# Saint Thomas's Church The Epiphany of Our Lord

THE MANIFESTATION OF CHRIST TO THE GENTILES

# Saturday, January 6, 2024 Procession & High Mass at 11:00 am



Adoration of the Magi, Master of the Saint Lucy Legend, late 15<sup>th</sup> Cent. Timken Museum of Art, San Diego, California

# Saint Thomas's Anglican Church

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#### Welcome!

On behalf of everyone who claims St. Thomas's as their spiritual home, we are happy you are with us, whether in person or via our livestream. If you are a visitor or newcomer, or even a longtime parishioner, but find it awkward or difficult to stand or kneel at the places indicated, remaining seated is perfectly acceptable. Please assume the posture most conducive to prayer throughout this service, or simply observe.

St. Thomas's has many peculiar ways that we cherish and are happy to share. If there seems to be no rhyme or reason for something, there might not be! But feel free to ask anyone after the service; it usually makes for entertaining conversation.

You are not obliged to engage any of us in conversation, though you should know that pretty much everyone here is happy to do so when we gather. You can always slip away without any judgement, though we hope you will avail yourself of **coffee hour in the parish hall** following this service, if possible. We seem to have a lot of introverts here, so we understand the energy it takes to put yourself out there. Even if you're a raging extrovert, the experience of church can be disorienting. Relax and be yourself. Believe it or not, whether from near or far, God has led you here today. We want to honour what God is up to in your life, and we are here for you as you (re-) discover the joy and the challenge of the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Fr. Nathan Humphrey, Rector

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SCAN ME

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# **Celebrant:** Fr. Nathan Humphrey **Deacon & Homilist:** Fr. Theo Ipema

Reader: Janet Nichols

Organist & Choirmaster: Elizabeth Anderson Assistant Organist & Choirmaster: Manuel Piazza

### MUSIC OF THE MASS

Missa 'Ad praesepe,' George Malcolm (1917-1997)

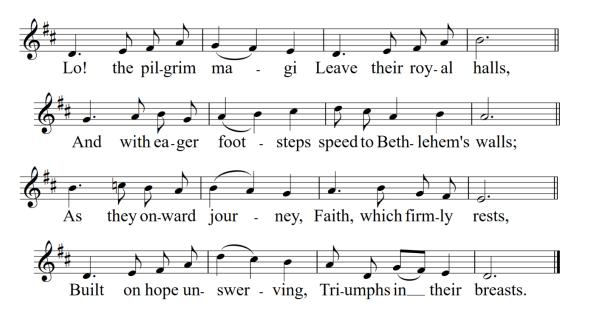
**VOLUNTARY** Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

# THE PROCESSION

Let us go forth <u>in</u> peace; In the Name of the Lord, A-men.

# **HYMN 95**

Lo! the pilgrim magi



- 2 O what joy and gladness
  Filled each heart, from far
  When, to guide their footsteps,
  Shone that radiant star;
  O'er that home so holy,
  Pouring down its ray,
  Where the cradled Infant
  With his mother lay.
- 3 Costly pomp and splendour Earthly kings array;
  He, a mightier Monarch,
  Hath a nobler sway;
  Straw may be his pallet,
  Mean his garb may be,
  Yet with power transcendent,
  He all hearts can free.
- 4 At his crib they worship Kneeling on the floor, And their God there present, In that Babe adore;

WHITWORTH
Walter MacNutt 1910-96
Former Organist & Choirmaster, 1954-1977

- To our God and Saviour We, as Gentiles true, Give our hearts o'erflowing, Give our tribute due:
- 5 Bringing of our substance Gold unto our King; Pure and chastened bodies To our Christ we bring; Unto him, like incense, Vow and prayer address; So with meetest offerings, Him our God confess,
- 6 Glory to the Father,
  Fount of Light alone;
  Who unto the Gentiles,
  Made his glory known.
  Equal praise and glory,
  Blessèd Son, to thee,
  And to thee, blest Spirit,
  Evermore shall be.

from the Latin of Charles Coffin 1676-1749 Tr (1857) by John David Chambers 1805-93

