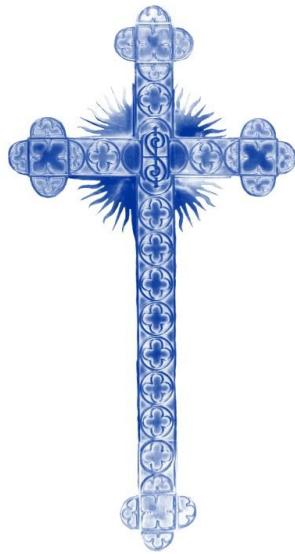


CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

January 4, 2025 ✤ 10:30 am



The Word of God

Voluntary

Hymn # 119

As with gladness men of old

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Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

S-280*

Glory to God

Rober Powell

The 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.**

The First Lesson

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.

The Psalm

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Deus, judicium

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Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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- 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

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.

Hymn # 117 (vv.1-4)

Brightest and best of the stars

Morning Star

The Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

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.

Hymn # 117 (vs. 5)	Brightest and best of the stars	<i>Morning Star</i>
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The Holy Communion

The Offertory		
Hymn # 544	Jesus shall reign where'er the sun	<i>Duke Street</i>
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The Communion of the People		

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Baptized Christians are invited to receive bread and wine; all others are encouraged to come forward for a blessing.

Kneel or stand as able.

Following the direction of the ushers, please come to the rail with pulpit side (right) filling rail from right to center, and lectern side (left) filling rail from center to left. As the clergy distributes the bread, hold both hands out and up.

If you need communion brought to you, please alert an usher.

To receive the wine:

- To sip from the chalice: Gently take the base of the chalice and guide the chalice to your mouth. Do not grab the main part of the chalice.
- To intinct: Hold your wafer up to indicate intinction to the chalice. The chalice will take the wafer from you, dip the edge into the wine and return it to your hand.

Those who wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

During Communion

Hymn # 128

We three kings of Orient are

Three Kings of Orient

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

Hymn # 135

Songs of thankfulness and praise

Salzburg

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

* “S” Hymns are found in the front section of the hymnal.

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