



**Epiphany Sunday, January 3, 2021**  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 9:30<sub>A.M.</sub>



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*You may wish to have candles ready to light, and a cross to place in your home worship area. Please feel free to join in by saying the words in bold out loud at home. We are glad to be worshipping with you today.*

**Prelude**      *Pastores a Belen (As Shepherd Filled with Joy)* Trad. Puerto Rico/A. Luce  
Redeemer Choir and Tradewinds Woodwind Quintet - December 2012  
T. de Santa Maria

*As shepherds filled with joy, to Bethlehem we're going,  
for Mary's child is born this blessed Christmas morning.  
See there, see there, the baby Jesus waits,  
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*O let us bring our honey so sweet, an offering for the Child to eat.  
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Vamos, vamos, vamos a ver (Hurry, hurry, hurry and see,)  
Vamos a ver al recein nacido, (hurry and see the child born of Mary.)  
Vamos a ver al nino Manuel (Let's go and see Emmanuel.)*

*O holy, heavenly Child, the shepherds seek your blessing,  
while singing happy songs, our hope and joy confessing.  
We run, we fly, to greet the glorious Child.  
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*With thankful hearts we offer our best to Jesus, at the manger we'll rest.  
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**Welcome**

**Liturgy of the Word**

**Candle-Lighting**

*The acolyte lights the candles and invites worshippers to do the same.*

*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

**Opening Hymn**      *The First Noel, (v. 1, 3, 5)*

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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 This star drew nigh to the north - west,  
 5 Then en - tered in those wise - men, three

1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;  
 2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,  
 3 three - wise - men came from coun - try far;  
 4 o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,  
 5 full - rev - erent - ly up - on their knee,

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,  
 2 and to the earth it gave great light,  
 3 to seek for a king was their in - tent,  
 4 and there it did both stop and stay  
 5 and of - fered there in his pres - ence

1 on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep,  
 2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
 3 and to fol - low the star where - ev - er it went,  
 4 right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay,  
 5 their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

*Refrain*  
 No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Opening Acclamation

*Presider* Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

*Presider* Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

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**All** Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?  
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
 What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.  
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

*Refrain*

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

**Collect of the Day**

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.**

*Please be seated.*

**First Reading**

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.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

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

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<sup>1</sup> Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;

<sup>2</sup> That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;

<sup>3</sup> That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.

<sup>4</sup> He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

<sup>5</sup> He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.

<sup>6</sup> He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.

<sup>7</sup> In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

<sup>10</sup> The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, \*  
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

<sup>11</sup> All kings shall bow down before him, \*  
and all the nations do him service.

<sup>12</sup> For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, \*  
and the oppressed who has no helper.

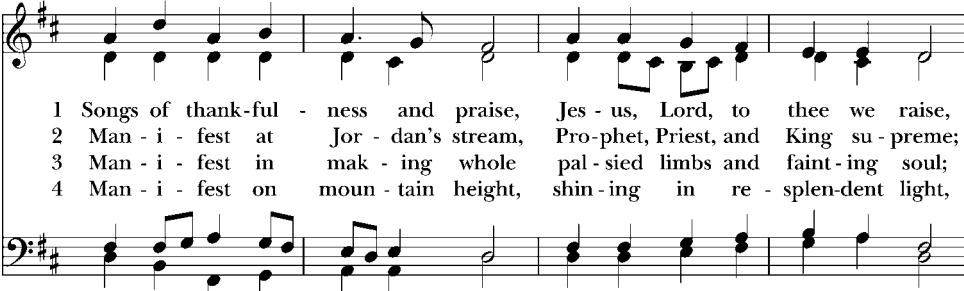
<sup>13</sup> He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; \*  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

<sup>14</sup> He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, \*  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

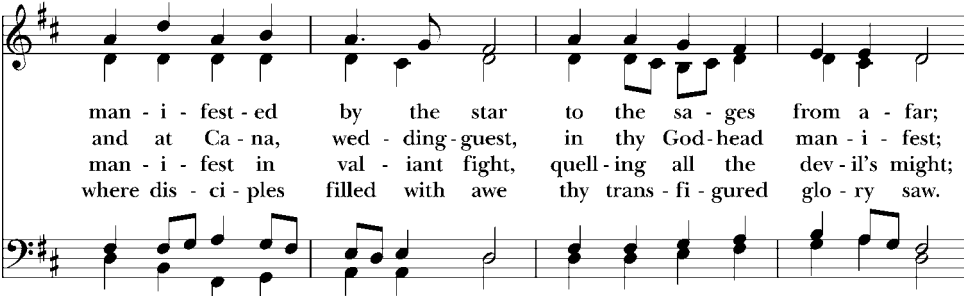
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**Gospel Hymn**            *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise (v. 1-3)*

