

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*We are called to gather around the sacred story and table of Christ
where all are invited to be fed and everyone's story matters.*

"All Guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ."

The Rule of St. Benedict



Feast of The Epiphany

Liturgy of the Word and Table

January 10, 2020, 8:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.

St. Paul's Sunday Morning Zoom Services
The Reverend Barbara A.T. Wilson Presiding

Readers: 8:00 AM

Sunday, January 10th, 2021

First Lesson	<u>1. Pat McMahon</u>	
Psalm	<u>1. Pat McMahon</u>	<u>2. Vince McMahon</u>
Second Lesson	<u>1. Rebecca Smith</u>	
Nicene Creed	<u>1. Steve DeGolier</u>	
Prayers of the People	<u>Celebrant</u>	

Readers: 10:30 AM

Sunday, January 10th, 2021

First Lesson	<u>1. Marilyn Cleland</u>	
Psalm	<u>1. Dick Downen</u>	<u>2. Peggy Downen</u>
Second Lesson	<u>1. Jackie Mounts</u>	
Nicene Creed	<u>sung</u>	
Prayers of the People	<u>Celebrant</u>	

Please be mindful that everyone will be muted during the prelude, readings and musical selections throughout the service.

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Hymn: Brightest and Best of the Stars #117 Vs. 1, 2, 5

1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing,
5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,

1 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;
2 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
5 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;

1 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,
2 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
5 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,

1 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
2 Ma - ker and Mon - arch and Sa - vior of all.
5 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

Celebrant Blessed be God: the Holy Trinity.
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

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.

Song of Praise: Arise, Shine *Isaiah 60:1*

A - rise, — shine, for your light — has come, and the
A - rise, shine, for your light — has come, and the

glo - ry of the Lord has dawned up - on you. A
glo - ry of the Lord has dawned up - on you. A

The First Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-6

Lector A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God

The Psalm

Psalm 72:1-7,10-14

Lector Let us read sections of Psalm 72 responsively.

- 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.

The Second Lesson

Ephesians 3:1-12

Lector A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual: What Star is This, with Beams so Bright #124 Vs. 1-2

Unison or harmony

1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more beau - teous
2 True spake the pro - phet from a - far who told the

1 than the noon - day light? It shines to her - ald
2 rise of Ja - cob's star; and east - ern sa - ges

1 forth the King, and Gen - tiles to his crib to bring.
2 with a - maze up - on the won - drous to - ken gaze.

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The piece is marked 'Unison or harmony'. The lyrics are presented in two parts, with the first part in a larger font. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes in both hands, providing harmonic support for the vocal lines.

The Gospel

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.**

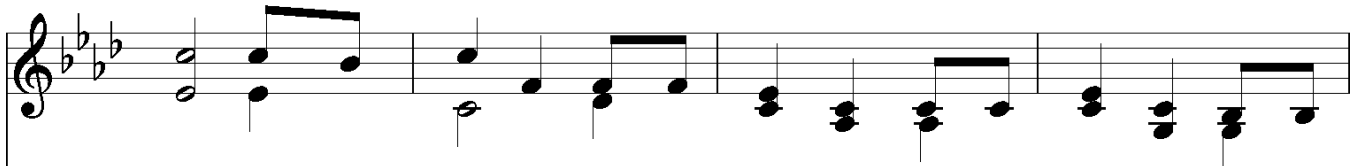
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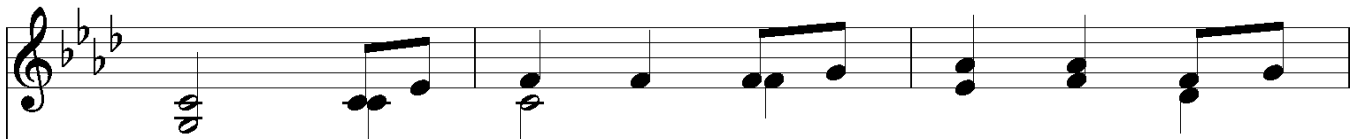
The Creed: I Believe In God Almighty



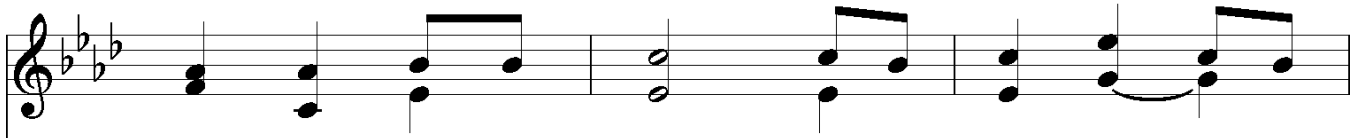
1. I be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all things that
 2. I be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci -
 3. I be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the saints with-



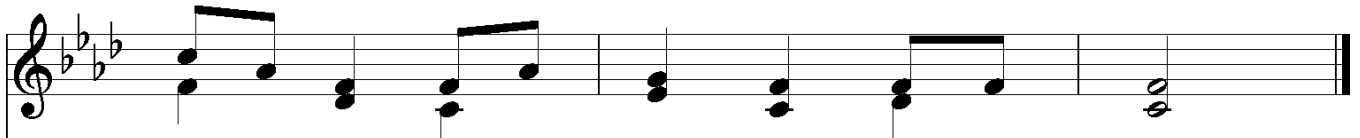
be, Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er of the sky and
 died; tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied— True Life there had tru - ly
 in One church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees from



sea. I be - lieve in God's Son, Je - sus, now for
 died. I be - lieve that on the third day Christ was
 sin; in the bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion, for the



us both Lord and Christ, of the Spir - it and of
 raised up from the grave, then as - cend - ed to God
 break - ing of death's chain gives the life that's ev - er -



Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life.
 right hand. He will come to judge and save.
 last - ing. This the faith that I have claimed.

