God in the highest.**

Presider

Grant these prayers and the prayers of our hearts, O God, for the sake of him who who was born and lived among us with love. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please remain in your pew while we exchange a touch-less peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

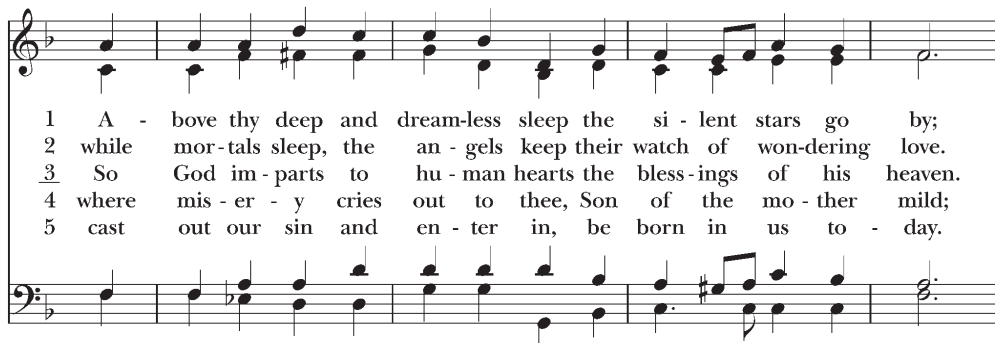
Presider

Yours, O Lord is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours. O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all. *1 Chronicles 29:11*

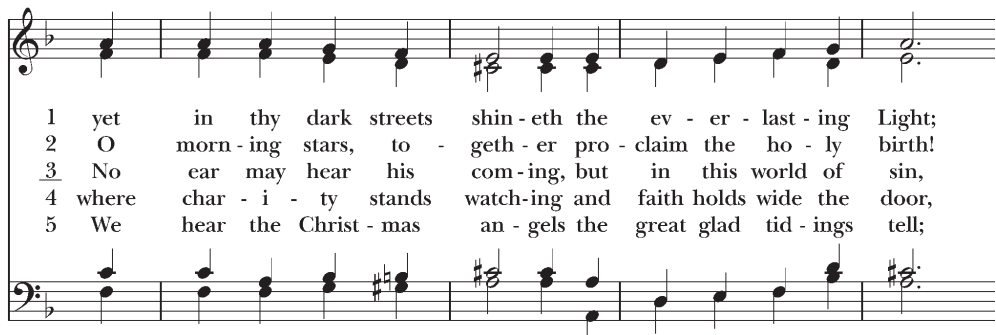
OFFERTORY HYMN #79

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

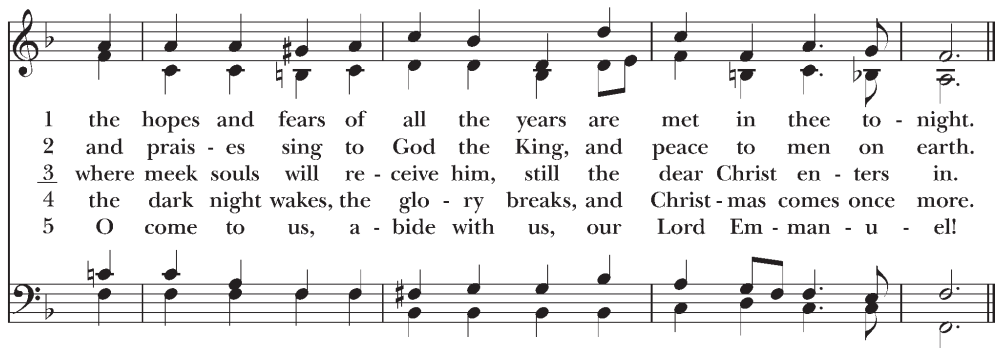
The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It features a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat major/D minor) and a common time signature. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with each line of music corresponding to a line of text. The lyrics are: 1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie! 2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove, 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given! 4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child, 5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



1 A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
 2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
 3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
 4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;
 5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
 2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
 3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 4 where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,
 5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
 3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 4 the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.
 5 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B EXPANSIVE LANGUAGE VERSION

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 you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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 Presider and People sing together

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Presider continues

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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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,

Presider and People

We remember Christ's death,

We proclaim Christ's resurrection,

We await Christ's coming in glory;

Presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

Presider

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,

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

A period of silence is kept.

Presider This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

People **Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

AGNUS DEI

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Presider

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Wherever you find yourself on your spiritual journey, you are welcome to share Communion (or receive a blessing in which case, please cross your arms in front of your chest as a sign to the minister). If you need gluten-free bread, it will be provided.

The Minister will bring the Eucharist (in the form of bread only) to you. Please remain in your place. Hold out your hands and the Minister will place the wafer in your hands; you may lower your mask to consume the bread.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Presider and People

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.

BLESSING

Presider

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN #517

HOW LOVELY IS THY DWELLING PLACE

1 How love - ly is thy dwell - ing - place, O Lord of hosts, to
2 Be - side thine al - tars, gra - cious Lord, the swal - lows find a
3 They who go through the des - ert vale will find it filled with
4 One day with - in thy courts ex - cels a thou-sand spent a -

me! My thirst - y soul de - sires and longs with -
 nest; how hap - py they who dwell with thee and
 springs, and they shall climb from height to height till
 way; how hap - py they who keep thy laws nor

in thy courts to be; my ve - ry heart and
 praise thee with - out rest, and hap - py they whose
 Zi - on's tem - ple rings with praise to thee, in
 from thy pre - cepts stray, for thou shalt sure - ly

flesh cry out, O liv - ing God, for thee.
 hearts are set up - on the pil - grim's quest.
 glo - ry throned, Lord God, great King of kings.
 bless all those who live the words they pray.

DISMISSAL

Presider
People

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

We Three Kings *in Gospel style*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Presider & Preacher:	The Rev. Bob Kossler
Interim Director of Music:	Terry Farrow
Director of Family Ministry:	Michele Maia
Cantor:	Cheryl Blalock
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Prayers of the People:	Bob Shields
Eucharistic Minister:	Gari Patton
Acolytes:	Josie Kearns, Louisa Kearns
Sacristy Team:	Hillary Smith, Loretta Faulkner, Jane Lintott, Judy Castillo
Greeters:	tbd
Coffee Hour:	(No coffee hour at this time due to Omicron concerns)
Livestream Tech:	tbd

Thank you for attending our service today. We ask you to follow the guidelines to protect yourself and those around you.

Entering the sanctuary:

- *Please wear your mask while inside the church.*
- *Pick up a bulletin.*
- *Please make use of the hand sanitization stations.*
- *The pews are spaced appropriately for social distancing.*
- *Please take your bulletin with you to deposit in the recycling bin as you exit, or take home as you wish.*

During the service:

- *Feel free to respond verbally during the service.*
- *The Congregation will join the Cantor in singing the service music and hymns.*

Receiving the Eucharist:

- *We will distribute the Eucharist (bread only) to all who wish to partake.*
- *The Presider/Eucharistic Minister will come to you in your place.*

We realize that we have more rules than normal, but our intent is to protect you and your family. If you have any suggestions, feel free to let us know.