



**The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ**  
**January 2, 2022**  
**10:45am**

**Welcome**

**Opening Songs**

*Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

Hymn 87

Hark! the herald angels sing  
glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem!

Hark! the herald angels sing  
glory to the newborn King!  
Christ, by highest heaven adored;  
Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
late in time behold him come,

offspring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail the incarnate Deity.  
Pleased as man with man to dwell;  
Jesus, our Emmanuel!

Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth,  
born to give us second birth.  
Risen with healing in his wings,  
light and life to all he brings,  
hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

*We Three Kings*

Hymn 128

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

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

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
gold I bring to crown him again,  
King for ever,  
ceasing never  
over us all to reign.

Frankincense to offer have I:  
incense owns a Deity nigh;  
prayer and praising,  
gladly raising,  
worship him, God Most High.

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

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

## Opening Acclamation

*Clergy* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## Collect of the Day

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

## 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.

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

## Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

- <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 righteously  
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 before 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.

### Gospel Song

### *The Word*

For the Word of God lives here  
Deep in our hearts  
And is sharper than the blade of any sword  
Grasses fade, flowers fall  
But God's love endures  
Please guide us  
O Lord to Your will  
This is God's Word.

### Holy Gospel

Matthew 2: 1-12

*Clergy* 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.

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

**Sermon**

The Rev. Dr. Becky Coerper

### **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 life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

Called by the Holy Spirit into relationship with a loving God, we pray for the church, all in need, and the whole creation.

#### *Silence*

In our Parishes, we pray for the people of Trinity Episcopal Church in Camden and their priest, the Rev. Linda Logan; and the people of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Camillus and their priest, the Rev. Jon White. In our Companion Diocese, we pray for the people of La Divina Providencia, El Maizal, Sonsonate, and their priest, The Rev. Juan Pablo Alvarado. In the Episcopal Church, we pray for the people of the Diocese of Pennsylvania and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Daniel G.P. Gutierrez. And in the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of the Province of the Anglican Church of the Congo and their prime bishop, the Most Rev. Masimango Katanda. And we pray for all candidates and postulants who are taking the General Ordination Exam this week, especially Joseph Hannah of the Diocese of Central New York.

God of glory and grace, you answer those who call on your name. Continue the transformation of your church so that we may share your love with the world. Radiant God; **let your light shine through us.**

We pray for your creation, especially where it is wounded. Renew the whole earth with your love. Radiant God; **let your light shine through us.**

Let the rulers of the earth honor your decrees and uphold your statutes so that your peace would reign throughout the earth. Give mercy to the poor and justice to the weak. Radiant God; **let your light shine through us.**

We acknowledge the Onondaga Nation of the Haudenosaunee People, the traditional custodians of the land on which we are worshipping today. We acknowledge that they have occupied and cared for this land over countless generations, and we celebrate their continuing contributions to the life of this region. Radiant God; **let your light shine through us.**

Heal the sick, comfort the grieving, send peace to the dying, and companionship to those who are alone. Be with all who suffer, especially those we name silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_.  
Radiant God; **let your light shine through us.**

That this congregation, anointed and sealed by God and given the Holy Spirit in our hearts, would welcome the stranger, be a place of refuge and help to those in need, and go into all the world with your light and life. Radiant God; **let your light shine through us.**

We give thanks for all who have died in the faith of Christ Jesus, especially those we name silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_. May we be ever mindful of God's promises to us until we also are made one with all the saints. Radiant God; **let your light shine through us.**

*Clergy*

Into your loving hands, gracious God, we place ourselves and all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin**

*Clergy*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*All*

**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.**

### **Absolution**

*Clergy*

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

*Clergy*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*      And also with you.

## Announcements

### Anniversary & Birthday Blessings

**May the strength of God pilot you, May the power of God preserve you, May the wisdom of God instruct you, May the hand of God protect you, May the way of God direct you, May the shield of God guard you against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. May the Spirit of God bless you in the coming year.**  
*Adapted from Patrick, c.389 - c.46*

## Offertory

*Noel*

Love incarnate love divine  
Star and angels gave the sign  
Bow to babe on bended knee  
The Savior of humanity  
Unto us a Child is born  
He shall reign forevermore

Son of God and Son of man  
There before the world began  
Born to suffer born to save  
Born to raise us from the grave  
Christ the everlasting Lord  
He shall reign forevermore

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## The Holy Communion

### The Great Thanksgiving

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#### Sanctus (*sing*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Lord we sing your praise.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Lord we sing your praise.  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Lord we sing your praise. Lord we sing your praise. Lord we sing your praise.

### Great Thanksgiving Continues

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### The Lord's Prayer

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**The Communion**

*Trained members of the prayer team are available for private and confidential prayer during communion.  
They are masked and fully vaccinated for your protection.*

**Music at Communion**

*Remember Me*

Remember me (Remember me)  
As you eat this bread (As you eat this bread)  
Remember why I gave my life for you  
Remember me (Remember me)  
As you drink this cup (As you drink this cup)  
Remember why I shed my life for you

There was no other way  
to show my love than  
Giving my life for you  
When you come together,  
gathered in this place  
Share with one another

the wonder of my mercy and grace  
Leave behind your regrets and mistakes  
Come today there's no reason to wait  
Jesus is calling  
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy  
From the ashes a new life is born  
Jesus is calling  
Remember me (Remember me)  
And my love for you (And my love for you)  
Remember me and I will remember you!

**The Postcommunion Prayer**

**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.**

**Blessing**

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, lead you also in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Closing Song**

*God Rest You Merry Gentlemen*

Hymn 105  
(vs. 1,2,4)

God rest you merry, gentlemen,  
let nothing you dismay;  
remember Christ our Savior  
was born on Christmas Day,  
to save us all from Satan's power  
when we were gone astray.  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
comfort and joy;

O tidings of comfort and joy!  
From God our heavenly Father  
a blessed angel came  
and unto certain shepherds  
brought tidings of the same:  
how that in Bethlehem was born  
the Son of God by name.

O tidings of comfort and joy,  
 comfort and joy;  
 O tidings of comfort and joy!

Now to the Lord sing praises,  
 all you within this place,  
 and with true love and charity

each other now embrace;  
 this holy tide of Christmas  
 doth bring redeeming grace.  
 O tidings of comfort and joy,  
 comfort and joy;  
 O tidings of comfort and joy!

**Dismissal**

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

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***NOTES ON EPIPHANY***

*Anglican mystic and author Evelyn Underhill (1875–1941) shares her perspective on the importance of Jesus’ incarnation,  
 Christmas, and the season of Epiphany.*

"The Christmas Mystery has two parts: the Nativity and the Epiphany. In the first we commemorate God’s humble entrance into human life, the emergence and birth of the Holy, and in the second its manifestation to the world, the revelation of the Supernatural made in that life. Christ is a Light to lighten the Gentiles as well as the Glory of His people Israel. Think of what the Gentile was when these words were written—an absolute outsider.

The birth of Christ in our souls is for a purpose beyond ourselves: it is because His manifestation in the world must be through us. Every Christian is, as it were, part of the dust-laden air which shall radiate the glowing Epiphany of God, catch and reflect His golden Light. *Ye are the light of the world*—but only because you are enkindled, made radiant by the One Light of the World. And being kindled, we have got to get on with it, be useful” in the world.