

The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ

January 10, 2021

The Opening Voluntary

*How Bright Appears the Morning Star*

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Introit:

*Behold! The Lord is drawing near*

Malachi 3, Psalm 72

Processional Hymn

"Puer nobis"

Hymn 124

1 What star is this, with beams so bright,  
more beautiful than the noonday light?  
It shines to herald forth the King,  
and Gentiles to his crib to bring.

within them shines a clearer light,  
and leads them on with power benign  
to seek the Giver of the sign.

2 True spake the prophet from a far  
who told the rise of Jacob's star;  
and eastern sages with amaze  
upon the wondrous token gaze.

5 To God the Father, heavenly Light,  
to Christ, revealed in earthly night,  
to God the Holy Ghost we raise  
our equal and unceasing praise.

3 The guiding star above is bright;

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

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

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*People together:*

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.*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in  
eternal life. *Amen.*

Glory to God in the highest,  
 and peace to his people on earth.  
 Lord God, heavenly King,  
 almighty God and Father,  
 we worship you, we give you thanks,  
 we praise you for your glory.  
 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
 Lord God, Lamb of God,  
 you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;  
 you are seated at the right hand of the  
 Father:  
 receive our prayer.  
 For you alone are the Holy One,  
 you alone are the Lord,  
 you alone are the Most High,  
 Jesus Christ,  
 with the Holy Spirit,  
 in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.  
**People And also with you.**  
 Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:  
 Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face  
 to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**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.

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord  
**People: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 72:1-7,10-14**      *Deus, judicium*

- 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.

**Ephesians 3:1-12**

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

**Celebrant:** The Word of the Lord

**People:**      *Thanks be to God*

1 The people who in darkness walked  
have seen a glorious light:  
on them broke forth the heavenly dawn  
who dwelt in death and night.

2 To hail thy rising, Sun of life,  
the gathering nations come,  
joyous as when the reapers bear  
their harvest treasures home.

3 To us the promised Child is born,  
to us the Son is given;  
him shall the tribes of earth obey,

and all the hosts of heaven.

4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace  
for evermore adored,  
the Wonderful, the Counselor,  
the mighty God and Lord.

5 His power increasing still shall spread,  
his reign no end shall know;  
justice shall guard his throne above,  
and peace abound below.

### Matthew 2:1-12

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

*People: Praise to you, Lord Christ*

Heather Gallop

### The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,

begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin  
Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of  
the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the  
living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,  
the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the  
Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is  
worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and  
apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the  
dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
**Amen.**

### The Prayers of the People

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others especially Lou, Julia, Scott, Marie, Pam, John, Hilda, Mike, Sarah, Jane, Larry, David, Pete, Rusty, Sharon, Ulla, Kathy, Ron, Kathy, Kerielea, Pat, Katherine, Linda, Crystal, Tammy, Mallory, James, Rocky, Katherine, Mary Ruth, Melissa, Colette, Linda, Jimmie, Lewis, Linda Bender, Pat, David Bullins, Derrick and his family, Phillip, Helen, Carol, Barbara, Sherry, Greg Johnson, the family of Jasmine Watkins and the family of Dan Rudy and Gene.

*Silence*

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory Anthem

*Arise, Shine, For Your Light Has Come*

J. Marcus Ritchie

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.

Recessional Hymn

*"Morning Star"*

Hymn 117

1 Brightest and best of the stars of the  
morning,  
dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine  
aid;  
star of the east, the horizon adorning,  
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

2 Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are  
shining,  
low lies his head with the beasts of the  
stall;  
angels adore him in slumber reclining,  
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.

3 Shall we then yield him, in costly  
devotion,  
odors of Edom, and offerings divine,  
gems of the mountain, and pearls of the  
ocean,  
myrrh from the forest, and gold from the  
mine?

5 Brightest and best of the stars of the  
morning,  
dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine  
aid;  
star of the east, the horizon adorning,  
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

The Closing Voluntary

*"The Star Proclaims the King is Here"*

Johann Pachelbel

**Loaves & Fishes is in desperate need of grocery bags.  
Please drop off all clean plastic grocery bags at the Church office.**

**Thank you!  
Loaves & Fishes Team**

Please note that we are changing the Loaves & Fishes meals to the **first and third Wednesdays of each month from 5:00pm to 5:45pm**. The next meal will be on Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>.

We remember in our prayers our companion church of All Saints Keighley and its Priest, Jonathan Pritchard and our Bishop, The Rt. Reverend Mark Bourlakas.

**Grace Network** - Our Grace Network Assignments for January - March 2021: Corn Bread Mix (i.e.: Jiffy) For the month of January: Toilet Paper, Feminine Products and Deodorant. They are also in need of grocery bags for their food pantry. Use the Food Lion card for your shopping or give the card to Sue Rosser to shop for Grace Network. "Grace is counting on us to help keep their food pantry balanced. Thank you for supporting this outreach ministry."

**"Words To Start The New Year"**  
**By William Arthur Ward**

*Another fresh year is here...  
Another year to live!  
To banish worry, doubt, and fear,  
To love and laugh and give!*

*This bright new year is given me  
To live each day with zest...  
To daily grow and try to be  
My highest and my best!*

*I have the opportunity  
Once more to right some wrongs,  
To pray for peace, to plant a tree,  
And sing more joyful songs!*

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