

# The Feast of the Epiphany

6 January 2019



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# **Notice of Annual Meeting and Elections**



**OFFICIAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT  
THE 130TH ANNUAL MEETING OF  
ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH,  
BAY SHORE, NEW YORK, WILL TAKE PLACE ON  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup> BEGINNING AT 9:00 AM.**

## **The Agenda for this Meeting is:**

### **I. ELECTIONS**

- **ONE Junior Warden for a term of two years**
- **THREE Vestry Persons for a term of three years each**
- **ONE Delegate and ONE Alternate to Diocesan Convention**

### **II. REPORTS of the Wardens and Treasurer, and receipt of the Reports of Departments (by title).**

**To be eligible to vote in this election**, you must be a member in good standing and fulfill the following criteria:

- You are at least eighteen (18) years of age by January 31, 2019.
- You have received Holy Communion in this church at least three times in the past twelve months; and
- You are a contributor of record to the financial support of the parish. This is normally taken to mean a pledging member of the parish whose pledge for the year 2018 has been fulfilled.

**In order to serve on the vestry**, a person must be a member in good standing, and fulfill the same requirements as that of a voting member of the parish. The additional requirement to be eligible for election as a warden is that a warden must be a confirmed communicant in good standing.

Nominations may also be made from the floor of the meeting, provided

- that the person to be so nominated is present
- signifies the intention to stand for election
- has fulfilled all requisite requirements as stated above.

There are no provisions for ballots by proxy or absentee ballots at the Annual Meeting.

**ONLY ONE SERVICE THAT DAY BEGINNING AT 9:00 AM.**

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## Welcome to St. Peter's by the Sea Episcopal Church

*We extend a warm welcome to everyone, and especially any visitors who may be worshipping with us today. If you do not already have a church home, please feel welcome to join this Parish family.*

*In the Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are welcomed to the table to receive Holy Communion.*

*Our Services begin with the Opening Voluntary. You are invited to enter quietly into the spirit of worship as the music is played.*

**PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES.**

## — Parish Notices —

**BIBLE STUDY** resumes this morning: Sundays between services and Tuesdays at 10:30am. All are invited!

**TODAY IS THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY, THE “END” OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON.** The 10am service will begin with an Epiphany Procession, similar to the Lessons and Carols sung on the first Sunday of Advent - our last chance to sing Christmas Carols this year.

**MUSIC AT ST. PETER'S** will present TWO special concerts this month. Next Sunday, January 13, at 4pm, the eVoco Women's Chorus will present “Dark Mysteries.” The following Sunday, January 20 at 2pm, our Ensemble-in-Residence Island Symphony will present their annual St. Peter's concert. Their program will include Mendelssohn's “Hebrides” Overture, Mozart Flute Concerto, featuring Joanna Lau, 2018 Young Performers Competition Award Winner, and the Haydn Symphony No. 97.

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 20** **PATRONAL FESTIVAL AND 130TH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** **9:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST AND MEETING** *(Annual Reports are due next Sunday, January 13)*

*Now is a good time to check the list of persons for whom we are praying at St. Peter's. If you have asked prayers for someone and would like to have that name removed, or have names to add, please give that information in writing to Mark Engelhardt.*

*Also, if you have persons serving in the Armed Forces who are not on our list, please give that information to Mark.*

#### **Financial Snapshot for the Week of 12/30/18**

<b>Total Parish Expenses Per Week</b>	<b>\$5,546.00</b>
<b>Donations weekend of 12/30/18</b>	<b>\$3,750.00</b>
<b>Amount Under for the Week</b>	<b>\$1,796.00</b>
<b>Year to Date Deficit</b>	<b>\$93,219.00</b>

## —Prayers for the Week—

**We pray for those seeking healing:** Andrea, Anthony, Austin, Autumn, Betty, Bryce, Carolyn, Chris, Curt, David, Diane, Elinor, Ellen, Emily, George, Greg, Hannah, James, Joel, John, John H., Joy, Kim, Manuel, Mark, Michelle, Nancy, Roger, Sarah Grace, Shanti, Sue, Theresa, Tria, William;

