

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL ANGLICAN CHURCH

Fairland Parish



Epiphany Sunday

Holy Eucharist - Rite II

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10:30 a.m.

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*The People enter, masked, and maintaining physical distance.
Silence is kept.*

Prelude

Opening Hymn: What star is this, with beams so bright vs. 1-3
Hymnal #124

1. What star is this, with beams so bright,
more beautiful than the noonday light?
It shines to herald forth the King,
and Gentiles to his crib to bring.
2. True spake the prophet from afar
who told the rise of Jacob's star;
and eastern sages with amaze
upon the wondrous token gaze.
3. The guiding star above is bright;
within them shines a clearer light,
and leads them on with power benign
to seek the Giver of the sign.

Opening Rites and the Collect of the Day

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

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and always.

Celebrant: 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.

Led by the Choristers, all sing:

Gloria in excelsis Canticle 6 Hymnal # S204

Glory be to God on high,
And on earth peace, good will towards men,
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away
the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high
in the glory of God the Father, Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

Shepherd of Israel
and light of all Nations,
made known in the gifts
of those who call to other names
and walk on different ways:
may unjust powers
and the hatred within us
be dismayed by your friendship
and dethroned by your love;
through Jesus Christ, the open arms of grace. *Amen.*

The Liturgy of the Word

The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-6

¹ Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

² 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.

³ Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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.

⁶ 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 of the Day

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

The Cantor or choristers chant the psalm.

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- ¹ Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.
- ² May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.
- ³ May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
- ⁴ May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.
- ⁵ May he live while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
- ⁶ May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.
- ⁷ In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.
- ¹⁰ May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute,
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.
- ¹¹ May all kings fall down before him,
all nations give him service.

¹² For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.

¹³ He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.

¹⁴ From oppression and violence he redeems their life;
and precious is their blood in his sight.

The New Testament Lesson

Ephesians 3:1-12

¹This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In 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: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷ Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. ⁸Although 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, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so 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. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

LEM: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: O Zion, tune thy voice **vv. 1-2** **Hymnal #543**

1. O Zion, tune thy voice,
and raise thy hands on high;
tell all the earth thy joys,
and boast salvation nigh.
Cheerful in God, arise and shine,
while rays divine stream all abroad.

2. He gilds the morning face
with beams that cannot fade;
his all-resplendent grace
he pours around thy head;
the nations round thy form shall view,
with luster new divinely crowned.

The Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

Celebrant: 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, ²asking, ‘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.’ ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ “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.” ’

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then 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.’ ⁹When 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. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On 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. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: What Do the Wise See?

The Creed

Led by the LEM, the People say

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, the 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 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 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

The LEM or Reader says

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "*Lord, have mercy*" (or "*Kyrie eleison*").

That Your Church may be filled with truth and love, and stand blameless before you at the day of your coming, *Lord, have mercy.*

That Your people may be one, and our witness to Your love be faithful, to the ends of the earth, *Lord, have mercy.*

That those who have lost their faith or their way may find it by Your light, and follow it well, *Lord, have mercy.*

That there may be peace among the nations, and respect and forbearance among all peoples, *Lord, have mercy.*

That those in positions of public trust may speak truth, serve justice, and promote the dignity of every human being, *Lord, have mercy.*

That we might use Your creation rightly, and free all people from hunger, malice, ignorance, and misery, *Lord, have mercy.*

That all who are in flight from peril or suffering, in prison or in pain, or who suffer from illness, poverty, or persecution, may find safety, haven, and relief, *Lord, have mercy.*

That this congregation, present and absent, may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth Your glory, *Lord, have mercy.*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, *Lord, have mercy.*

For the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who are commended to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died, be their faith known to us or to you alone, that, with all Your saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, *Lord, have mercy.*

Rejoicing in the fellowship of [the ever-blessed Mary, the Mother of God, [N.,] and] all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and all our life to Christ our God. *To you, O Lord our God.*

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect, or the following Doxology

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Peace

The People stand.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be *always* with you,

People: And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another.¹

Choral Anthem: On this day earth shall ring - *Piae Cantiones tr. Jane Joseph/Personent hodie*

The Deacon or Priest prepares the altar and sanctuary for the Eucharist.

The People make ready their gifts of bread and wine.

The Holy Eucharist: 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, holy Lord, creator of heaven and earth, because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the power of the Holy Spirit was made perfect flesh of the ever-blessèd Mary, his

¹ Note: under disease-mitigation protocols, the People greet one another in silence and at physical distance, and there is no passing of plates or reception of gifts.

mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining with Angels and Archangels and with all the host of heaven, who forever sing this hymn, to the glory of your Name,

The Sanctus

Hymnal #S125

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant 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 your Word made flesh: Jesus, your Son. For in the fullness of time you sent him among us to live and die as one of us, the Savior and the Redeemer of the world. In him you deliver us from evil, and make us worthy to stand before you. In him, you bring us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, and out of death into life.

On the night before he was betrayed unto death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread. Giving thanks to you, he broke it, and shared it with them, saying:

“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this in memory of me.” †

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and shared it with them, saying:

“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in memory of me.” †

Therefore, according to his command, O Lord,

The People, led by the LEM, say

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

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, fruit of the vine and the work of human hands. Send your Holy Spirit upon them 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 to live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us to that heavenly country where, with [N.] and all your saints, we may enter into the everlasting heritage of all your children, through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the church, and the author of our salvation.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, now and forever. AMEN. ††

Now, as Christ taught us, we are bold to say,

The People, led by the Choristers sing

LEVAS 264

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, then keeps a period of silence.

The People, led by the Choristers, sing:

Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover

Hymnal # S154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The People consume their gifts in place, or do so after coming forward to receive a host, maintaining social distance.

Communion Hymn: We three kings of Orient are Hymnal # 128

1. We three kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain,
moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain:

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

2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King for ever,
ceasing never
over us all to reign.
3. Frankincense to offer have I:
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising,
gladly raising,
worship him, God Most High. (*Refrain*)

4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing,
bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

5. Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
heaven sings
alleluia:
alleluia the earth replies. (*Refrain*)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The Celebrant or LEM leads the People in the following prayer:

Eternal God, holy Lord, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Now send us forth in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Announcements

Announcements, if any, are made here.

Blessing

The Celebrant says

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The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord be with you, this day and always, and give you peace.

Withdrawal Hymn: As with gladness men of old vv. 1-3 Hymnal
#119

1. As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led to Thee.

2. As with joyful steps they sped
to that lowly manger-bed;
there to bend the knee before
him whom heaven and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet
ever seek the mercy-seat.

3. As they offered gifts most rare
at that manger rude and bare;
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ! to thee, our heavenly King.

The Celebrant, the LEM, and the People depart, maintaining physical distance.

Dismissal

The LEM says

Let us go forth, in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

The Flowers on the altar today were given to the Glory of God

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