#### AT THE CRIB



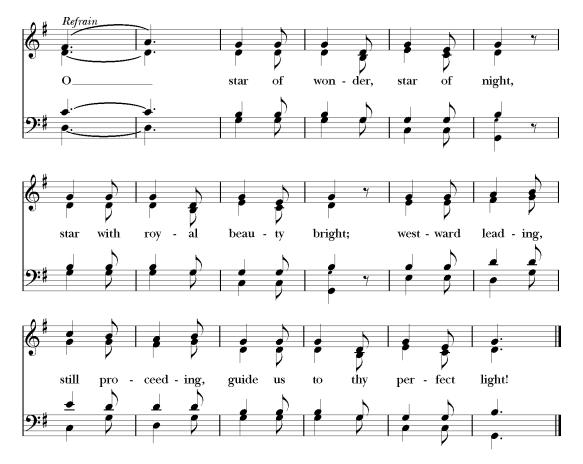
The kings of Tarshish and of the isles give pre-sents; The kings of Arabia and Seba bring gifts.

#### COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, who didst illuminate the darkness of our night, and make known unto the Gentiles him who is the true Light and the bright and Morning Star: Fill, we beseech thee, the world with thy glory, and show thyself by the radiance of that light unto all nations; through him our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are Bearing gifts we traverse afar, Field and fountain, moor and mountain, Following yonder star.



2 Born a king on Bethlehem's plain, Gold I bring to crown him again, King for ever, ceasing never, Over us all to reign. Refrain

- 3 Frankincense to offer have I, Incense owns a Deity nigh, Prayer and praising, all men raising, Worship him, God most high. Refrain
- 4 Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume Breathes a life of gathering gloom; Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, Sealed in the stone-cold tomb. *Refrain*

#### AT THE ROOD



The Word was made flesh and dwelt a-mong us. And we beheld his glory, full of grace and truth.

#### COLLECT

Lord Jesus, our Master, go with us while we travel to the heavenly country, that, following thy star, we may not wander in the darkness of this world's night, while thou, who art our Way, and Truth, and Life dost shine within us to our journey's end; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, livest and reignest God, now and for ever. Amen.

Glorious now behold him arise,
 King, and God, and Sacrifice,
 Heaven sings 'Alleluia';
 'Alleluia', the Earth replies.
 Refrain

The People kneel. The Choir alone sings the Kyrie and the Gloria.

#### KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

The People stand.

Kyrie Eleison. Christe Eleison. Kyrie Eleison.

# GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the \(\mathbb{H}\) glory of God the Father. Amen

Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam, Domine Deus, Rex cælestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe, Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu: in ♥ gloria Dei Patris. Amen. The People remain standing for the Collect.

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.** Let us pray.

O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles: Mercifully grant, that we, who know thee now by faith, may be led onward through this earthly life, until we see the vision of thy heavenly glory; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. **Amen**.

The People sit.

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 60.1-6

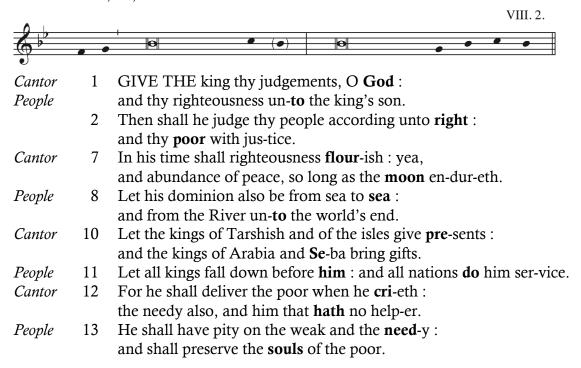
The First Lesson is written in the sixtieth chapter of the book of the prophet Isaiah, beginning at the first verse.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes round about, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far, and your daughters shall be carried in the arms. Then you shall see and be radiant, your heart shall thrill and rejoice; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned 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 <u>Lord</u>.

Thanks be to God.

# **PSALM** 72.1-2,7-8, 10-13



THE EPISTLE Ephesians 3.1-12

The Epistle is written in the third chapter of St Paul's epistle to the Ephesians, beginning at the first verse.

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. When you read this you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; that is, how the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace which was given me by the working of his power. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to

preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make all men see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose which he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and confidence of access through our faith in him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The People stand.

# **SEQUENCE HYMN**

How vain the cruel Herod's fear

- All 1 How vain the cruel Herod's fear.

