



# The Holy Eucharist

## THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY (TRANSFERRED)

9:00 a.m. Sunday, January 8, 2017

*Newcomers and visitors, we welcome you warmly.  
May you find here, by the grace of God, that which feeds your soul.  
May you leave here with a heart prepared to serve.*



*If this is your first time here, or your first time back in a while,  
we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card found in your pew  
and put it in the offering plate.*

**Our worship time together begins with a musical prelude.  
Thank you for listening in silence and for respecting the needs of worshippers  
for a quiet time of prayer and meditation.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### PRELUDE

How bright shineth the day-star!

Marcel Dupré  
1886-1971

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** Brightest and best of the stars of the morning

*Hymnal*, #117

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The Book of Common Prayer*, page 355

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

all say together

**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.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE

All glory be to God on high

*Hymnal*, #421

### 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.**

**A**rise, 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.**

## ANTHEM AT THE PSALM

Three Kings

Michael Bedford

*St. Mary's Childrens Choir*

Three kings came on camelback,  
 three kings came riding on a journey far from home,  
 in God's love abiding.  
 Bringing precious gifts with them,  
 they came from afar, led across a desert bare,  
 by a shining star.  
 Just as they brought peace and light to the baby boy,  
 let us bring our hearts to him,  
 filled with love and joy.

## SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:1-12

**T**his 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.**

## GRADUAL HYMN

Unto us a boy is born!

*Hymnal, #98*

verses 1 - 4

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

all stand

Matthew 2:1-12

Response after the Deacon introduces the Gospel      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**I**n 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.

Response at the end of the Gospel reading      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**THREE KINGS PAGEANT**

We three kings of Orient are

*Hymnal, #128*

Please remain seated.

Please, no photography. Thank you.

Soloists sing verses 1 through 4.

The congregation sings the refrain after each verse and joins the choir in singing verse 5.

*Refrain*

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

verse 5

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

Following the pageant, the Pre-School class processes out for Sunday School.

**THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*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**

Leader Manifest God, lead us to your glory by the light of faith, as we pray to you.  
Brief silence to collect prayers.

Leader We pray for the world. Help us to see beyond this moment to embrace your whole creation.

People **May we make your Good News known among the nations.**

Leader We pray that we as a people may be united in spirit and purpose.

People **May your ageless wisdom guide us.**

Leader We pray for the faith to trust you in every circumstance, knowing that you are bringing about healing and reconciliation.

People **May your presence be felt in the lives of those closely linked with ours and beyond.**

Leader We pray for those who have died. May they find peace and joy in the communion of saints.

People **Mercifully grant that all who know you now by faith may come to the full contemplation of your majesty.**

Leader We pray for those, known and unknown, who cry to you for help and solace...

The Celebrant offers prayers and thanksgivings from the St. Mary's Prayer List and invites the congregation to add theirs.

Deacon Holy God, lead us forward on our own journeys: guide us by your teaching and imbue us with your compassion. These prayers and hopes we offer with gratitude for your love and presence among us, through the power of God made manifest. **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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 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.**

