



St. George's
Episcopal Church

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

LITURGY OF THE WORD, RITE II

JANUARY 6, 2021
7:00 PM

The Rev. Ann McLemore, *Interim Rector*

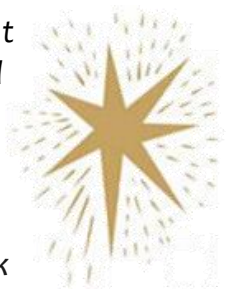
Ms. Mi-Young Kim, *Music Director*

The mission of St. George's Episcopal Church is to worship God and share our faith through word, action, and service.

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE WITH US. *In this difficult and uncertain time, our commitment to one another as the Body of Christ is more important than ever. We are blessed to be able to join together in prayer, even as we are unable to be together in person as we would wish. Our online services are all available from the [Online Worship](#) page of our website.*



THE WORD "EPIPHANY" comes from the Greek word *epiphaneia*, which means "appearing" or "revealing." The season of Epiphany focuses on God's self-revelation in Christ. Christian tradition pays special attention to the gradual revelation of Christ's nature as shown in three events: the visit of the Magi, the baptism of Jesus, and the Wedding at Cana where he performed his first miracle, changing water into wine. With each of these events, the circle of those who see and recognize Jesus for who he is – God with us – grows larger. And with this revelation, the promise of Christmas begins to be fulfilled, as the light of Christ enters the world: "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you" (Isaiah 60:1). God is always making God's-self known to us.



GUIDE TO ABBREVIATIONS

H – 1982 Hymnal

G – Gather Hymnal

BCP – Book of Common Prayer

Because Austin has moved into Stage 5 of the CDC's COVID-19 risk-based guidelines, in which all gatherings of any size are discouraged, today's worship service will be led from the homes of the worship leaders, rather than from the church.

PRELUDE

Arioso
Robert Cundick

MI-YOUNG KIM

WELCOME

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN

We Three Kings of Orient Are

H 128



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,
2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain,
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense owns a de - i - ty nigh;
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice;

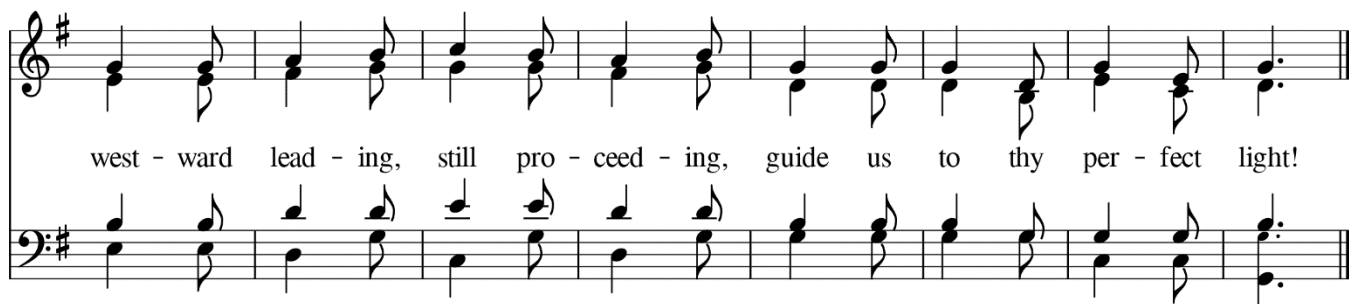


field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
King for ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
prayer and prais - ing, glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship him, God Most High.
sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing dy - ing, sealed in the stone cold tomb.
heaven sings al - le - 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!

Words: John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891), alt. Music: *Three Kings of Orient*, John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891).

Officiant Arise, shine: for your light has come,
People **And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**
Amen.

Officiant 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.