  When told that Christ the King is near!

  He takes not earthly realms away,

  Who gives the realms that ne'er decay.
- Lower 2 The eastern sages saw from far
  And followed on his guiding star;
  By light their way to Light they trod,
  And by their gifts confessed their God.
- All 3 Within the Jordan's sacred flood
  The heavenly Lamb in meekness stood,
  That he, to whom no sin was known,
  Might cleanse his people from their own.
- Upper 4 And O what miracle divine,
  When water reddened into wine!
  He spake the word, and forth it flowed
  In streams that nature ne'er bestowed.
- All 5 All glory, Jesu, be to thee
  For this thy glad Epiphany:
  Whom with the Father we adore
  And Holy Ghost for evermore. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 2.1-12

The Lord be with you.

# And with thy spirit.

The Holy Gospel is written in the second chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Matthew, beginning at the first verse.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him. "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet: 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern my people Israel." Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

The Gospel of Christ.

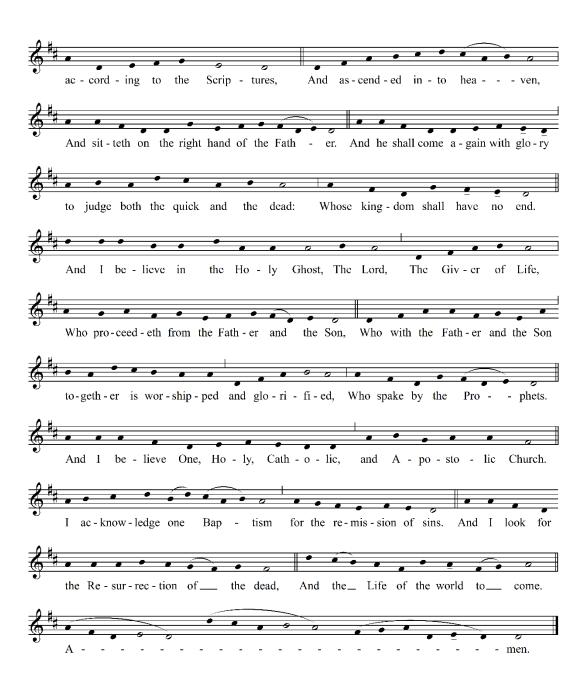
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The People sit at the invitation of the Preacher.

#### SERMON

The People stand to sing the Creed. All who are able to kneel, please do so at "and was incarnate," rising after "and was made man."





#### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

The People remain standing for the hymn.

# **OFFERTORY HYMN 97**

As with gladness men of old

- 1 As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold, As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beaming bright; So, most gracious Lord, may we Evermore be led to thee.
- 2 As with joyful steps they sped, Saviour, to thy lowly bed, There to bend the knee before Thee whom heaven and earth adore; So may we with willing feet Ever seek thy mercy-seat.
- As they offered gifts most rare
  At that cradle rude and bare;
  So may we with holy joy,
  Pure and free from sin's alloy,
  All our costliest treasures bring,
  Christ, to thee our heavenly King.
- 4 Holy Jesu, every day
  Keep us in the narrow way;
  And, when earthly things are past,
  Bring our ransomed souls at last
  Where they need no star to guide,
  Where no clouds thy glory hide.

5 In the heavenly country bright Need they no created light; Thou its Light, its Joy, its Crown, Thou its Sun which goes not down; There for ever may we sing Alleluias to our King.

DIX Conrad Kocher, 1838 William Chatterton Dix, 1860

The People stand as the thurifer approaches for the censing.

# PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. **Amen.** 

The People kneel.

#### Intercessions

*Celebrant*: Sisters and brothers in Christ, with joyous hearts and in communion with the Holy Catholic Church, let us offer up our prayers to Almighty God.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for the church universal throughout the world; for Andrew our bishop, for Kevin and Riscylla his suffragans, for\_\_\_\_\_ according to the Anglican cycle of prayer, for \_\_\_\_\_ according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer, and for \_\_\_\_ according to the Parish cycle of prayer, and for all who serve and minister to God's people. (Silence.)



*Intercessor*: I bid your prayers for Charles, King of Canada, and for all in civil authority under him in our country, province, and city. May God guide them in the ways of justice and peace; that all may honour one another and serve the common good. (Silence.)



