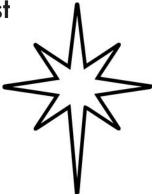
The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ

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Holy Communion: Rite One





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Sunday Services at 8 and 10 AM • Wed. Service at 10 AM • Sat. Service at 5 PM

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

D. Buxtehude

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MISSION MOMENT

ACCLAMATION

[Please stand.]

- P Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

- Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.
- P Lord, have mercy upon us.
- Christ, have mercy upon us.
- P Lord, have mercy upon us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- And with thy Spirit.
- Let us pray... O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- @ Amen.

WORD OF GOD

THE READINGS: Isaiah 60:1–6 • Psalm 72:1–7, 10–14 • 1 Peter 5:2–6 • Matthew 2:1–12 [Please be seated.]
The First Reading

■ The First Reading is taken from Isaiah, chapter 60...

Arise! Shine! Your light has come; the Lord's glory has shone upon you. Though darkness covers the earth and gloom the nations, the Lord will shine upon you; God's glory will appear over you. Nations will come to your light and kings to your dawning radiance. Lift up your eyes and look all around: they are all gathered; they have come to you. Your sons will come from far away, and your daughters on caregivers' hips. Then you will see and be radiant; your heart will tremble and open wide, because the sea's abundance will be turned over to you; the nations' wealth will come to you. Countless camels will cover your land, young camels from Midian and Ephah. They will all come from Sheba, carrying gold and incense, proclaiming the Lord's praises.

- **L** The Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: [read responsively, Lector/ Congregation]

- L We will read responsively from Psalm 72...
- © 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.
- Le 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.
- Le 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 Second Reading:

■ The Second Reading is taken from 1 Peter, chapter 5...

Like shepherds, tend the flock of God among you. Watch over it. Don't shepherd because you must, but do it voluntarily for God. Don't shepherd greedily, but do it eagerly. Don't shepherd by ruling over those entrusted to your care, but become examples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd appears, you will receive an unfading crown of glory.

In the same way, I urge you who are younger: accept the authority of the elders. And everyone, clothe yourselves with humility toward each other. God stands against the proud, but he gives favor to the humble.

Therefore, humble yourselves under God's power so that he may raise you up in the last day.

- **L** The Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

The Gospel: [Please stand.]

- **D** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
- Glory be to thee, O Lord.
- D After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the territory of Judea during the rule of King Herod, magi came from the east to Jerusalem. They asked, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We've seen his star in the east, and we've come to honor him."

When King Herod heard this, he was troubled, and everyone in Jerusalem was troubled with him. He gathered all the chief priests and the legal experts and asked them where the Christ was to be born. They said, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is what the prophet wrote:

You, Bethlehem, land of Judah, by no means are you least among the rulers of Judah, because from you will come one who governs, who will shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the magi and found out from them the time when the star had first appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search carefully for the child. When you've found him, report to me so that I too may go and honor him." When they heard the king, they went; and look, the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stood over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were filled with joy. They entered the house and saw the child with Mary his mother. Falling to their knees, they honored him. Then they opened their treasure chests and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Because they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route.

- **D** The Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON

[Please be seated.]

NICENE CREED

[Please stand.]

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[Please sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer.]

- **D** Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.
- Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all humanity: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. In your holy Name,

We pray to you.

- Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, especially to Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Dabney, our Bishop; Barry and Michael, our Assisting Bishops; Becky, our Rector; Cindy, our Deacon; Ann, our Priest Associate; to our companion diocese of the Dominican Republic; to the following churches in the Diocese of Southwest Florida: St. Luke's, Fort Myers; St. Raphael's, Fort Myers Beach; and St. John's, Pine Island; to the Clearwater Deanery Collaboration Partners; and to all priests, deacons, and the laity in their ministry; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. In your holy Name,
- We pray to you.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. In your holy Name,

We pray to you.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially President Trump, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. We pray that all God's children, especially those in the Middle East, might live in the hope of the world peace for which we are created. In your holy Name,

We pray to you.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [Add handwritten names from notebook] and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those listed in the weekly news who have asked for our prayers. I now invite you to pray for others by name, aloud or in your hearts. [Time is left for people to speak.] In your holy Name,

We pray to you.

Doen, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. We give thanks for the flowers given to the glory of God by Andrea Zahn and Dan Depies in thankful celebration for the birth of their granddaughter, Dalton Marie Zahn. We give thanks for all the blessings of this life, [especially... read from notebook]. In your holy Name,

We pray to you.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, [especially... add names from notebook]. Please add names of those on your heart, silently or aloud. [Time is left for people to speak.] We beseech thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. In your holy Name,

We pray to you.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

@ Amen.

PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS

THE PEACE

[Please stand.]

- P The peace of the Lord be always with you.
- And with thy spirit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY MUSIC

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Description Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty. For all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all. Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

[Please be seated.]

Presentation of the Offerings

[Please stand when the deacon receives the offering.]

- D As we receive these gifts, we acknowledge:
- All things come from thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer II

- P The Lord be with you.
- And with thy spirit.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- We lift them up unto the Lord.
- Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
- It is meet and right so to do.
- P It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,
- Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

[Please kneel or stand, as you choose.]

P All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

- P Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.
- And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;
- P By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.
- M AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

- P This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.
- Whoever eats this bread has Eternal Life.
- P The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

[You may be seated. All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn to go to the altar rail. You may stand or kneel. To receive, hold your hands in front of you, one palm over the other. The priest will place a wafer there. You may either consume it immediately, and then sip from the cup of wine when it comes to you, or, you may wait and dip the wafer into the wine. When you are finished, please return to your seat by the side aisle.]

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

[Please kneel or stand, as you choose.]

- P Let us pray.
- Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and alory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

- May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over creation and heals the world, be upon you and remain with you always.
- @ Amen.
- D Aleluia, alleluia! Behold, unto us a Savior is born. Let us go into the world proclaiming this good news of great joy.
- Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude As with Gladness Men of Old W. Wold

Serving Us Today:

Celebrant Becky Robbins-Penniman Deacon Cindy Roehl Priest Associate Ann Chaplin Oraanist Robert Moncrief Michelle Schombs Lector Chris Schombs Chalicist Prayers Ann Kuratnick John Schmidt Greeter Jav Harvev Usher Coffee Host Ann Kuratnick