**We pray for those who have died;** and all those grieving the death of a loved one, that they may find comfort and peace;

**We pray for those in military service,** and especially for Christian, Eileen, John, Kyle, Robert, and Stephen;

**We pray for** the unemployed and underemployed; for all who suffer from addictions; for all who suffer chronic illness, and for all caregivers;

**We pray for** our companion dioceses of Torit & Ecuador-Central; and for mercy, peace, and justice among all peoples, especially those whose lives have been devastated by natural disasters, terrorism, war, famine, tyranny, or injustice;

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** we pray for St. John's, Oakdale; St. Andrew's, Mastic Beach; St. Paul's, Patchogue; Christ Church, Port Jefferson; Church of the Atonement, Quogue; Grace Church, Riverhead; Staff & Board of Managers of Camp DeWolfe ;

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer** we pray for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia; and the Dioceses of Lango (Uganda); Southern Malawi (Central Africa); Glasgow & Galloway (Scotland); Langtang (Nigeria); Southern Nyana (Kenya); Lebombo (Southern Africa); Southern Ohio (The Episcopal Church); Southern Philippines (Philippines); Leeds (England); Leicester (England); Southern Virginia (The Episcopal Church); Gloucester (England); Lesotho (Southern Africa); Southwark (England).

## —January at St. Peter's—

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 6 - EPIPHANY SUNDAY**

AN EPIPHANY PROCESSION WITH THE EUCHARIST - 10AM

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 13 - FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST**

EVOCO WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE CONCERT - 4 PM

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 17 - ECW LUNCHEON/MEETING - 11:30AM (LOUNGE)**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 20 - FEAST OF THE CONFESSION OF ST. PETER (PATRONAL FESTIVAL)**

ONE SERVICE AT 9AM, FOLLOWED BY THE 130TH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

THE ISLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA IN CONCERT - 2PM

eVoco  
Women's Ensemble

# DARK MYSTERIES

*In Concert*

Saturday January 12, 2019 @ 8PM

Christ Church • 61 East Main St., Oyster Bay, NY

Sunday January 13, 2019 @ 4pm

St. Peter's by-the-Sea • 500 South Country Rd., Bay Shore, NY

*Tickets*

Purchase online at [www.evoco.vc](http://www.evoco.vc) \$20 General • \$10 Students & Seniors 60+

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# The Holy Eucharist: Rite I

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8 o'clock in the morning

## The Word of God

**Opening Voluntary:** Choral-Fantasie “How bright appears the Morning Star” Dietrich Buxtehude

### The Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

### The 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.*

### The Song of Praise

Glory be to God on high,  
and on 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, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins 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 glory of God the Father. Amen.

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know thee now by faith, to thy presence, where we may behold thy glory face to

face; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **The Lessons**

#### **The First Lesson:** 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

#### **Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14** *Said by all*

- 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.
- Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,\*  
and to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,\*  
world without end. Amen.

**The Epistle:** 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*The congregation stands for the reading of the Gospel.*

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

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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 be to thee, O Christ.

**The Sermon**

The Right Reverend Johncy Itty



## **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**

*The Intercessor says*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and ever living God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: 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.

*Lord, hear our prayer*

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; Lawrence, GERALYN and Daniel, Bishops of the Diocese of Long Island; and John, our Bishop-in-Residence, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

*Lord, hear our prayer*

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.

*Lord, hear our prayer*

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially the President of the United States, the members of Congress, and all regional and local authorities, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

*Lord, hear our prayer*

Open, 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.

