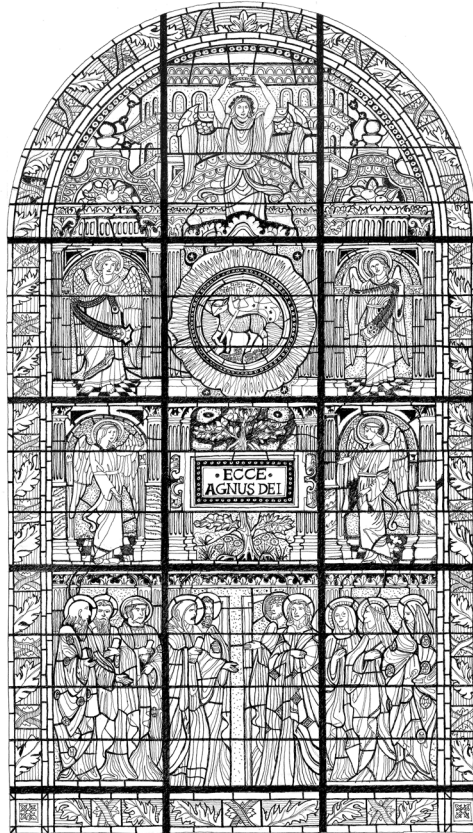


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THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD (OBSERVED)

HOLY EUCHARIST AND BAPTISM
JANUARY 7, 2024 • 10:30 AM



WELCOME

To all who are spiritually weary *and seek rest*,
to all who mourn *and long for comfort*,
to all who struggle *and desire victory*,
to all who sin *and need a Savior*,
to all who are strangers *and want fellowship*,
to all who hunger *and thirst after righteousness*,
to all who have been blessed *and wish to give thanks*,
and to whoever will come—*this church opens wide her doors*
and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Restrooms are available in the Parish House, located at the corner of Church and Cumberland Streets. A greeter or usher will be happy to direct you.

Headsets for the hard of hearing are available in the video/sound booth at the end of the north side aisle.

A nursery for children three years old and younger and **Children's Church** for children ages four through third grade are available in the Parish House on the corner of Church and Cumberland Streets. A greeter or usher will be happy to direct you.

Our Family Respite Room is available on the ground floor of the Parish House in room 107. It is equipped with rocking chairs, a changing table, toddler toys, and a smart TV, which will be showing the worship service via livestream. Families are welcome to use this facility as they feel is needed during the service. No unaccompanied children, please.

Visiting? We are delighted to have you with us today! If you are looking for a church home, come visit our hospitality table after the service so we can share more with you about our parish family. We would love to reach out to you—please fill out our visitor card either in the pew, at the tent, or via the QR code. Cards can be placed in the offering plate or dropped off at the tent. If you'd like to learn more about St. Philip's, please visit our website, saintphilips.church, where you can also find our teaching ministry podcasts (including sermons, Bible studies, and C.S. Lewis studies). May God bless your time with us today!





H O L Y B A P T I S M

Baptism is not only a sign of profession, and mark of difference, whereby Christian men are discerned from others that be not christened, but it is also a sign of Regeneration or New-Birth, whereby, as by an instrument, they that receive Baptism rightly are grafted into the Church; the promises of the forgiveness of sin, and of our adoption to be the sons of God by the Holy Ghost, are visibly signed and sealed; Faith is confirmed, and Grace increased by virtue of prayer unto God.

- Article XXVII "Of Baptism," *The Book of Common Prayer*



*We welcome into Christ's one holy catholic and apostolic Church
those who are to be baptized during the service today:*

Atticus Greenlee Humphries

sponsored by Janet and Kenneth Humphries

Dalton Monroe Mixon

sponsored by Derek Mixon

Hunter Evans Mixon

sponsored by John Drinkard

Florence Olivia Zamadics

daughter of Caroline and Tom Zamadics

THE ACCLAMATION

The People standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

Celebrant I will make thee as a light for the nations,

People ***That my salvation may reach unto the end of the earth.***

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People ***There is one hope in God's call to us;***

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People ***One God and Father of all.***

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

The People kneel.

O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thine only-begotten Son to the Gentiles: Mercifully grant that we, who know thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. ***Amen.***

The People sit for the reading of God's Word.