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.

The Liturgy of the Table
Eucharistic Prayer D

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

It is truly right to glorify you, Holy One, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might be your stewards and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Holy God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose Jesus gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who died and rose for us, you sent the Holy Spirit, your own first gift for those who believe, to complete your work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for Jesus to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ's resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ's coming in glory; and offering to you, 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.

God our Creator, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. Remember our Presiding Bishop, Michael, Bishop-elect, Paula, our Rector, Barbara, the members of St. Paul's Vestry and all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people and those who seek your truth. Remember especially Alex, Sue, William, Phyllis, Joe, Terry, Gail, Puzz, Toni, Dorothy, Margaret, David, Ed, Colleen, Lisa, Rosemarie, Jim, Sandy, Connie, Marti, Austin, Sarah, Jerry, the family of Gary Fannon, and the family of Jim Torma. Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary and Joseph, with matriarchs, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. Paul and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Communion Hymn: We Three Kings #128 Vs. 1, 5

1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and

1 gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
5 God and Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al - le -

1 moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
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!

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

We praise and thank you, Everlasting God,
for you have not left us alone.
Each year you come to us, Emmanuel,
God with us in a manger.
Each time you come to us
in the broken bread and the cup we share when we can.
In time or out of time, you will be revealed
and we shall see you face to face.
Give us courage, God, our strength,
to see your Christ in all who suffer,
to be hands to the helpless,
food for the hungry,
and rescue for the oppressed.
All of this and more we ask,
in Christ Jesus' most holy name. 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.

Closing Hymn: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise # 135 Vs. 1, 4

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

Sending Forth

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go out into the world rejoicing in power of the Holy Spirit.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude March of the Three Kings William Stickles Kathleen Johnson, Organist

Join us for Coffee Conversation on Zoom after the service

Announcements, Special Prayers and Blessings

For Birthdays

God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants, +especially Lynn Roberts, Mikaili Little, and Janice Larson, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Wedding Anniversaries

Gracious Creator: You blessed the marriage of these two people with your love years ago. Amid the joys and struggles of their life you have preserved and strengthened the covenant between them; bless and renew that covenant now, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace, so that surrounded by their children, family and friends, they may always rejoice in the gift of their love for one another and for your enduring love that blesses their days together. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Travelers

O God, whose beauty and intention fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Opening Hymn: Brightest and Best of the Stars Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt.,
Music: *Morning Star*, James Proctor Harding (1850-1911), #117 Vs. 1, 2, 5, *The 1982
Hymnal*.

Song of Praise: Laudate Dominum *Sing, Praise and Bless the Lord* Words: Psalm 117,
Taizé Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994), #829 *Wonder Love and Praise*.

Song of Praise: Arise, Shine! Words: Isaiah 60:1 Music: Ruth Cunningham, Copyright 2007,
61 *Music by Heart*.

Gradual Hymn: What Star is This that Beams so Bright. Words: Charles Coffin (1676-
1749); tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Chandler (1807-1876), alt.
Music: *Puer nobis*, melody from Trier MS., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-
1621); harm. *Cowley Carol Book*, 1902, #124 *The 1982 Hymnal*.

The Creed: I Believe in God Almighty. Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993)
Music: Domhnach Trionoide, Gaelic melody; harm. Richard Proulx (b. 1937), #768
Wonder Love and Praise.

Communion: We Three Kings. Words and Music: John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-
1891), #128 Vs. 1, 5, *The 1982 Hymnal*.

Closing Hymn: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise. Words: Sts. 1-3, Christopher
Wordsworth (1807-1885); st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984). Music: *Salzburg*, melody
Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), #135 Vs. 1, 4 *The
1982 Hymnal*.

Household Prayer: Morning

*Loving God,
do not let my good intentions become a means of evil.
Do not let my trust become cooperation with sin.
Do not let my naiveté become an opportunity for wickedness.
Make me prudent in acts of mercy,
firm in my resistance to evil,
and wise in my discernment of wrong,
for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Household Prayer: Evening

*Loving God,
in the journey of life
guide me by the star that leads to Jesus,
that I may return to you transformed by his love. Amen.*

A word about the Household Prayers:

These prayers are printed on a page of their own so that you can tear them out and use them in your devotions at home. These prayers come from an anthology titled *Feasting on the Word*, that includes several liturgies for services. The prayers reflect the readings of the week, including special feast days.