*Lord, hear our prayer*

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor Andrea, Anthony, Austin, Autumn, Betty, Bryce, Carolyn, Chris, Curt, David, Diane, Elinor, Ellen, Emily, George, Greg, Hannah, James, Joel, John, John H., Joy, Kim, Manuel, Mark, Michelle, Nancy, Roger, Sarah Grace, Shanti, Sue, Theresa, Tria, William; and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

*Lord, hear our prayer*

We pray for those in military service, and especially for Christian, Eileen, John, Kyle, Robert, and Stephen;

*Lord, hear our prayer*

For the unemployed and underemployed; for all who suffer from addictions; for all who suffer chronic illness, and for all caregivers; . . . For our companion dioceses of Torit and Ecuador-Central, and for mercy, peace, and justice among all peoples, especially those whose lives have been devastated by natural disasters, terrorism, war, famine, tyranny, or injustice; For the petitions in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer and the Anglican Cycle of Prayer this week; . . . And for any other special needs of this congregation, I invite your intercessions now, silently or aloud.

*Lord, hear our prayer*

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Peter, St. Edmund, and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

*Lord, hear our prayer*

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

## **The Confession of Sin and Absolution**

*Celebrant* Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God,

*All*

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker of all things, judge of all men:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,  
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,  
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent,  
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;  
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,  
the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us,  
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 honor and glory of thy Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Celebrant*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who 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 Presider may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

## **The Peace**

# The Holy Communion

## The Hymn at the Offering

The first Nowell the angel did say

*The Hymnal 1982, #109*

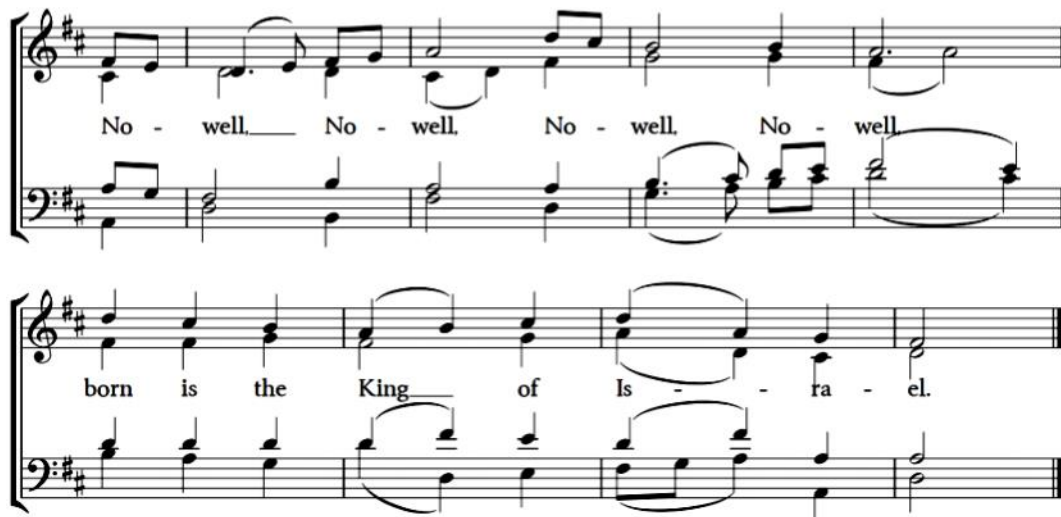
*The First Nowell*

1 The first No - well the an - gel did say  
 2 They look - ed up and saw a star  
 3 And by the light of that same star  
 4 Then let us all with one ac - cord

was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;  
 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,  
 three wise men came from coun - try far,  
 sing prais - es to our heaven - ly Lord;

in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,  
 and to the earth it gave great light,  
 that seek for a king was their in - tent,  
 hath made heav'n and earth of nought,

on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.  
 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
 and to fol - low the star where - ev - er it went.  
 and with his blood our life hath bought.



## The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* 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.

### *The Celebrant continues*

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,

### *Celebrant and People*

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.

### *Then the Celebrant continues*

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.”

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;

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.**

*And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,  
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 Breaking of the Bread**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*Therefore let us keep the feast.*

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.



