



Epiphany

St. Augustine's Church
First Sunday after the Epiphany
January 10, 2020

Opening Hymn We three kings of Orient are

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

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

3 Frankincense to offer have I:
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising,
gladly raising,
worship him, God Most High.

Refrain

5 Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
heaven sings alleluia:
alleluia the earth replies.

Refrain

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People: **Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: May God be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray together.

The Collect of the Day

Creator God, our soul's delight, your voice thunders over the waters, liberating the future from the past. In the spirit's power and the waters of rebirth, Jesus was declared your blessed and beloved Son; may we recall our baptism and be disciples of the anointed One. Amen.

First Lesson Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe to God, you heavenly beings, *
ascribe to God glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe due honor to God's holy Name; *
worship the Most High in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of God is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
God is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of God is a powerful voice; *
the voice of God is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of God breaks the cedar trees; *
God breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

- 6 God makes Lebanon skip like a calf *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of God splits the flames of fire;
the voice of God shakes the wilderness; *
God shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of God makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Holy One, *
all are crying, “Glory!”
- 10 God sits enthroned above the flood, *
enthroned as Sovereign for evermore.
- 11 God shall give strength to the people; *
God shall give the people the blessing of peace.

Second Lesson Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Mark

People **Glory to you O Christ.**

The Holy Gospel Mark 1:4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

After the gospel has been read:

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Vicar

A period of silence is kept.

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 human. 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, who with the Father and the Son 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

We invite you to add your intercessions either silently or aloud after each bidding.

Reader: Let us pray that the Morning Star will shine for the church, the world, and all those in need. That the church may

be radiant with the Gospel and draw all people to the boundless riches of your love. We pray for the Church, the Body of Christ, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Nicholas, our Bishop; for the people of God, gathered from every nation under heaven; may we proclaim in every language, the dawning of a new age. In the **Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. In the **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for the newly baptized, and all who share in the Baptism of our Lord.

Reader: For this we pray

People: **Holy Spirit guide our prayer.**

Reader: That nations will be led by your wisdom, and leaders serve with justice and righteousness to scatter the clouds of hatred and oppression.

Reader: For this we pray

People: **Holy Spirit guide our prayer.**

Reader: That those who are depressed, lonely, or sick may be nursed by your healing power and rest in the arms of your comfort.

Reader: For this we pray

People: **Holy Spirit guide our prayer.**

Reader: That we would share our abundance of wealth and grace with those who live in poverty of riches and spirit.

Reader: For this we pray
People: **Holy Spirit guide our prayer.**

Reader: That those whose lives and cultures differ from our own may find welcome among us.

Reader: For this we pray
People: **Holy Spirit guide our prayer.**

Reader: That those who are filled with doubt and struggle to believe may be led by the Holy Spirit to acclaim your love incarnate in Jesus Christ.

Reader: For this we pray
People: **Holy Spirit guide our prayer.**

Reader: That those who have died and now behold your great epiphany may surround us until we come to the brightness of your dawning.

Reader: For this we pray
People: **Holy Spirit guide our prayer.**

Reader: In commemoration of their birthdays, we give thanks for the gift of their lives and for their presence among us:
Hannah Juliette Fratus, Marge Hunt, Carol Miro, Sophie Michelle Smith, Evan Brown, Mary B. Hall, Leslie Olsen, Mikayla Smith, and Curt DiMasi.

Reader: For this we pray
People: **Holy Spirit guide our prayer.**

Together God of grace and glory you call us with your voice of flame to be your people, faithful and courageous. As your beloved son embraced his mission in the waters of baptism, inspire us with the fire of your Spirit to join in his transforming work. We ask this in the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Collects

The Vicar

Celebrant Summing all of our prayers, let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us, saying:

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 forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn Songs of thankfulness and praise 135

Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar;
branch of royal David's stem
in thy birth at Bethlehem;
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
and at Cana, wedding-guest,
in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in power divine,
changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.

Manifest in making whole
palsied limbs and fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight,
quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will,
ever bringing good from ill;
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.

Manifest on mountain height,
shining in resplendent light,
where disciples filled with awe
thy transfigured glory saw.
When from there thou leddest them
steadfast to Jerusalem,
cross and Easter Day attest
God in man made manifest.

Blessing

Dismissal

Dismissal response: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia**



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