

Christ Episcopal Church

January 6, 2024 10:00 am

The Holy Eucharist The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ

If you are a visitor, we are grateful that you have joined us this morning. Should this form of worship be unfamiliar, relax and let the assembly carry you. We follow the worship pattern of the Book of Common Prayer beginning on page 355. Hymns and songs are found in Hymnal 1982 (blue book) or printed in this program.

Kindly turn off cellphones for the duration of the liturgy.

Cover art: Janet McKenzie, “The Divine Journey: Companions of Love and Hope,”
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The solo organ works are settings of the Epiphany chorale:
“Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern” (How brightly shines
the morning star). The same melody is also used as the
accompaniment to the Communion solo by Peter Cornelius.

Tolling bells invite us to silence and stillness.

Prelude

“Wie schön leuchtet”

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

At the ringing of the bell, all stand as able and turn to the baptismal font.

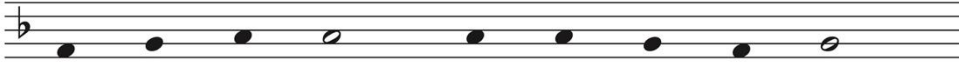
Processional Hymn

“Brightest and Best”

Hymnal 1982 117

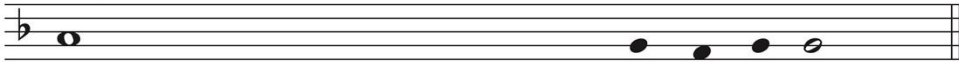
Opening Acclamation

Celebrant



Bless-ed be God, our life and our light.

People



The Word of God dwells among us, Al - le - lu - ia.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray...

Amen.

The Word of God

All are seated.

The First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Assembly sings the Refrain; Cantor sings the verses.



All kings will bow be-fore you, all peo-ples serve you.

God, give your king your sense of what is just;
Make him a judge like you, fair to us the powerless.
May mountains bear us peace, hills bring us justice.
May the king defend the poor, set their children free, and kill their oppressors. **Refrain**

May he live as long as the sun, as long as the moon, for ever.
May he be like rain on a field, like showers that soak the earth.
May justice sprout in his time, peace till the moon is no more. **Refrain**

Kings from Tarshish and the islands will bring their riches to him.
Kings of Sheba, kings of Saba will carry gifts to him.
All kings will bow before him, all peoples serve him.
He will rescue the poor at their call, those no one speaks for.
Those no one cares for he hears and will save,
Save their lives from violence, lives precious in his eyes. **Refrain**

Silence and stillness

All rise as able.

Gospel Acclamation

Sing the Alleluias with the cantor and then repeat the Alleluias after the cantor sings the verse.



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

We have observed his star at its rising, and have come to worship him.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the conclusion of the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All are seated.

Homily

The Rev. Maria Gwyn McDowell, PhD

Silence and stillness

The Prayers

Deacon: As we gather to praise the Light of Christ, we pray for the needs of the church and the world.

Cantor

..... we pray to you, O Lord.

People

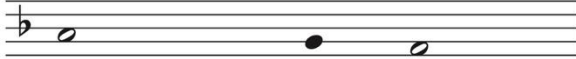


Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor

.....and all our life to Christ our God.

People



To you, O Lord our God.

Concluding Collect

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

You are welcome to offer a word or gesture of peace to your neighbors.

The Holy Communion

All are seated.

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

An offering of money is collected. With the gifts of many others, your contribution makes possible the worship, formation, and service of Christ Church.

Offertory Music

“Wie schön leuchtet”

J. S. Bach

All rise as able.







Hymn at the Presentation

“We Three Kings”
Verses 1, 3, and 5

Hymnal 1982 128

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D, (revised) *BCP*, page 372

<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>The Lord be__ with you.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>And al - so with you.</p>
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>Lift__ up your hearts.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>We lift__ them to__ the Lord. _</p>
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>Let us give thanks__ to the Lord_ our God.</p>	
<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>It is right__ to give God thanks and praise. _</p>	

The Celebrant offers Eucharistic prayers for the day.

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, —

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, —

hea - ven and earth are full, — full — of your glo - ry. Ho -

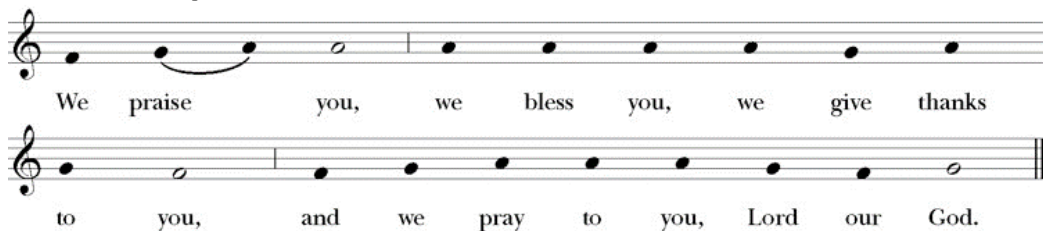
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is the One who comes — in the name of the Lord. — Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Memorial Acclamation

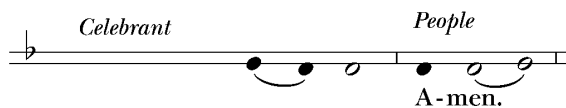
Presider: From the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.