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 we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

### **The Post Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant      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 glory, world without end. Amen.

### **The Prayer of St. Richard**

Lord Jesus Christ, Most Merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,  
help us this day and everyday to see Thee more clearly,  
to follow Thee more nearly, to love Thee more dearly,  
for Thy Name's sake. Amen.

### **The Epiphany Blessing**

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you,  
that your lives may be a light to the world;  
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

### **The Dismissal**

**Voluntary:** Chorale Prelude on "In Thee is Gladness"

J. S. Bach

# An Epiphany Procession with The Holy Eucharist

10 o'clock in the morning

**Opening Voluntary:** Chorale Fantasie "How bright appears the Morning Star" Dietrich Buxtehude

**Matin Respond for the Epiphany**

*adapted from a Magnificat by*

*G. P. da Palestrina by Francis Jackson and Philip Moore*

Arise, shine O Jerusalem:

For thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon Thee.

We have seen his star in the East:

and are come with gifts to worship him.

The Kings of Tharsis and the Isles shall give present:

The Kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts.

All Kings shall fall down before him:

All nations shall do him service.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son:

And to the Holy Ghost.

Arise, shine O Jerusalem:

For the glory of the Lord is risen upon Thee.

**Hymn at the Procession** (*stz. 1 and 2, choir alone; stz. 3 choir and congregation*) *The Hymnal 1982, #124*

What star is this, with beams so bright

*Puer Natus*

The image displays a musical score for a hymn, consisting of two systems of music. Each system has a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the notes, with three parts indicated by numbers 1, 2, and 3. The first system covers the first two lines of the hymn, and the second system covers the next two lines. The music is written in a simple, clear style, suitable for a church service.

1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more beau - teous  
2 True spake the pro - phet from a - far who told the  
3 The guid - ing star a - bove is bright; with - in them

than the noon - day light? It shines to her - ald  
rise of Ja - cob's star; and east - ern sa - ges  
shines a clear - er light, and leads them on with



*At the conclusion of the Hymn, the Congregation sits for the First Lesson.*

**The First Lesson:** 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**A Carol** *(sung by the choir in the aisle)*

Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,  
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;  
heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign:  
in the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed  
the Lord God incarnate, Jesus Christ.

What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
yet what I can I give him — give my heart.

—*Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)*

**The Second Lesson:** Galatians 4:4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*The congregation stands to sing the final verses of the Hymn at the Procession*

4 O Je - sus, while the star of grace im - pels us  
5 To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to Christ, re -

on to seek thy face, let not our sloth - ful  
vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly

hearts re - fuse the guid - ance of thy light to use.  
Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

**The Third Lesson:** 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## A Carol

Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

Brightest and best of the sons 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.

Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining;  
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
angels adore him in slumber reclining,  
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.

Say, shall we 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?

Vainly we over each ample oblation,  
vainly with gifts would his favour secure:  
richer by far is the hearts adoration,  
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Brightest and best of the sons 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.

— *Reginald Heber (1783-1826)*

### **The Fourth Lesson:** Matthew 2:1-12

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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*At the conclusion of the Lesson, all stand to sing the Hymn as the Wise Men present their gifts at the Creche.*

## The Hymn

*The Hymnal 1982, #128*

*Three Kings of Orient*

We three kings of Orient are



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing  
2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I  
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense  
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a  
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



1 gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,  
2 bring to crown him a - gain, King for ev - er,  
3 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,  
4 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,  
5 God and Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al - le -



1 moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
2 ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.  
3 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship him, God Most High.  
4 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
5 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.



*Refrain*

O star of won - der, star of night,



star with roy - al beau - ty bright; west - ward lead - ing,



still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

*The stanzas may be sung by three soloists: 1 and 5 by the ensemble; 2-4 by individuals; and the refrain by all.*

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



## **The Collect for the Feast of the Epiphany**

O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know thee now by faith, to thy presence, where we may behold thy glory face to face; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **The Sermon**

The Right Reverend Johncy Itty

## **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

*The Intercessor says*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and ever living God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: 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.

