



Holy Eucharist Rite II
The Epiphany of Our Lord
January 3, 2021
10:00 am

The People are invited to read the words in **bold**. While we're online, these words will be led by someone on screen so that you can read and pray with them. No matter where you are, joining in this worship service is a form of prayer that connects you to God and to each other. Find a comfortable place to sit. Kneel or stand for the prayers if you'd like. Whenever two or three are gathered, even virtually, Jesus is present among us.

#### + THE WORD OF GOD +

**Prelude** 

The Angels' Song

C.V. Stanford

## **Opening Hymn 117**

Morning Star

## "Brightest and best of the stars of the morning"

The Cantor sings verses 1, 2 & 3. The People are invited to sing at home.



Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt. Music: Morning Star, James Proctor Harding (1850-1911)

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

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

## The 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.** 

Song of Praise. Gloria in excelsis Deo Franz Joseph Haydn from "Heiligmesse"

Sung by the Parish Choir

Text: Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te.

## The 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.** 

## The 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.

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

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

## The 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.

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

## The Gospel

**Matthew 2:1-12** 

Gospeller 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.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### The Sermon

The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

#### The Nicene Creed

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 Prayers of the People

Intercessor With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the

Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

Intercessor For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God,

and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy

Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to

the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for our Bishops, Ian and

Laura, for Marissa our Rector, and for all the clergy and

people of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, let us pray to

the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For the leaders of the nations, and for all those in authority,

let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this Intercessor congregation, especially for Christine, Rich, Nancy, Ken, Dawn, Barrie, Donnie, James, Jeff, Aaron, Michael, Katie, Petra, Doris, Darunee, Patricia, Frank, Richard, Mary Lou, Charles, Gene, Kathy, Bo, Geoff, Dann, and for all those we now name [\_\_\_\_\_]; let us pray to the Lord. People Lord, have mercy. For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the Intercessor destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy. People For the members of our military, for first-responders, and for Intercessor all who risk their lives on behalf of others; especially for Todd, Jake and Matthew and those we now name, let us pray to the Lord. People Lord, have mercy. We pray also for those who have died, [especially Intercessor \_and| for those we now name (the people are invited to offer their own intercessions); let us pray to the Lord. People Lord, have mercy. We thank you, Lord for all the blessings of this life, especially Intercessor for [\_\_\_\_\_and] those we now name (the people are invited to offer their own thanksgivings). That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without Intercessor suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Silence may be kept.

People

Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent 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 for ever. **Amen.** 

#### The Confession

Then the Celebrant says
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People say together

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.

The Celebrant says

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

## The Holy Communion

Celebrant says an Offertory sentence.

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Hymn at the Presentation Doxology

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia. Praise God above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

## The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And also with you.Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

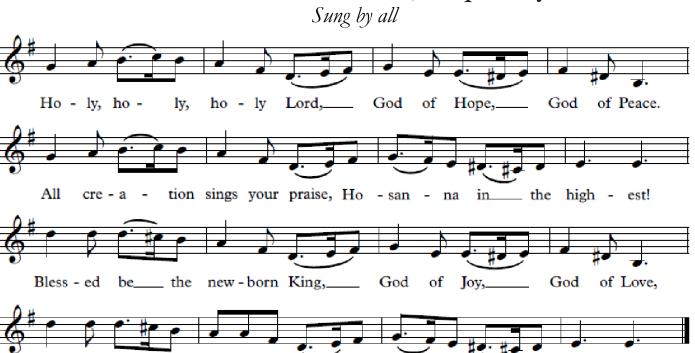
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ 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:

#### Sanctus

to us

## Greensleeves, adapted by Rob Passow



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.

in the name of the Lord, Ho - san - na in \_\_\_ the high - est!

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."

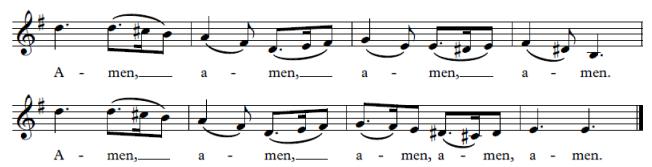
Therefore, according to his command, O Father, We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

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 [\_\_\_\_\_\_ and] 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.

# The Great Amen Greensleeves, adapted by Rob Passow Sung by all

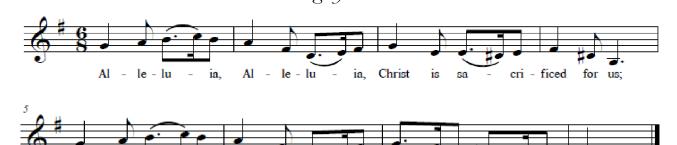


And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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 forever and ever. Amen.

