

PRELUDE

Prologue

Janet Correll (b. 1942)

OPENING HYMN # 115

WHAT CHILD IS THIS, WHO, LAID TO REST

Unison or harmony



1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on where come,
 2. Why lies he in such mean estate,
 3. So bring him in censure, gold, and myrrh,
 Mary's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
 ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for
 peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -
 an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 sin - ners here the si - silent Word is plead - ing.
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.
Refrain
 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.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

The Presider introduces the Eucharist informally.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant and People

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 IN EXCELSIS, A COMMUNITY MASS

RICHARD PROULX (1937-2010)

Glo - ry to God in the

high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en-ly

King, al - might - y God and Fa-ther, We wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord, God,
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have
mer - cy on us; You are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our pray'r, re -
ceive, re - ceive our pray'r.

For you a - lone are the Ho-ly One, you a - lone are the
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ with the Ho - ly
Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
A - men. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider 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 WORD OF GOD

THE 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.

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

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION, HYMN #126

THE PEOPLE WHO IN DARKNESS WALKED

1 The people who in darkness walked have seen a glorious light;
 2 To hail thy rising, Sun of life, the gathering nations come,
 3 To us the promised Child is born, to us the Son is given;
 4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace for ever more adored,
 5 His power increasing still shall spread, his reign no end shall know;

1 on them broke forth the heavenly dawn who dwelt in death and night.
 2 joyous as when the reapers bear their harvest treasures home.
 3 him shall the tribes of earth obey, and all the hosts of heaven.
 4 the Wonderful, the Counsellor, the mighty God and Lord.
 5 justice shall guard his throne above, and peace abound below.

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 2:1-12

The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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 Savior.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

THE REV. BOB KOSSLER

A period of silence is kept.

NICENE CREED

FROM ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP

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

Leader Holy Child of God, every darkness is pierced by the brightness of Your dawn. Lift our eyes to see, and open our hearts to feel the blessings of Your Radiance.

People **Blessed Child, Your Star has risen!**

Leader Holy Child of God, You have come to us that we may rejoice in the blessings You bring and flourish in Your love as we humbly and gratefully serve You. We give thanks for the birth of Iris Cooper Marburger, to Cathy Cohn and John Marburger.

People **Blessed Child, Your Star has risen!**

Leader Holy Child of God, the Wisest of the Wise came to You with profound joy to acknowledge this auspicious Birth. May those who govern in our names also come to You to receive and deliver Your Rich Wisdom to this world with peace, justice, and mercy, and rid the world of brutality, poverty, and despair.

People **Blessed Child, Your Star has risen!**

Leader Holy Child of God, shine Your Healing Light on those who are ill and on those who love and care for them. Shield them from fear and pain and guide them to Your peace and comfort. We pray especially for Helaina Titus.

People **Blessed Child, Your Star has risen!**

Leader Holy Child of God, even in our Joy at Your Sacred Birth, we are saddened by the loss of those we love. Shepherd us through our grief and warm our hearts with Your Grace until we come to know that those we mourn live again with You. We pray especially for David Lintott and Janet Theorin.

People **Blessed Child, Your Star has risen!**

Leader Holy Child of God, sanctify those who minister in your name and give them your vision and strength to defend the poor and provide deliverance to the needy.

People **Blessed Child, Your Star has risen!**

Leader Holy Child of God, we know we are precious in Your sight. Let us feel the Love in Your Holy Heart written on our own from the rising of Your Star until the moon is no more.

People **Blessed Child, Your Star has risen!**

Presider

Blessed and Holy Child of God, Your Glittering Star shows itself again as the compass for our lives. Let us follow the Light of Your Guidance to fulfill God's Perfect Mystery for our lives and seek the bold path that will lead us to Eternal Life. We ask this through Your Grace and for the Glory of God and the Wisdom of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CONFSSION OF SIN

Deacon or Assisting Priest

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Presider and People

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 our Savior 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.

ABSOLUTION

Presider

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

THE PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BLESSINGS

A Prayer for Birthdays

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Presider says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2

OFFERTORY HYMN # 128

WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE



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:
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 wonder, star of night,
 star with royal beauty bright;
 westward leading, still proceeding,
 guide us to thy perfect light!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B, EXPANSIVE LANGUAGE

Presider God 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 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:

SANCTUS, A COMMUNITY MASS

RICHARD PROULX

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider

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

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. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All

**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

A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM, A COMMUNITY MASS

RICHARD PROULX



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 of the world: give us your peace.

Presider

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

A period of silence is kept while the Celebrant removes the consecrated bread and wine from the altar. We are encouraged to offer the following prayer. This is a moment of loss that we cannot be together and eat together; but also joy, that we can engage in spiritual communion with one another, and in community through the means of our zoom/livestream.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

In union, O Lord, with the faithful of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all the love of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live in you, and may you live in us, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

from the Order of Julian of Norwich

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Presider and People
Eternal God,
you have graciously accepted us
as living members
of 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 Savior. Amen.

EPIPHANY BLESSING

Presider

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN #117

BRIGHTEST AND BEST OF THE STARS OF THE MORNING



1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
 2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing,
 3 Shall we then yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,
 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple o - bla - tion,
 5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



1 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;
 2 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
 3 o - dors of E - dom, and of - ferings di - vine,
 4 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure,
 5 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;



1 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,
 2 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
 3 gems of the moun - tain, and pearls of the o - cean,
 4 rich - er by far is the heart's a - dor - a - tion,
 5 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,



1 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
 2 Ma - ker and Mon - arch and Sa - vior of all.
 3 myrrh from the for - est, and gold from the mine?
 4 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
 5 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.



DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the congregation with these or other suitable words.
Go in peace to love and serve Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Divertissement

Janet Correll

Coffee hour follows immediately after the Postlude. We would love for you to join. You can either stay in the main room and discuss the sermon with the preacher, or you can join a breakout room and meet friends. The break out room is open for ten minutes and then we will reconvene in the main room and continue sharing.

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Prayers of the People: Longnecker family

The Lord's Prayer: Kate Ridgway

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion: Brook Compton