*Lord, hear our prayer*

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; Lawrence, Geralyn and Daniel, Bishops of the Diocese of Long Island; and Johncy, our Bishop-in-Residence, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

*Lord, hear our prayer*

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.

*Lord, hear our prayer*

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially the President of the United States, the members of Congress, and all regional and local authorities, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

*Lord, hear our prayer*

Open, 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.

*Lord, hear our prayer*

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor Andrea, Anthony, Austin, Autumn, Betty, Bryce, Carolyn, Chris, Curt, David, Diane, Elinor, Ellen, Emily, George, Greg, Hannah, James, Joel, John, John H., Joy, Kim, Manuel, Mark, Michelle, Nancy, Roger, Sarah Grace, Shanti, Sue, Theresa, Tria, William; and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

*Lord, hear our prayer*

We pray for those in military service, and especially for Christian, Eileen, John, Kyle, Robert, and Stephen;

*Lord, hear our prayer*

For the unemployed and underemployed; for all who suffer from addictions; for all who suffer chronic illness, and for all caregivers; . . . For our companion dioceses of Torit and Ecuador-Central, and for mercy, peace, and justice among all peoples, especially those whose lives have been devastated by natural disasters, terrorism, war, famine, tyranny, or injustice; For the petitions in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer and the Anglican Cycle of Prayer this week; . . . And for any other special needs of this congregation, I invite your intercessions now, silently or aloud.

*Lord, hear our prayer*

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Peter, St. Edmund, and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

*Lord, hear our prayer*

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

### **The Confession of Sin and Absolution**

*Celebrant* Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God,

*All*

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker of all things, judge of all men:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,  
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,  
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent,  
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;  
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,  
the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us,  
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 honor and glory of thy Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Celebrant*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who 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 Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying*  
Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

### **The Peace**

## The Holy Communion

### The Hymn at the Offering

How bright appears the Morning Star

*The Hymnal 1982, #497*

*Wie schön 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;  
pit - ying 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, put 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.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the piano accompaniment in the bass staff. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each with three numbered lines of text. The first system includes the title 'The Hymn at the Offering' and the German title 'Wie schön leuchtet'. The second system includes the title 'The Hymn at the Offering' and the German title 'Wie schön leuchtet'. The third system includes the title 'The Hymn at the Offering' and the German title 'Wie schön leuchtet'.

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.

Words: William Mercer (1811-1873), after Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)  
 Music: *Wie schön leuchtet*, melody att. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* *People*  
 The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

*Celebrant* *People*  
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
 Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

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

### *The Celebrant continues*

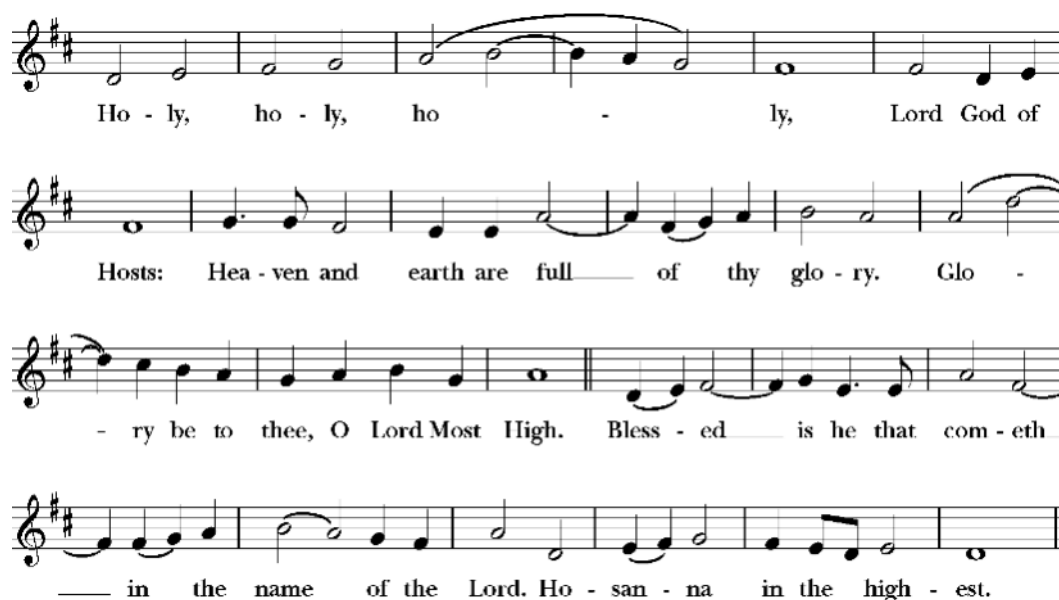
It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in 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,