We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks

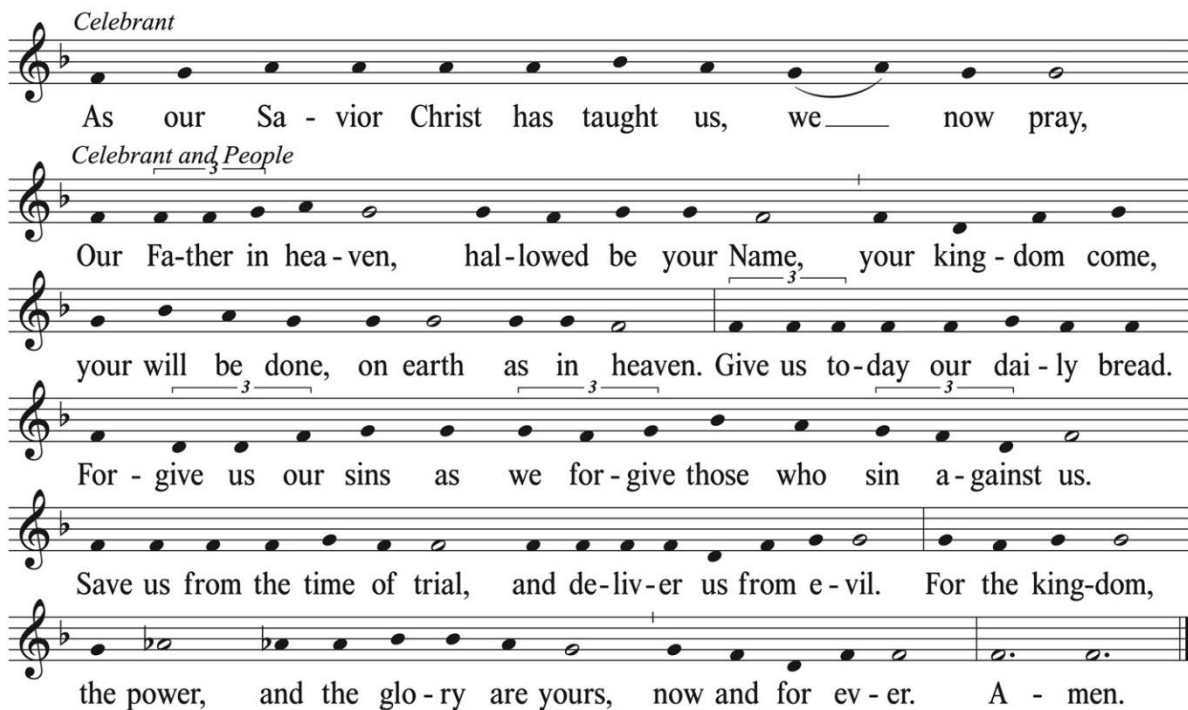
to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Great Doxology



Celebrant *People*
A-men.

The Lord's Prayer



Celebrant
As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
Celebrant and People
Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal-lowed be your Name, your king - dom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us to-day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom,
the power, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

Fraction Anthem



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - er
of our sins: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the
world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

Invitation to Communion

Presider: The gifts of God

All: For the People of God.

*All who desire to receive the Body and Blood Christ in the gifts of bread and wine and serve his mission in the world are welcome to communion. Come to the altar platform along the **middle aisle** of the left and right sections. When a place at the altar railing opens up, walk to that space and stand or kneel. Receive the bread in your hand and consume it; then assist the minister as they guide the cup of wine to your lips and take a sip. Please note that to protect the health of our community, **we do not practice intinction** (dipping the bread in the cup). Once you have received communion, return to your seat by **the central or outer aisle**.*

Communion Music “Three Kings Have Journeyed From the Eastern Land”
Jack Burrows, bass

Silence and stillness

All rise as able.

Post-Communion Prayer

Glory to God,

whose power, working in us,

can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

Glory to God from generation to generation,

in the Church and in Christ Jesus,

now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

May Almighty God, who led the magi 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, one God and Mother of us all, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

As the ministers process to the doors, all turn toward the baptismal font.

Recessional Hymn

“Jesus Shall Reign”

Hymnal 1982 544

Verses 1, 2, and 5

The Dismissal

Let us go forth to be the light in the world.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Wie schön leuchtet”

Friedrich Wilhelm Zachow

Announcements

Welcome to Newcomers: If you would like to know more about our way of life, and subscribe to our *Weekly E-news*, fill out the Welcome Card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plates. Worry not: we won't besiege you with emails. We invite you to explore our website and participate in any activities which interest you.

The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Sunday, January 7, 2024

Holy Eucharist at 8:30 AM in Trinity Chapel and at 10:30 AM in the church,
incense will be used at the 10:30 liturgy

Mother Maria Gwyn McDowell will preside and preach

Assisting with the liturgy: Presider and Preacher: The Rev. Maria Gwyn McDowell, PhD; Deacon: The Rev. Donna Arellano; Eucharistic Minister and Intercessor: Sandy Johanson; Acolyte: Carol Gregory; Lector: Fran Blair; Interim Music Director: Dr. Paul Tegels; Jack Burrows, Choral Scholar; Ushers: Linda and Len Johnson; Altar Guild: Liz Heath, Brianne Knudson, Liz Schroedel Lansing, and Evelyn Tomter.

Music Credits Hymn 117 Tune: MORNING STAR | | Psalm 72 Setting: Howard Hughes, Consultation on a Liturgical Psalter | Sanctus and Fraction Anthem Music: arr. Richard Proulx © 1989, GIA Publications, Inc. | Hymn 128 Tune: THREE KINGS OF ORIENT | Three Kings Music: Peter Cornelius | Hymn 544 Tune: DUKE STREET

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