*Intercessor:* I bid your prayers for the world, for those places affected by war, conflict, calamity, or disaster, especially for Israel, Palestine, Ukraine and Sudan, and all other places we now name, silently or aloud. May God grant us the spirit of respect and forbearance for all nations and peoples. (*Silence.*)

Lord, in thy mercy,

We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor*: I bid your prayers for all who serve the needs of others in our community, for the volunteers and guests of the Friday Food Ministry, and for all those who labour in and use shelters, drop-in programs, foodbanks, and other social services. May God aid us to love him with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength, and to love our neighbours as ourselves. (*Silence.*)

Lord, in thy mercy,

We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for God's blessings upon all people, giving thanks to God for the people, neighbours, and friends of this parish, and especially for all those present in person or via livestream, and for newcomers and visitors this morning, both near and far. [We give thanks especially on this day for \_\_\_\_\_.] And for all other thanksgivings we now name, silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_. May God's abiding presence be with us always, that we may be a blessing to all people. (Silence.)

Lord, in thy mercy,

We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

<i>Intercessor</i> : I bid your prayers for all those in need, for the sick, and for all
those suffering in mind, body, or estate; for elders, for prisoners, for refugees and
migrants, for the oppressed, for those who mourn, and for all others for whom our
prayers are asked May God grant that they will be comforted by the ever-
present love of our Lord. (Silence.)

Lord, in thy mercy,

We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for the souls of the departed, especially\_\_\_\_\_ who have died in recent days, and those whose year's mind is at this time \_\_\_\_\_, that they may share with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thomas, and all the saints in God's eternal kingdom. May God grant that their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace and rise in glory. (Silence.)

Lord, in thy mercy,

We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

*Celebrant*: Guide us on the path of salvation, O Lord, that the radiance and power of thy Holy Spirit working in the world will gather all peoples and nations together into one community to offer thee worship and proclaim thy splendour. All this we ask in Christ Jesu, our Lord. **Amen.** 

# Invitation, Confession and Absolution

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

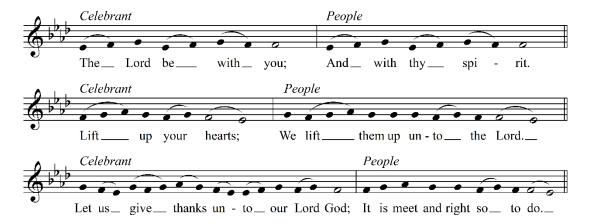
Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant alone stands to impart the Absolution.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

The People remain kneeling.

#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**



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, Creator and Preserver of all things. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who, in substance of our mortal flesh, manifested forth his glory, that he might bring us out of darkness into his own marvellous light.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

# The Choir alone sings:

#### **SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS**

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. Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth:
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

♣ Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

# The Celebrant continues,

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who 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; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

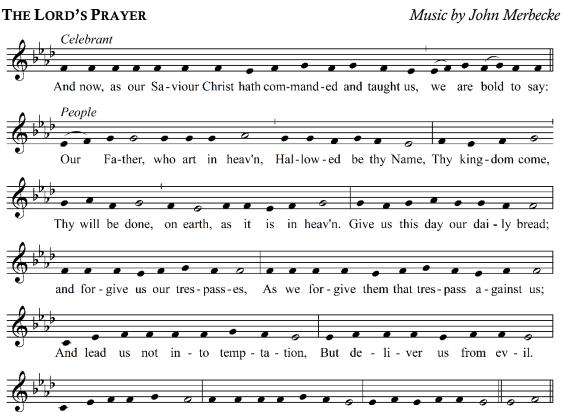
Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake 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 ye all, of this; 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.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and

thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee,





For thine is the king-dom, the pow-er and the glo-ry, For ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

#### FRACTION & PEACE

A period of silence is kept. The consecrated Bread is broken.



# PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

All who intend to receive Holy Communion pray together:

We do not presume

to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

The Choir alone sings:

#### AGNUS DEI

- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.
- Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
- Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
- Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

The Celebrant turns to face the People and says,

# **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sin of the world. Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

#### **COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS**

All baptized Christians are warmly invited to receive Communion as directed by the Sidespeople. Please receive the host (bread) on the right palm of the hand (supported underneath by the left palm). To receive the cup, gently guide with your hand the base of the chalice. Please refrain from intinction (dipping the host into the cup), as diocesan policy does not allow us to do so.