People **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

H 421

1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from
2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther
3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -
hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be
gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -
va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who
to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for
on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and
was be - fore cre - a - tion. You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,
your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al - might - y Fa - ther.
we for judg - ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.
with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

Words: Nikolaus Decius (1490?-1541); tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.; para. of *Gloria in excelsis*.
Music: *Allein Gott in der Höh*, melody att. Nikolaus Decius (1490?-1541).

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 214

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

Officiant 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.

People **Amen.**

Reader A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 72:1-7,10-14

DEUS, JUDICIUM

Please join in reading the psalm responsively by whole verse.

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
 and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 **That he may rule your people righteously *
 and the poor with justice;**
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
 and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 **He shall defend the needy among the people; *
 he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
 from one generation to another.
- 6 **He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
 like showers that water the earth.**

- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, *
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.**
- 11 All kings shall bow down before him, *
and all the nations do him service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, *
and the oppressed who has no helper.**
- 13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- 14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, *
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.**

SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 3:1-12

Reader A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

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.

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

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 -

than the noon - day light? It shines to her - ald
 rise of Ja - cob's star; and east - ern sa - ges
 shines a clear - er light, and leads them on with
 on to seek thy face, let not our sloth - ful
 vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly

forth the King, and Gen - tiles to his crib to bring.
 with a - maze up - on the won - drous to - ken gaze.
 power be - nign to seek the Gi - ver of the sign.
 hearts re - fuse the guid - ance of thy light to use.
 Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Chandler (1807-1876), alt.

Music: *Puer nobis*, melody from Trier MS., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621); harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, Revised.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 2:1-12

Officiant
 People

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.

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

THE SERMON

THE REV. ANN MCLEMORE

NICENE CREED

BCP 358

**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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI

BCP 392

- Intercessor* For all people in their daily life and work;
People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**
- Intercessor* For this community, the nation, and the world;
People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**
- Intercessor* For the just and proper use of your creation;
People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**
- Intercessor* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**
- Intercessor* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People **For all who proclaim the Gospel and all who seek the Truth.**
- Intercessor* For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Andy, Jeff, Hector, and Kai, our bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;
People **For all who serve God in his Church.**
- Intercessor* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, and for those suffering from COVID-19.
(Silence; the People may add their own petitions)
Hear us Lord,
People **For your mercy is great.**
- Intercessor* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
(Silence; the People may add their own thanksgivings)
We will exalt you, O God our King;
People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**
- Intercessor* We pray for all who have died, especially those who have died from COVID-19, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
(Silence; the People may add their own petitions)
Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People **Who put their trust in you.**
- Officiant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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.**
- Officiant* Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
People **Amen.**

Officiant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Officiant We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

People **Have mercy upon us,
most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you
in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Officiant 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.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THE DOXOLOGY

H 43, VERSE 4

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise
him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711). Music: *The Eighth Tune*, Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585).

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

We Are Marching

G 357

We are march - ing* in the light of God, we are march-ing in the light of God.

march-ing in the light of God, we are march-ing,

march-ing in the light of the light of God, we are march-ing, march-ing, we are

march-ing in the light of God,

Oo

march-ing, march-ing we are march-ing in the light of God.

* *Additional verses: dancing, singing, praying*

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DISMISSAL

Officiant Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
 People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Herzlich tut mich Verlangen (My heart is filled with longing)
Johann Sebastian Bach

MI-YOUNG KIM

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After the service, you are invited to join the [Zoom Coffee Hour](#) (passcode: Christ),
 for a brief time of fellowship with other St. George's parishioners.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMON LIFE

PRAYER IN TIMES OF TRANSITION

God of love, in this interim time, we pray for our parish family, that we may be genuine in our self-reflection, tireless in our commitment, patient in our discernment, loving in our communion, open in our search, imaginative about our future, and daring in our faith. As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety, we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love. We thank you for the gifts, talents, and skills with which you have blessed us. We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment. Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another. All this we pray, empowered by the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE HUMAN FAMILY

BCP 815

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

BCP 260

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



THOSE WHO SERVE

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