Sanctus

*Missa Sancta Maria Magdalena*

*The Hymnal 1982, S 114*

Healey Willan



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Then the Celebrant continues*

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."

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;



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.**

*And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,*

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
 be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
 on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
 dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
 as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
 us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
 and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

### The Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*Therefore let us keep the feast.*

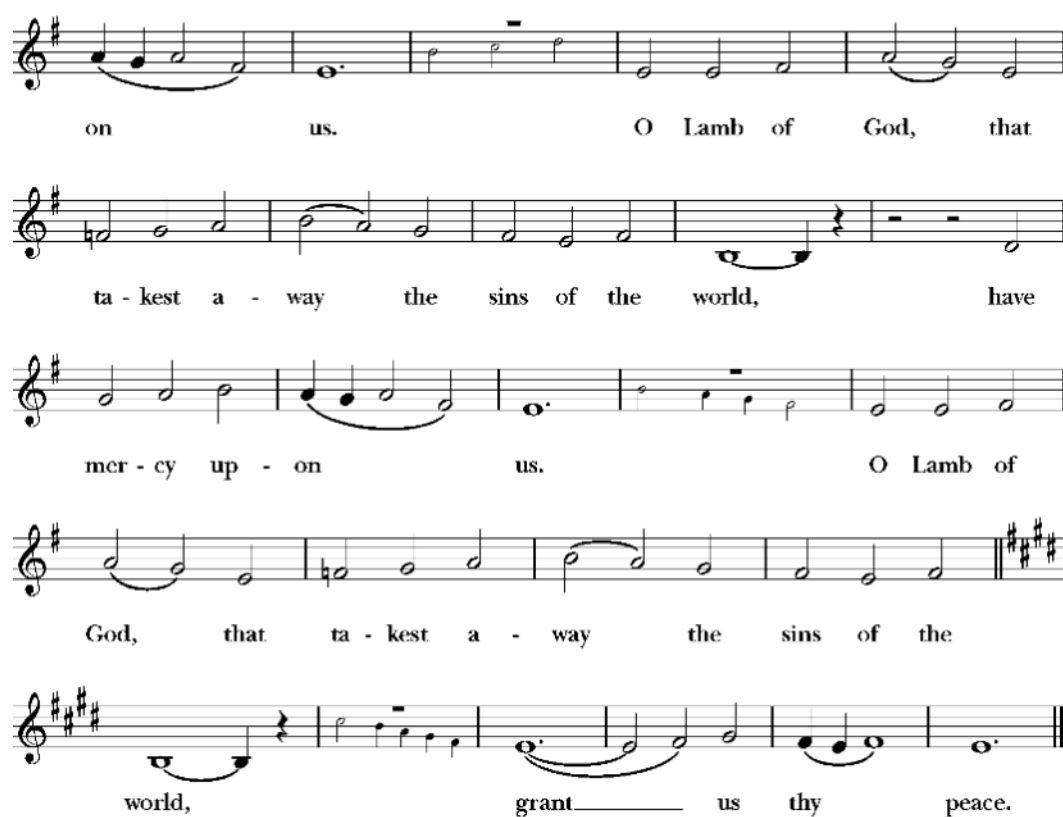
Fraction Anthem - O Lamb of God

*Missa Sancta Maria Magdalena*

*The Hymnal 1982, S 158*

Healey Willan

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -  
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -



on us. O Lamb of God, that  
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have  
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of  
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
world, grant us thy peace.