THE LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-9

¹ Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ² 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. ³ And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. ⁴ Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. ⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶ 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 bring good news, the praises of the Lord. ⁷ All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to you; the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you; they shall come up with acceptance on my altar, and I will beautify my beautiful house. ⁸ Who are these that fly like a cloud, and like doves to their windows? ⁹ For the coastlands shall hope for me, the ships of Tarshish first, to bring your children from afar, their silver and gold with them, for the name of the Lord your God, and for the Holy One of Israel, because he has made you beautiful.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

The People stand and sing the gradual hymn.

Kings: Matt Campbell, Darvin Harvey, Paul Reese

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

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

Gaspard: 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 (all)*

Melchior: Frankincense to offer have I: Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, all men raising, worship him, God on High. *Refrain (all)*

Balthazar: Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. *Refrain (all)*

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

Words: John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891), alt.

Music: *Three Kings of Orient*, John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891)

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

The People remain standing. The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

People **Glory be to thee, Lord Christ.**

¹ Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ² saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: ⁶ "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 shepherd my people Israel." ⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸ 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." ⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

After the Gospel, the priest says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Confrontation of Christmas

The Rev. Justin C. Hare

The People stand and sing the baptismal hymn.

THE BAPTISMAL HYMN 153 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Ratisbon

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true and only Light,
Son of Righteousness, arise! Triumph o'er the shades of night:
Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart, glad my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!
Fill me, radiancy divine; scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

Words: Charles Wesley, 1740. Music: *Ratisbon*, adapted by Johann G. Werner, 1815

HOLY BAPTISM

THE EXHORTATION

The Priest says to the People

Dearly beloved, the Scripture teacheth us that we were all dead in our sins and trespasses, but by grace we may be saved through faith. Our Savior Jesus Christ saith, "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God"; and he commissioned the Church to "teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Here we ask our heavenly Father that these Candidates, being baptized with water, may be filled with the Holy Ghost, born again, and received into the Church as living members of Christ's body. Therefore, I beseech you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his abundant mercy he will grant to these Candidates that which by nature they cannot have.

THE PRESENTATION AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Priest says

The candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors

I present Atticus Greenlee Humphries to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

I present Dalton Monroe Mixon to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

I present Hunter Evans Mixon to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Priest Have you already been baptized?

Candidates **No.**

Priest Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidates **I do.**

Godparents and Sponsoring Parents

I present Florence Olivia Zamadics to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Priest says

Today, on behalf of this child, you shall make vows to renounce the devil and all his works, to trust God wholeheartedly, and to serve him faithfully. It is your task to see that this child is taught, as soon as she is able to learn, the meaning of all these vows, and of the Faith that you will profess as revealed in the Holy Scriptures. She must come to put her faith in Jesus Christ, and learn the Creeds, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and all other things that a Christian ought to know, believe, and do for the welfare of her soul. When she has embraced all these, she is to come to the Bishop to be confirmed, that she may publicly claim the Faith for her own and be further strengthened by the Holy Spirit to serve Christ and his kingdom.

Are you willing and ready to undertake this?

Godparents and Sponsoring Parents

I am, the Lord being my helper.

The Priest then examines the Candidates who can speak for themselves, and the Godparents and Sponsoring Parents who will speak on behalf of the infant, saying

Question Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

The Priest prays over the Candidates, saying

Almighty God deliver thee from the powers of darkness and evil, and lead thee into the light and obedience of the kingdom of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

Answer **I do.**

Question Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

Answer **I will, the Lord being my helper.**

The Priest then addresses the Congregation, first inviting them to stand.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Priest Let us join with these Candidates to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles' Creed.

Priest Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

People **I do. I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Priest Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

People ***I do. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.***

Priest Do you believe and trust in the Holy Ghost?

People ***I do. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.***

LITANY FOR THE CANDIDATES

A person appointed leads the following petitions

Let us now pray for these Candidates who are to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Leader That these candidates may come to confess their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

People ***We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.***

Leader That all these candidates may continue in the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

People ***We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.***

Leader That they may walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which they have been called, ever growing in faith and all heavenly virtues.

People ***We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.***

Leader That they may persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever they fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.

People ***We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.***

Leader That they may proclaim by word and deed the Good News of God in Christ Jesus to a lost and broken world.

People ***We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.***

Leader That as living members of the Body of Christ, they may grow up in every way into him who is the head.