#### **Fraction Anthem**

## Greensleeves, adapted by Rob Passow Sung by all



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## The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

## The Act of Reception

Saint Augustine's Prayer Book (2<sup>nd</sup> ed)

The Celebrant and the People say together

In union, Blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace.

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Silence is kept.

#### **Communion Anthem**

"Away in a Manger"

Sung by the Parish Choir

Dr Jonathan White

Text: Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes. I love thee, Lord Jesus! look down from the sky, And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay Close by me forever, and love me I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, And take us to heaven to live with thee there.

## Communion Hymn

The People are invited to join in the singing of the Communion hymn.

## **Hymn 115**

## "What child is this"

#### Greensleeves



Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898) Music: Greensleeves, English melody; harm. Christmas Carols New and Old, 1871

#### The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray. God of abundance,

People You have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

#### **Parish Announcements**

## The Blessing

The Priest blesses the People saying

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God give you strength to be Christ's hands and heart in this world. And the blessing of God Almighty, who creates, redeems, and sanctifies be with you this day and always. **Amen.** 

## **Closing Hymn 616**

## Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

#### "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

The Cantor sings verses 1, 2 & 3. The People are invited to sing at home.



Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm  $72\,$ 

Music: Es flog ein kliens Waldvögelein, German folk song; adapt. and harm. A Student's Hymnal, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

One of the clergy offers the dismissal to which the people respond,

#### Thanks be to God.

## Postlude Now Thank We All Our God Sigfrid Karg-Elert

**Worship Leaders** 

Celebrant & PreacherThe Rev. Marissa RohrbachDeaconThe Rev. Deacon Don Burr

Lectors Kim Hall, Lydia Hall, Mark Gilmor, Sharon Pearson,

Samantha Trolice

Artist in Residence Scott Ellaway

Cantor Dermot Kiernan

Parish Choir

Coffee Hour Hosts Brian Angerame, Pam Ely

Facebook Greeter Pam Ely

<u>Prayer Requests</u> Specific prayer requests will be kept on the prayer list for <u>six weeks</u>. Please call or email the office if you have additions or deletions to the prayer list. You are encouraged to offer your own prayers silently or aloud as indicated in the Prayers of the People.

Today and through the week, we remember all those who have been commended to our prayers. For those who are sick or in need: Christine, Rich, Nancy, Ken, Barrie, Dawn, Donnie, James, Jeff, Aaron, Michael, Katie, Petra, Doris, Darunee, Patricia, Frank, Gene, Bo, Kathy, Geoff, Richard Douthitt, Mary Lou Mannix, Charles Kennedy and Dann Pompa. For those serving in the military, Jake Walker and Matthew Comeau.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Stephen's, Bloomfield; St. George's, Bolton; Trinity, Branford. Those who advocate at the local, state, national, or global level for the poor, the lonely, and the oppressed.

#### Meet the RenewalWorks Team:

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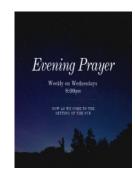
If you have questions about this process or thoughts to contribute after taking the Spiritual Life Inventory, please be in touch with Pam or Marissa. You can also check in with these team members who are giving their time and their gifts to this process as we chart a course forward.

## Taking a pause ...

Compline and Evening Prayer will take a pause – resuming as scheduled the week of January 10<sup>th</sup>.



Link shared in e-news and our Parishioner Facebook Group



#### Weekly Calendar – January 3 – January 10

Sunday, January 3 The Epiphany of Our Lord

9:00am Coffee Hour (Zoom)

10:00am Holy Eucharist -Rite 2 (Livestream)

Monday, January 4

7:00pm Education for Ministry (Zoom)

Tuesday, January 5

11:00am Staff Meeting (Zoom)

Sunday, January 10 The First Sunday after the Epiphany

9:00am Coffee Hour (Zoom)

10:00am Morning Prayer: Rite 2 (Livestream)
11:30am Online Adult & Youth Choir rehearsal

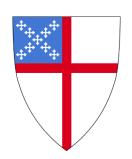
Connection details available on our website, in the e-news, and in our Parishioner Facebook group. Need to sign up for the e-news? It's easy – just go to <a href="https://www.stmatthewswilton.org/newsletter">www.stmatthewswilton.org/newsletter</a>.

Need to join the Parishioner Facebook Group? Go here: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/StMatthewsOnline/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/StMatthewsOnline/</a>

Need something else? Send Marissa a note or be in touch with another member of the staff.

#### Next Week: Worship online again with St. Matthew's

There are many ways to connect with St. Matt's in the coming weeks. Please keep an eye on our website and social media as well as our e-news. There you'll find information and opportunities to connect for friends and members of all ages.



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