Celebrant 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.**

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Be thou my vision

*Hymnal, #488*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, PRAYER B

all stand

*BCP, page 367*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

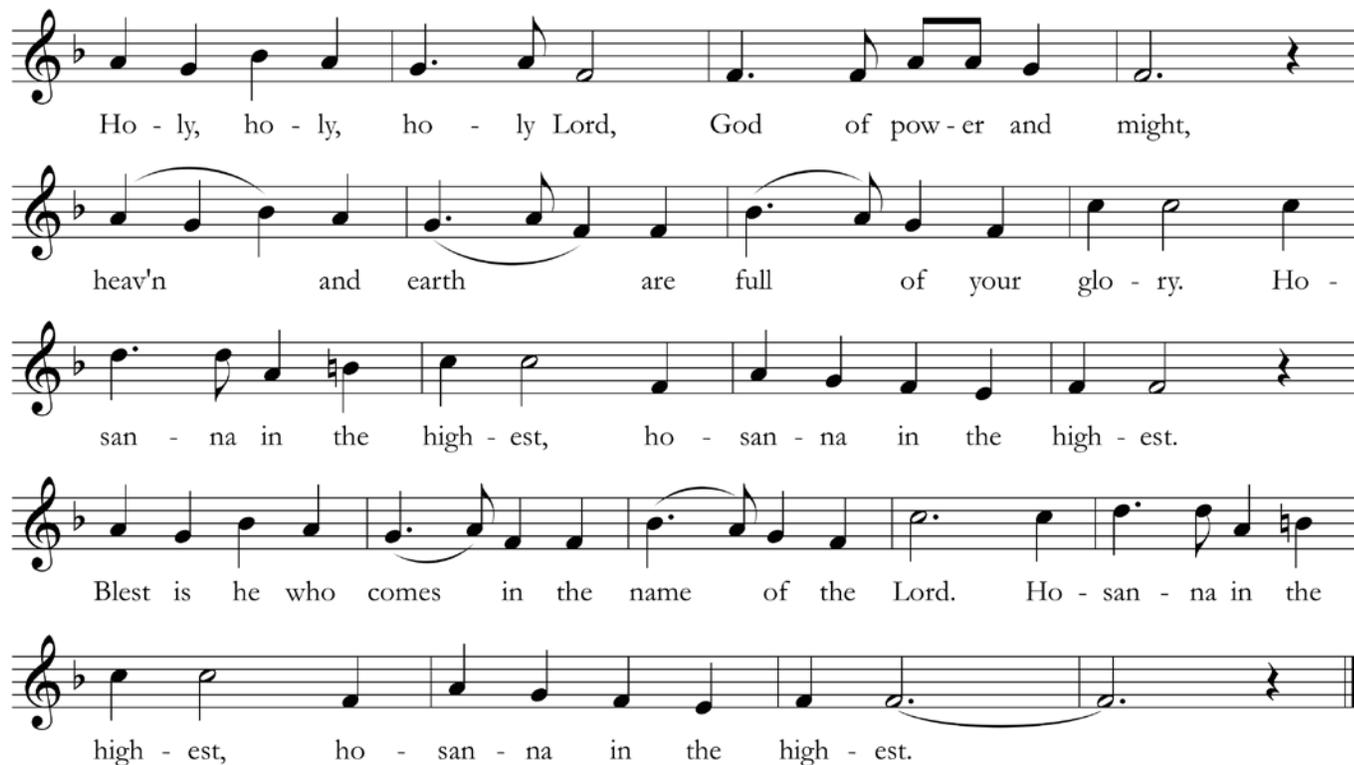
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

"A Community Mass"  
Richard Proulx

After the Sanctus, the people kneel or stand. 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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. 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,

Celebrant and People **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.

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 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. **Amen**

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,  
 for ever and ever. Amen.**

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
 People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

### AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Music: Richard Proulx

## THE INVITATION

All who desire to know God are invited to receive the consecrated Bread and Wine.

Bread and wafers are both available. If you have a preference, please let the clergy know. You may also receive a blessing instead of bread and wine by crossing your arms over your chest.

## COMMUNION HYMN

Now the silence, now the peace

*Hymnal, #333*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

all say together

**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.**

## SENDING OF THE LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR \*

Celebrant N., in the name of this parish family, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts to \_\_\_\_\_. Together we share in the body and blood of Christ.

People **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup.**

\* when needed

## THE BLESSING

## CHURCH SCHOOL RECESSIONAL

As with gladness men of old

*Hymnal, #119*

verses 1 - 3

During the Recessional, Kindergarten through Confirmation classes process out for Sunday School

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Claire Dietrich Ranna

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

As with gladness men of old  
verses 4 - 5

*Hymnal, #119*

**DISMISSAL**

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
People **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

Choral and variation on *Alle Menschen müssen sterben*

Johann Pachelbell  
1653-1706

**As a courtesy to those who wish to continue in prayer or listen to the postlude,  
please exit quietly and join in fellowship in the courtyard.  
We request that there be no applause after the postlude.  
Thank you.**



**Three Kings**

Hovey Clark, Isabelle Landry, Sebastian Landry

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