People ***We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.***

Leader That, looking to Jesus, they may run with endurance the race set before them, and at the last receive the unfading crown of glory.

People ***We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.***

Other petitions may be added.

PRAYER FOR THE CANDIDATES

The Priest now prays for the Candidates as follows

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting Father, who of thy great mercy didst save Noah and his family in the ark from perishing by water, thereby prefiguring the Sacrament of Holy Baptism; We beseech thee, for thine infinite mercies, that thou wilt mercifully look upon these thy servants. Wash them and sanctify them with the Holy Ghost, that they, being delivered from thy wrath, may be received into the Ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in charity, may so pass the waves of this troublesome world, that finally they may come to the land of everlasting life, there to reign with thee world without end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Congregation is seated.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

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

Priest Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

The Priest continues

We thank thee, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation; through it thou didst lead the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise, and in it thy Son Jesus received the baptism of John in the River Jordan when the Holy Spirit descended upon him as a dove.

We thank thee, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are made regenerate by the Holy Ghost. Therefore in joyful obedience to thy Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Here the Priest touches the water and says

Now, Father, sanctify this water by the power of thy Holy Spirit, and grant that all who are baptized here be cleansed from sin, be born again, and continue for ever faithful in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior; to whom, with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The Candidates are presented by name to the Priest, who then baptizes them.

When the Candidates have been baptized, the Priest prays over them, saying

Heavenly Father, we thank thee that by water and the Holy Ghost thou hast bestowed upon these thy servants the forgiveness of sin, received them as thine own children by adoption, made them members of thy holy Church, and raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in thy Holy Spirit, that they may enjoy everlasting salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Priest Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People ***We receive you into the fellowship of the Church. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in the royal priesthood of all his people.***

THE PEACE

All stand.

Priest The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Brightest and Best

Shawn Kirchner (b. 1970)

Hail the bless'd morn, see the great Mediator down from the regions of glory descend!
Shepherds go worship the babe in the manger, lo, for his guard the bright angels attend.
Brightest and best of the sons of the morning, dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
Star in the east, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.
Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining; low lies his bed with the beasts of the stall;
Angels adore him in slumber reclining, Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.
Shall we then yield him, in costly devotion, odours of Edom, and offerings divine,
Gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean, myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?

Text: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), 1811, alt. Music: Southern Harmony, 1835; Arr. Shawn Kirchner (b. 1970)

All are invited to stand and sing the doxology.

THE DOXOLOGY

The First Nowell

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Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heav'nly Lord;
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught, and with his blood mankind hath bought.
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell, born is the King of Israel.

Words: Old English carol, 18th cent. Music: *The First Nowell*, Traditional English carol, pub. 1833

The Celebrant faces the People and says

The Lord be with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them up unto the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People ***It is meet and right so to do.***

All remain standing as the Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer. The People are invited to sing

THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS, HYMN 797

Healey Willan

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.

All kneel. The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, concluding with

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; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; 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. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People and Celebrant

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 PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

People and Celebrant

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.

Remaining kneeling, all are invited to sing the Agnus Dei.

THE AGNUS DEI

H. Willan (1880-1968)

- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All baptized Christians are warmly invited to receive communion at the high altar or the standing stations in either one kind (bread only) or both kinds (bread and wine). You may stand or kneel to receive Communion. To receive the bread in the traditional way, please place your right palm over your left and the bread will be placed in your palm. You may consume the bread and drink from the chalice (please grasp the bottom of the chalice firmly and guide it to your mouth), or you may leave the bread in your palm and then dip it into the wine when the chalice is brought to you. Those who are not baptized or do not wish to receive Communion (including children who do not yet receive) are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

The St. Philip's Prayer Team is available at this time. If you would like someone to pray with you, please see them in either side aisle by the large doors.

COMMUNION HYMN

How Bright Appears the Morning Star

Wie Schon Leuchtet

1. How bright ap - pears the Morn - ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing
 2. Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a
 3. Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners,
 from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;
 pi - ty - ing eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;
 fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.

O Right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and
 the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser - a -
 In - car - nate God, pur forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great
 Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es:
 phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;
 Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.

Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,
 Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it
 A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Draw thou near us; Great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.
 thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.
 Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

Text: William Mercer (1811-1873), after Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608) Music: WIE SCHON LEUCHTET, melody att. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); arr. and harm. J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

COMMUNION HYMN 36

What Child is This

Greensleeves

What Child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
 Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain: This, this is Christ, the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
 Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?
 Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. *Refrain*

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king to own Him.
 The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone Him. *Refrain*

Text: William Chatterton Dix, c. 1865. Music: *Greensleeves*, English, before 1642

Earth has many a noble city;
Bethlehem, thou dost all excel;
Out of thee the Lord from heaven
Came to rule His Israel.

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.

Eastern sages at His cradle
Make oblations rich and rare;
See them give, in deep devotion,
Gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Sacred gifts of mystic meaning:
Incense doth their God disclose,
Gold the King of kings proclaimeth,
Myrrh His sepulcher foreshows.

Jesus, whom the Gentiles worshipped
At thy glad Epiphany,
Unto thee, with God the Father
And the Spirit, glory be.

Text: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-413; Tr. Edward Caswall, alt.
Music: *Stuttgart*, adapted from a melody by C.F. Witt, Gotha, 1715.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

The People join in saying this prayer

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 that 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 glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

All are invited to stand and sing the closing hymn.

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!
 Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
 He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;
 To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong,
 To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
 To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
 Whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,
 And love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth;
 Before him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go;
 And righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.

Kings shall bow down before him, and gold and incense bring;
 All nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing;
 To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;
 His kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest;
 From age to age more glorious, all blessing and all blest:
 The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;
 His Name shall stand for ever, his changeless Name of Love.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); paraphrase of Psalm 72. Music: Traditional German Melody

THE DISMISSAL

*The Priest dismisses the people, and the People respond: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

on *How Bright Appears the Morning Star*, BWV 739

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Preacher

The Rev. Justin C. Hare

Lector

Alex Deas-Hamrick

Ushers

Hamlin O'Kelley, Justin Ray,
Bryan Hunter, John Lockhart

Greeters

Jane and Chuck Galis

Chalice

Foster Gaillard, Lowell Grosse,
Martha Vetter, Malcolm Rhodes

Acolyte Mentor

Clay Hershey

Acolytes

Thomas Hershey, Rhett Hershey, James Ray, Josh Ray,
Tilley Fitzgerald, Emily Manuel, William Warnock

Altar Guild

Derrill Hagood, Pat Wardlaw

Flower Guild

All Teams

SERMON NOTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for an Epiphany fellowship brunch in the Parish Hall following this service. All are welcome!

Gearing up for 2024

- **Sunday school, Rector's Forum, and Youth Group have resumed.**
- **January 9:** Theology on Tuesdays resumes (every other week, Henry's on the Market)
- **January 10:** inSPIRE/eSPIRE mailing resumes
- **January 24:** Wednesdays Alive! service/supper/class resumes
- **January 25:** Rector's Bible Study resumes
- **February 7:** Monthly Men's Lunches resume

Helpers Needed for Sold-Out Mere Anglicanism January 18–20! As St. Philip's prepares to host this conference for folks from far and wide, we need your help so we can offer warm and gracious hospitality to our speakers and attendees! Can you spare a few hours (or more!) during the conference? Opportunities abound from greeting to ushering to helping with registration or the bookstore or worship services. An added incentive is that you will be able to listen in on some of the sessions of this sold-out conference! Find a friend and visit tinyurl.com/MereAnglicanism to sign up or scan the QR code at left, and we will be in touch!



Mere Anglicanism Conference Worship Services ~ open to all!

- **Choral Evensong:** Thursday, January 18, 4:30 p.m. at St. Philip's
- **Morning Prayer:** Friday, January 19, at 7:30 a.m. at St. Michael's
- **Festival Holy Eucharist:** Friday, January 19, 5:00 p.m. at St. Philip's
- **Morning Prayer:** Saturday, January 20, at 7:30 a.m. at St. Michael's

New Offerings Beginning Soon: Some of our established midweek Bible studies are starting new topics, and some new groups are starting up! Browse all of our current offerings and registrations at stphilipchurchsc.org/discipleship!

Save the date:

- Sunday, January 21: The Rev. Vaughan Roberts, guest preacher
- Saturday, February 3: Parish Oyster Roast (3:00–6:00 p.m.)

Please check your email inbox or visit stphilipchurchsc.org/news for further information about the above announcements and the rest of this week's news.



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