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 we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

### Hymn at the Communion

*The Hymnal 1982, #115*

What child is this

*Greensleeves*

*Unison or harmony*



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on  
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where  
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,  
Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with  
ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for  
peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

*Refrain*

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds

guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to

bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898) Music: *Greensleeves*, English melody; harm. *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871

## The Post Communion Prayer

*Celebrant 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 glory, world without end. Amen.

## The Prayer of St. Richard

Lord Jesus Christ, Most Merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,  
help us this day and everyday to see Thee more clearly,  
to follow Thee more nearly, to love Thee more dearly,  
for Thy Name's sake. Amen.

## The Post Communion Hymn

The first Nowell the angel did say

*The Hymnal 1982, #109*

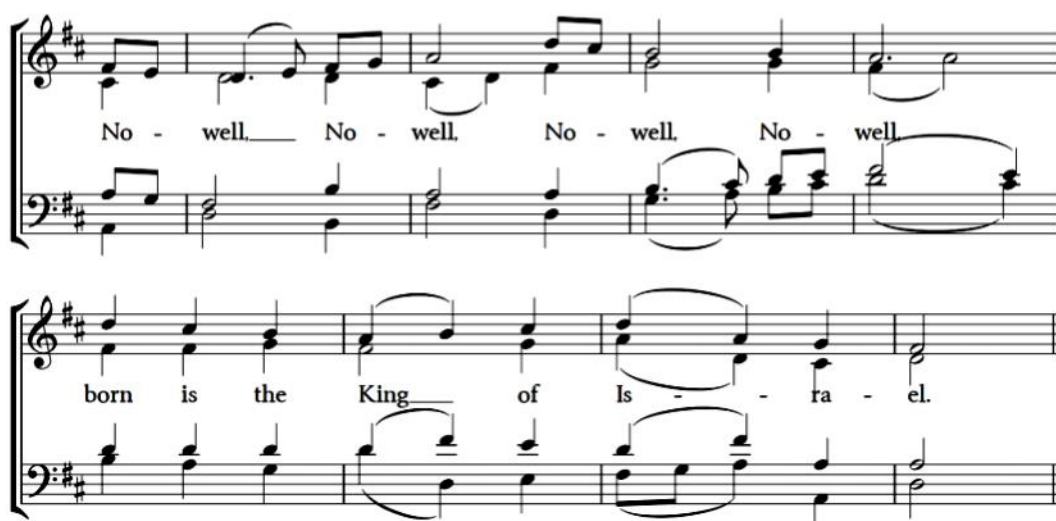
*The First Nowell*

1 The first No - well the an - gel did say  
2 They look - ed up and saw a star  
3 And by the light of that same star  
4 Then let us all with one ac - cord

was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;  
shin - ing in the east be - yond as they far;  
three wise men came from coun - try far;  
sing prais - es to our heaven - ly Lord:

in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep.  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
to seek for a king was their in - tent,  
that hath made heav'n and earth of nought.

on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.  
and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
and to fol - low the star where ev - er it went.  
and with his blood our life hath bought.



### The Epiphany Blessing

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of  
a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also,  
in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord.

*Amen.*

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon  
the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River,  
pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth.

*Amen.*

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the  
wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts.

*Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and  
the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

*Amen.*

### Dismissal

**Voluntary:** Chorale Prelude on "In Thee is Gladness"

J. S. Bach

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## Praising God, Serving Neighbor

*We seek to worship the Lord as one loving family  
by serving our parish and community  
through prayer, music, education, and outreach*