Low gluten communion hosts are available upon request. When you approach for communion indicate to the priest that you require a low gluten host.

If you have not been baptized or are not receiving communion, please cross your arms over your chest in the shape of an X to receive a blessing.

If you wish to inquire about baptism for yourself or your child, we would love to speak with you!

#### **COMMUNION DEVOTIONS**

An Act of Spiritual Communion, which may be prayed silently by those not receiving:

My Jesus, I believe that thou art truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself unto thee, and embrace thee with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from thee. Let me live and die in thy love. Amen.

### ANIMA CHRISTI

The following devotion may be prayed silently by communicants and non-communicants.

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O good Jesu, hear me.

Within thy wounds hide me.

Suffer me not to be separated from thee.

From the malicious enemy defend me.

In the hour of my death call me. And bid me come to thee, That with thy saints I may praise thee, For ever and ever. Amen.

#### Мотет

'Here is the little door,' Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Here is the little door, lift up the latch, oh lift! We need not wander more but enter with our gift; Our gift of finest gold, Gold that was never bought nor sold; Myrrh to be strewn about His bed; Incense in clouds about His head; All for the Child that stirs not in His sleep, but holy slumber holds with ass and sheep. Bend low about His bed, for each He has a gift; See how His eyes awake, lift up your hands, O lift! For gold, He gives a keen edged sword (Defend with it thy little Lord!) For incense, smoke of battle red, Myrrh for the honoured happy dead; Gifts for His children, terrible and sweet, Touched by such tiny hands and Oh such tiny feet.

Frances Chesterton (1869-1938)

# **COMMUNION HYMN 91**

O thou who by a star didst guide

- O thou who by a star didst guide The wise men on their way Until it came and stood beside The place where Jesus lay;
- 2 Although by stars thou dost not lead Thy servants now below, Thy Holy Spirit, when they need, Will show them how to go.
- 3 As yet we know thee but in part; But still we trust thy word, That blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see the Lord.
- 4 O Saviour, give us then thy grace To make us pure in heart, That we may see thee face to face Hereafter as thou art.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.** 

#### BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the \*Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

The People stand.

#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### **CONCLUDING HYMN 94**

Earth has many a noble city

- 1 Earth has many a noble city; Bethlehem, thou dost all excel: Out of thee the Lord from heaven Came to rule his Israel.
- 2 Fairer than the sun at morning Was the star that told his birth, To the world its God announcing Seen in fleshly form on earth.
- 3 Eastern sages at his cradle
  Make oblation rich and rare;
  See them give, in deep devotion,
  Gold and frankincense, and myrrh.
- 4 Sacred gifts of mystic meaning: Incense doth their God disclose, Gold the King of kings proclaimeth, Myrrh his sepulchre foreshows.
- Jesu, whom the Gentiles worshipped At thy glad Epiphany, Unto thee, with God the Father And the Spirit, glory be.

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The People may be seated for the Postlude. Please maintain an atmosphere of reverent silence in the church during and after the Postlude.

Please join us tomorrow as we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. The Services will be as follows: 7:30 am Mattins; 8:00 am Low Mass; 9:30 am Sung Mass (BAS) and 11:00 am High Mass (BCP). At 5:00 pm there will be A Procession with Epiphany Carols during the course of Evensong & Benediction, followed by a small reception.

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# **DAILY OFFICE SCHEDULE**

Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer services generally last 15-25 minutes and are a great way to begin and/or end the day!

# MORNING PRAYER

8:30 am, Monday-Friday 9:30 am, Saturday 7:30 am, Sunday

## **EVENING PRAYER**

5:00 pm, Monday-Friday 5:00 pm Sunday (Choral Evensong)

Choral Evensong on Sundays is followed by Eucharistic devotions.

# **DAILY MASS SCHEDULE**

# **SUNDAY**

Low Mass 8:00 am Sung Mass 9:30 am High Mass 11:00 am

# WEEKDAY LOW MASS

12:15 pm, Monday, Wednesday, Friday 5:30 pm Tuesday, Thursday 10:00 am Saturday

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