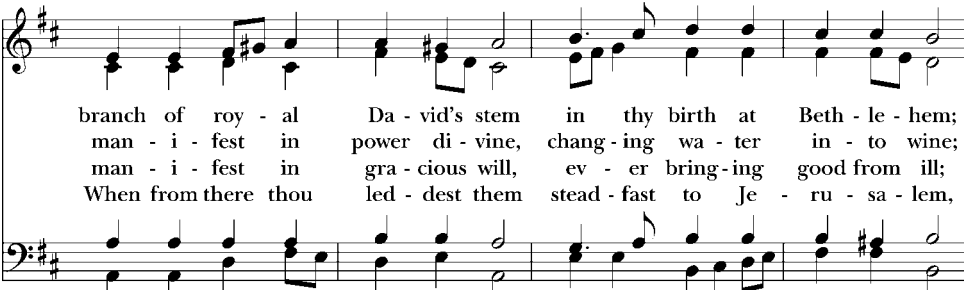
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1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,  
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;  
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
 4 Man - i - 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;  
 and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;  
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
 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;  
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
 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.  
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
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 cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

**Holy Gospel**

Matthew 2:1-12

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

*Gospeller*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**Sermon**

The Rev. Kate Ekrem

*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

**Nicene Creed**

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**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.**

**Prayers of the People**

*by David Adam, Church of England*

*Leader*      As seekers from many places were called to worship before the Christ child, open our ears to your call, and open our eyes to your glory. We pray for all seekers, for all who walk in darkness and look for the light. We pray for your church, that it may be drawn ever towards you. Jesus, Light of the World

*People*            **Give us your light and peace**

*Leader*      Lord God, we pray that the rulers of this world may seek the peace and justice of your kingdom, and that the resources of the world may be used for the relief of those in need, and to your praise and glory. Jesus, Light of the World

*People*            **Give us your light and peace**

*Leader*      We pray for all who work in our local communities, for a sharing of talents and awareness of needs. We thank you for the gifts you have given to us, and we seek to use them rightly. May our homes be places where the Christ abides and is welcomed. Jesus, Light of the World

*People*            **Give us your light and peace**

*Leader* We pray for all who are in sorrow, pain or distress; we remember especially Bill, Sarah, Dale, Aura, Lauren, Mary, Joan, John, Tom, Jack, June, Darryll; Richard, Martin, Lynette, Thien, Marie, Diane, Nguyen, Rose, Phyllis, Janet, Dale, Nancy, the Doan Family, John, and Joan.  
We pray for those serving abroad in the military; ...  
We remember all who are struggling for justice and freedom.  
Jesus, Light of the World

*People* **Give us your light and peace**

*Leader* We pray for those who have died, especially Darlene, Maureen, Dorothy, Jim, Sven, John, Avis, Richie, Gerry, Barbara, John, Robert, John, Emily, Tammy, David; Ronald; and Leon. May they have fullness of life in your kingdom. Give hope and strength to all who mourn, and bring a new light into their darkness. Jesus, Light of the World

*People* **Give us your light and peace**

*Collect for the Parish, Leader and People together:*

**Loving God, who calls us to restore unity and justice, your son Jesus teaches us that love brings us together in a community where all are welcome. Help us deepen our faith and relationships so that we can grow our community to make a difference within and beyond ourselves, through Jesus Christ Our Redeemer. Amen.**

*Presider* O Lord our God, you call us in the depths of our being, you have a purpose for us, open our ears to hear your call, open our hearts to your love, open our minds to your purpose, that we may know you and give ourselves fully in your service.

**Confession**

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*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Please kneel in body or in spirit and join in a moment of silent contemplation.*

*All* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

**Absolution**

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

*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

**The Peace**

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

**Holy Eucharist**



## Offertory Sentence

*Presider* With grateful hearts, let us give what we have. With joyful hope, let us give for what can be.  
*Your financial offering can be shared online at [our-redeemer.net/stewardship-2](http://our-redeemer.net/stewardship-2)*

**Musical Offering** *Tollite Hostias* C. Saints Saens  
Redeemer Adult Choir - December 2015

*Tollite hostias, et adorete Dominum in atrio sancto eius.  
Laetentur coeli, et exultet terra a facie Domini, quoniam venit. Alleluia*

*Bring forth your offerings, and adore the Lord, your God, and worship Him in his Holy place.  
Rejoice in heaven, exult all ye peoples, for the Lord now comes in glory. Alleluia.*

**Great Thanksgiving (Prayer B)** BCP p. 367

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

**People** **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Presider* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus** *Holy, holy, holy Lord* Blue Hymnal S130

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 -

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san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord, Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel in body or in spirit.*

*Presider* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people;

*The Presider praises God for the salvation of the world through Jesus Christ our Lord and remembers Jesus' invitation at the Last Supper.*

... Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**ALL We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

*Presider* And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you,

gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

*The Presider then prays that all may receive the benefits of Christ's work, and the renewal of the Holy Spirit.* By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer** (traditional)

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*Presider* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**All** 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.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Presider* Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People:* Therefore let us keep the feast. **Alleluia**

### **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

**All**

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is able to be celebrated, and especially with all those in this Diocese and in the Redeemer community who, for the sake of health and wholeness, cannot gather at this time, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

### **Blessing**

*The Presider blesses the people, saying*

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, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

### **Announcements**

#### **Closing Hymn**

*We Three Kings, V. 1-5*

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Soloists: Sam Stevens, Tony Johnson, Murray Daniels

Adult Choir - Recorded and mastered December 2020



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!

## Dismissal

*Leader*  
*People*

Go in peace, sharing the Good News that Christ is born!  
**Thanks be to God!**

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