The Holy Eucharist
The Feast of the Epiphany

January 6, 2019

11:00 AM
Newcomers and visitors, the community of Saint Mark’s welcomes you. We hope that you will feel at home in this place and in this liturgy. Ushers are available during the liturgy as well as greeters and clergy following, should you have any questions or concerns. Mothers are most welcome to breastfeed their infants during the service. Children of any age are always welcome at Saint Mark’s liturgies. In addition, child care during services is available in the Child Care Center, located in the west end of the cathedral building. You may reach the Child Care Center through the southwest doors of the nave, or by taking the elevator to the 5th floor. Ushers will guide you.

As part of our effort to serve those who cannot attend worship, this service will be livestreamed on the internet. The 8 AM, 9 AM, 7 PM, and 9:30 PM services are not livestreamed. We are grateful for your presence and participation in this community.

Out of respect for the liturgy we are about to celebrate, please turn off all cell phones and audible devices. Please, no photography during the liturgy.

The Reverend Canon Nancy Ross, Associate to the Rector, Presider
The Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason, Dean and Rector of Saint Mark’s Cathedral, Preacher

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE  Prelude on “Greensleeves”
Richard Purvis (1913–1994)
[tune of Hymn #115: “What child is this?”]

A bell bids all to rise as able.

INTROIT  When Christ’s appearing was made known
WORDS: Hostis Herodes impie, Cælius Sedulius (5th cen.)
trans. J.M. Neale (1818–1866), and others
TUNE: Vom Himmel kam der Engel (German chorale melody, 16th cen.)

When Christ’s appearing was made known,
King Herod trembled for his throne;
but he who offers heavenly birth
sought not the kingdoms of this earth.

The eastern sages saw from far
and followed on his guiding star;
by light their way to Light they trod,
and by their gifts confessed their God.

All glory, Jesus, be to thee
for this thy glad epiphany:
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

HYMN 128  We three kings of Orient are ♫ The Hymnal 1982 #128
TUNE: Three Kings

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider  Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Assembly  And Blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider  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.

All  Amen.
SONG OF PRAISE  Gloria in excelsis

William Mathias (1934–1992)

Organ:

Everyone:
Glo-ry to God in the highest, and peace to God’s peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, heav’n-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mer- cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

For you alone are the Ho-ly One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.______ A-men.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider  The Lord be with you.
Assembly  And also with you.
Presider  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.

All  Amen.
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
Assembly Thanks be to God.

PSALM
Psalm 72:1–2, 8, 10–13, 17
Peter R. Hallock (1924–2014)
The Choir introduces the antiphon, all repeat it.
The Choir chants the psalm verses, all repeating the antiphon as indicated.

ANTIPHON (Ps 72:11)

Everyone: All kings shall bow down before him; all nations shall do him service.

Deus, judicium
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.  ANTIPHON
8  He shall rule from sea to sea, *
    and from the River to the ends of the earth.
10  The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, *
    and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.  **ANTIPHON**
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.  **ANTIPHON**
17  May his Name remain for ever
    and be established as long as the sun endures; *
    may all the nations bless themselves in him and call him blessed.  **ANTIPHON**

**READING**  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.

**Reader**  Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
**Assembly**  Thanks be to God.

After a brief silence the Presider stands; all rise as able for the proclamation of the Gospel.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Mel Butler

The Choir sings the alleluias; all repeat them. The Choir sings the verse; all repeat the alleluias.

\[\text{Everyone:} \quad \text{Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia;} \quad \text{al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.}\]

\[\text{V.} \quad \text{Arise, shine, for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.} \]
\[\text{From you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.}\]
THE HOLY GOSPEL  Matthew 2:1–12

Deacon  The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Assembly  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.

Deacon  The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly  Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason
All rise as able.

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 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 ASSEMBLY

After each petition:

Intercessor  Lord, in your mercy,
Assembly    Hear our prayer.

The Presider concludes the prayers with a collect. All respond: Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider  The peace of the Lord be always with you.
Assembly   And also with you.

All greet one another in the name of the Lord.
THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY
An offering of money is received. Everyone worshipping this morning is invited to make an offering as an expression of gratitude for God's generosity. Many support Saint Mark's through pledged offerings made by credit card or via mail. Together our gifts make possible this community of welcome, reconciliation and service.

ANTHEM The Three Kings

“Who knocks tonight so late?”
The weary porter said.
Three Kings stood at the gate,
Each with a crown on head.
The serving man bowed down;
The inn was full, he knew.
Said he, “In all this town
Is no fit place for you!”
A light the manger lit:
There lay the Mother meek.
Said they, “This place is fit:
Here is the rest we seek!”
They loosed their latchet strings;
So stood they all unshod.
Come in, come in, ye Kings!
And kiss the feet of God.

All rise as able as the bread, wine and money we offer to God are brought forward and presented at the altar table.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God 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. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:
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; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Him you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ 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 he 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.”

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. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

All A-MEN.
Our Fa-ther in heav’n, hal-lowed be your Name, your king-dom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heav’n. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give those

who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of trial, and de-li-ver us from e-vil.

For the king-dom, the pow’r, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev-er. A-men.
In silence, the Presider breaks the consecrated bread.

**Fraction Anthem**  
_What feast of love is offered here?_  
**Tune**: Greensleeves

1. What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven?
2. What light of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven?

What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?
What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given?

This, this is Christ the King, the bread come down from heaven.
This, this is Christ the King, the sun come down from heaven.

Oh taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!
Oh taste and hear and sing! The Word of God is given!

**Invitation to Communion**

_Presider_  
The gifts of God for the people of God.

All seeking God are welcome at Christ’s Table.

The Assembly gathers around all sides of the altar platform, guided by the ushers. If you need communion brought to your seat, please let an usher know. Rice wafers for those who do not eat wheat are available at the Presider’s communion station at the front left.

- You are welcome to stand or kneel to receive communion.
- Hold out your hand to receive the bread and then eat. Guide the chalice of wine to your mouth and then drink.
- Or you may leave the bread in your hand for the chalice bearer to dip in the wine and feed you.
- To receive a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest.

**Anthem**  
_Verbum caro factum est_  
_music_ (©1993 Delores Dunfer, OSB; music: public domain)

**Hymn 124**  
_What star is this?_  
_The Hymnal 1982_ #124  
**Tune**: Puer nobis

_verbum caro factum est_  
et habitavit in nobis,  
et vidimus gloriæ ejus,  
gloriam quasi unigeniti a Patre,  
plenum gratiæ et veritatis.

The Word became flesh  
and lived among us,  
and we have seen his glory,  
the glory as of a father’s only son,  
full of grace and truth.

Words: John 1:14

Music: Hans Leo Hassler (1564–1612)
All rise as able.

SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Presider One body are we.  
Assembly For, though many, we share one bread and one cup.  
Deacon Go in peace, bearing holy gifts for holy people.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Eternal God,  
All heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us 
as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

The Presider asks God's blessing on the Assembly. All respond: Amen.

HYMN 119

As with gladness men of old ♦ The Hymnal 1982 #119  
TUNE: Dix

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
Assembly Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude on Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern  
[tune of Hymn #497: “How bright appears the Morning Star”]  
Dieterich Buxtehude (1637–1707)

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