

Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan

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The Epiphany

January 9, 2022

The Rev. Jamie Samilio

We respectfully ask that you wear a mask while moving from place to place in the church. We do not require you to wear a mask while seated and responsibly spaced. Thank you!

If you are worshipping online, you can find the Book of Common Prayer at:
<https://bcponline.org/> (The Holy Eucharist Rite II)

Prelude

Opening Hymn 117 *Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning (V1-4)*

The Word of God

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

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

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.**

***Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.***

The Collect

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 Lesson

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.

The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 72:1-7,10-14

**Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;**

**That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;**

**That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.**

**He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**

**He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.**

**He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.**

**In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.**

**The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, *
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.**

**All kings shall bow down before him, *
and all the nations do him service.**

**For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, *
and the oppressed who has no helper.**

**He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.**

**He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, *
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.**

The Epistle

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.

The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 129 *We Three Kings (V1-3)*

The Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

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, 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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Sequence Hymn 129 *We Three Kings (V4,5)*

The Sermon

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The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

Today we celebrate the manifestation of God's love to all nations, both Jew and Gentile. With confidence let us bring our petitions to God's altar, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For God's people throughout the world, especially for those in positions of leadership and authority, that they might spread the good news of God's indiscriminate love, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For each other, the people of God gathered in this place, that we might always proclaim with our lives the praise of the Lord and so be channels of the call to God's promise and plan, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our Jewish brothers and sisters and all who glory in the star of David, that together we might see in the star of Bethlehem not a symbol of division but a call to reconciliation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all victims of prejudice and discrimination, be it based on color, nationality, sex, or creed, that the light of Christ might shine as a beacon in the world's darkness; and for gifts of healing and unity, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our brothers and sisters in need; for the poor, the homeless, the hungry, and the abandoned; for the sick and the dying, that they might find hope and courage in the open arms of the Savior.

Silence (The Congregation may add their own petitions.)

Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We ask that all those who have died find eternal life in your loving presence. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Loving God, we offer you our prayers, some in words, others written in our hearts. Read our hearts; hear our prayers; and continue to shed on us your light, Christ Jesus, who is Lord, this day and forever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

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The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

The Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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During Communion Debbie and Barb will stand on each side of the steps. If you would like to have additional prayers said for healing or for special needs and concerns, go to one of them and they will pray with you before you return to your seat.

Communion Hymn

Act of Reception (For those receiving virtually.)

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you were already there, I embrace you and unite myself wholly to you; never permit me to be separated from you. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 119 *As with Gladness Men of Old*

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

Online Worship and Fellowship Links

8:30AM Worship, via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81924368884?pwd=U1BGMnVZTlZhdlsxVUZBekhzbHJQZz09>

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