



# Holy Cross EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Second Sunday after Christmas Day  
January 5, 2020

## The Service of the Word

**Opening Voluntary:** “Canon in D”: Pachelbel  
*Stephanie Backes (clarinet)*

**Entrance Hymn 128:** “We Three Kings of Orient Are”

*Celebrant* Alleluia! To us a child is born.

*People* **Come let us adore him. Alleluia!**

### The Collect for Purity

*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*

CHILDREN’S CHAPEL \*\*\* (Ages 4 – 10 years)

During the following hymn, children process with the leader to the Chapel for a lesson and singing; they return at The Peace.

**Song of Praise 96:** (v. 1) “Angels We Have Heard On High”

*Angels we have heard on high,  
Singing sweetly through the night,  
And the mountains in reply, echoing their brave delight.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

**The Collect of the Day** - *prayed by the Celebrant*

**The First 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:** (read responsively by whole verse)

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously  
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,  
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people;  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,  
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,  
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish;  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon  
shall be no more.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute,  
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
- 11 All kings shall bow down before him,  
and all the nations do him service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress,  
and the oppressed who has no helper.
- 13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- 14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and  
violence,  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

**Sequence Hymn:** “Here I Am to Worship”

*Light of the world,  
You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with you*

*Chorus*

*Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me*

*King of all days  
Oh, so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came to the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor (Chorus)*

**The Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12**

*Reader* 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.

*Reader* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

*"We Three Pagans"*  
The Rev. Rob Dixon

**The Nicene Creed (p. 358 BCP)**

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.*

(\*Fun Fact: "catholic" means universal)

**Prayers of the People**

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the  
People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the  
world; for this gathering; and for all ministers and  
people. Pray for the Church. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among  
nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for  
justice and peace. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the  
oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any  
need or trouble. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper  
knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found  
by him. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who  
have died. *Silence*

Praise God for all of the blessings of this life. Praise  
Him especially for this day of Epiphany, in which we  
celebrate his revealing himself to the world in becoming  
a lowly baby in a manger. Pray that we may always  
know His love. *Silence*

Let us now pray for our additional needs and those of  
others. *Silence*

**The Confession (p. 360 BCP)**

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.*

**The Peace:** Welcome, Announcements, Birthdays &  
Anniversaries



# The Holy Communion

This portion of the service begins on p. 361 in the BCP however, you are encouraged to give your attention to the altar.

**The Communion.** *All baptized Christians are invited and welcome to receive Communion. Anyone who does not wish to receive communion is invited to kneel at the rail, cross their arms over their chest, and receive a blessing. If you would like the clergy to bring communion to someone in the pews, please notify the ushers at the door of the church. If you wish to receive a **gluten-free** wafer, please simply request one from the priest while at the rail.*

**Offertory:** “O Holy Night”

*Stephanie Backes (clarinet)  
Samuel Klauss (piano)*

**The Doxology 380:** (v. 3)

*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 Great Thanksgiving** (p. 361 BCP)

*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.

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

**Sanctus: S-130** (in front section of blue hymnal)

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,*

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,*

*Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

*Celebrant* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*People* **Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again..**

**Communion Hymn:** “Eat This Bread”

*Eat this bread, drink this cup,*

*Come to him and never be hungry.*

*Eat this bread, drink this cup,*

*Trust in him and you will not thirst.*

*Jesus Christ, bread of life,*

*Those who come to you will not hunger.*

*Jesus Christ, Risen Lord,*

*Those who trust in you will not thirst.*

**Communion Hymn 89:** “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

**Communion Hymn 93:** “Angels From the Realms of Glory”

**Post Communion Prayer** (p. 365 BCP)

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 109:** (v. 1, 4-5) “The First Noel”

**The Dismissal**

**Closing Voluntary:** “Greensleeves”

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Samuel Klauss (piano)*

# Flower Dedications

## Point to Ponder

*Epiphany? What is Epiphany?*

The word “epiphany” comes from a Greek word which means “showing forth.” On the day of the Epiphany, we remember the visit of the three kings (or magi) to the Holy Family in Bethlehem. This day brings an end to the twelve days of Christmas. In many cultures, Epiphany is very festive, even replacing Christmas Day, as the major gift-giving day. In still other traditions it is treated as a season that begins on January 6 and ends on Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday. The focus of this season is seeking Christ.

The liturgical color for the season is green, symbolizing growth and living things. This season we emphasize our call to ministry and mission by re-examining our baptismal promises, remembering Jesus’ ministry and his miracles. As part of remembering our baptismal vows and promises, we ponder upon our own call to ministry. Instead of making a New Year’s Resolution, why not make a commitment to ministry?

## Prayer List

### Requested Prayer:

Adam, Andy, Ann; Ariel; Barbara, Betty; Bob, Bonnie, Catherine M; Catherine Z.; Cecil, Chris, Cindy, Dan D.; Debbie, Destinee, Don, Elsie, Fr. Glenn, Frances, Fred, Grace, Jason, Jennifer, Jim, Judy F., Judy G., Julie, Karen, Kathy, Kelly, Ken, Kiefer, Kimberly, Kristyn, Lana, Linda E., Linda M., Liz; Luke Allen, Matthew, Melissa, Mike, Neta, Pat, Polly, Ron, Russell, Sarah; Sherry Jo, Sherry, Steve, Susan, Teresa, Teresa L., Susan, Terry, Tif, Tom.

Hunter Bailey, Jeremy Rice, Jessica Parker, Jose Hernandez, Kathy Jensen, Kevin Kahl, Lance Breeding, Marc Ruiz, Mike Darrah, Nicholas Pinkston, Raymond Buckalew, Jr., Sean Haight, Shaun Southall, Terry W. Triplett, Jr., Tyler Post

### Repose of the Soul

Fr. George Gilbert  
Margaret Baker  
Barbra Wagner

### Military

Adam Zigler, Ben Boyer, Bill Elliott, Chase and Morgan Coleman, Christian Clark, Daniel Payden, Donovan Chau, Doug Wiessman, Dylan Hoewt, Edie Ruiz, Grant Hungerford,

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