

**January 10, 2021**

**9:00 am**

## **The Epiphany** *(transferred)*



### **The Holy Eucharist - Rite II**

*In this season of Epiphany, we lovingly and intentionally are utilizing supplemental worship materials from The Episcopal Church's Enriching Our Worship. Let this familiar liturgy with its nuanced language, invite you deeper in your faith, and may the words open space for you to journey closer to the Light of Christ.*

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# SUNDAYS IN EPIPHANY AT ST. JAMES



As we return to worshipping exclusively online it is a good time to remember (and discover) some of the ways we can engage the practice less passively. Worship is the expression of the relationship of God, community, and self. So to bring ourselves fully into this expression, we should be intentional in how we participate.

1. Get ready. Turn off distractions and give the whole time to something greater than ourselves.
2. Use your largest screen.
3. Light a candle or place art or arrange flowers near that screen.
4. During the prelude breathe deeply and stretch your body.
5. Stand and sit and kneel and make the sign of the cross and bow and so on.
6. If joining the livestream of Holy Eucharist, say the responses, sing the hymns, check in with one another in the chat. Offer your prayers.
7. Everybody should get out pens and paper (or color crayons...) and write words that leap out at you or doodle. You could use clay and shape it. You could knit prayerfully. You could fill a tray with salt and write words with your finger. We need to find ways to connect with the tactile part of our life with Christ.

Lastly, **be not afraid** of YouTube, Facebook Live, or Zoom.

Challenge yourself to learn something new to worship with us.

Reach out if you need help.

And if you know how to use YouTube, Facebook Live, or Zoom, REACH OUT to someone in the church who doesn't and offer to help.

It will never be exactly the same as in person, however we can make it deeper for ourselves and each other. You are loved. You are not alone. And you are braver than you think.

# THE CALL TO WORSHIP

**Processional**      **We Three Kings of Orient Are**  
*(Verses 1-3)*

**Hymn 128**

*Celebrant*      Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People*      **Glory to God for ever and ever**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,**

**you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High,**

**Jesus Christ,**

**with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant*      God 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.**

*Please be seated.*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **A Reading from 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* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 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 God’s people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn                      As With Gladness Men of Old                      Hymn 119**

*Please stand for the Gospel.*

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

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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.**

*Please be seated*

**The Sermon**

**The Reverend Jessie Thompson**

*A Time of Reflection and Silence Follows.*

## **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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly 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.  
who 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**

*Prayers of the People written by Rev. Rick Morley, Rector of St Marks Basking Ridge NJ*

*Celebrant* Let us pray to God, who is made manifest in Jesus Christ.

As the prophet Isaiah rang out, “Arise, shine; for your light has come”; empower your Church, O God, to ring out the Good News of the Light of your son Jesus, which pierces even the deepest darkness.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

As a star rose high into the nighttime sky to draw the nations to the Christ-child; send your blessing, O God, on this nation, and every nation, and draw the whole world to your peace and truth.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

As John the Baptist guided throngs of people to the edge of the wilderness and baptized Jesus in the River Jordan, we pray that you would guide our country and our leaders to the ways of justice and righteousness.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Like the Magi who traveled from afar to bring gifts and celebrate the Savior's birth; we pray for this community, and for those who celebrate their own birthdays and anniversaries this week.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

As Jesus climbed the mountaintop, and proclaimed blessings on the people of the world; we pray for the sick and the distressed, the poor and the lame. We especially pray for those we name now, out loud or silently.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

As Jesus called his disciples to leave their nets and boats, and follow him; we pray for those we love and who have answered your call to follow Jesus to your Heavenly Kingdom. Give them your peace.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Lord Jesus, Light of the World, hear our prayers, and make us reflections of your Light, that the places of darkness in our world would be pierced by your Light, and that all nations would be drawn to you and be overwhelmed with joy. **Amen.**

## **The Confession**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant and People*

**God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us**



through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.

## The Absolution

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

All greet one another in the name of the Lord. You may greet each other in the comments section of our worship video.

## Announcements

### Offertory Hymn

What Star is This with  
Beams so Bright

Hymn 124

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE.

### Eucharistic Prayer 1

*Celebrant* The Lord 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, and good and joyful,  
to give you thanks, all-holy God,  
source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing  
and fed us with your constant love;  
you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ

and knit us into one body.  
Through your Spirit you replenish us  
and call us to fullness of life.  
Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels  
and with the faithful of every generation,  
we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

*Celebrant and People say together*

**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.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of the universe and giver of life.  
You formed us in your own image  
and called us to dwell in your infinite love.  
You gave the world into our care  
that we might be your faithful stewards  
and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image  
in one another and in ourselves;  
we would not see your goodness in the world around us;  
and so we violated your creation,  
abused one another,  
and rejected your love.  
Yet you never ceased to care for us,  
and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah  
you called us into covenant with you.  
You delivered us from slavery,  
sustained us in the wilderness,  
and raised up prophets

to renew your promise of salvation.  
Then, in the fullness of time,  
you sent your eternal Word,  
made mortal flesh in Jesus.  
Born into the human family,  
and dwelling among us,  
he revealed your glory.  
Giving himself freely to death on the cross,  
he triumphed over evil,  
opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us,  
Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,  
and when he had given thanks to you,  
he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:  
“Take, eat:  
This is my Body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People say together*

**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Remembering his death and resurrection,

we now present to you from your creation  
this bread and this wine.  
By your Holy Spirit may they be for us  
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.  
Grant that we who share these gifts  
may be filled with the Holy Spirit  
and live as Christ's Body in the world.  
Bring us into the everlasting heritage  
of your daughters and sons,  
that with all your saints,  
past, present, and yet to come,  
we may praise your Name for ever.  
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
to you be honor, glory, and praise,  
for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior  
Christ has 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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

*People* We who are many are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.

## The Invitation

## The Communion

## The Post-Communion Prayer

*After Communion, the Celebrant says* Let us pray.

*All* Loving God,  
we give you thanks  
for restoring us in your image  
and nourishing us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.  
Now send us forth  
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;  
that we may proclaim your love to the world  
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

**Recessional**

**We Three Kings of Orient**

**Hymn 128**

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*(Verses 4-5)*

## THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

*The Celebrant blesses the people.*

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Next Sunday – January 17<sup>th</sup> - is Annual Meeting, which will be immediately following morning worship.

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**VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR!**

**Beginning at 10am after the service.**

Join by computer/tablet/smartphone:	Join by phone:
<a href="https://tinyurl.com/y6kllljc">https://tinyurl.com/y6kllljc</a>	+1 646 558 865
Meeting ID: 958 1793 8771	Meeting ID: 958 1793 8771
Passcode: 043695	

**MONDAY BIBLE STUDY  
RESUMES JAN 11TH!**

**6:30-8PM ON ZOOM**

**BY COMPUTER/IPAD/SMARTPHONE:**  
**HTTPS://ZOOM.US/J/93491299770**  
**MEETING ID: 934 9129 9770**

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# Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request you would like the team to have on their list, please contact **Debbie Klina at 610-733-3298.**

If you would like your prayer request listed publicly on the church bulletin for the entire church to join in praying with you, please either email the church (stjames732@gmail.com) or call the church office (610-461-6698). NOTE: Names will remain on the list for 3 months. After that time, please resubmit the name if continued prayers are needed. PLEASE make sure you have each person's permission to add them to the Prayer List.

## Blessing Box Reminder

Please remember to keep the Blessing Box stocked during these winter months.



**Especially things like:**

- Food
- Gloves
- Socks
- Hats
- Books
- Scarves

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