



**26 Washington Street**

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**THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

**5 January 2020**

**7:30 am - Morning Prayer**

**8:00 am - Holy Eucharist**

**10:00 am - Solemn Eucharist**

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*Please switch off all cellular telephones and other electronic devices before the Liturgy begins. Also, kindly refrain from audible conversation to respect those wishing to pray and listen to the organ prelude. Thank you.*

**ORGAN** - *How Bright Shineth the Day-Star!*

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

### **THE ENTRANCE RITE**

**HYMN 109** - *The First Nowell*

### **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

### **COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*Prayer Book* page 323

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** - *Hymnal S202, sung by all*

*Prayer Book, page 324*

### **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know thee now by faith, to thy presence, where we may behold thy glory face to face; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST LESSON - *A Reading from the Book of Isaiah*

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. (60:1-6)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

### GRADUAL - *Deus, judicium*



- 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 op - / pressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon en - / dure, \*  
from one generation to an - / other.
- 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 be - / fore him, \*  
and all the nations do him / service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in dist - / tress, \*  
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.

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

Music: Simplified Anglican Chant, Jerome Webster Meachen (b. 1930)

**THE SECOND LESSON** - *A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians*

I Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- assume that 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. (3:1-12)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**SEQUENCE HYMN 124** - *Puer nobis*

*The people turn to face the Book of Gospels*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

*People Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

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. (2:1-12)

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

**THE SERMON**

Dean Vang

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Celebrant* Today the Wise Men knelt before our Savior. Let us also kneel to worship him with great joy, and to make our prayer to his heavenly Father. (*Please kneel.*)

*Deacon* Father, the Wise Men came from the east to worship your Son: grant to Christians everywhere a true spirit of adoration.

Lord, in your mercy,

***Hear our prayer.***

Father, your Son is the King of kings and Lord of lords: grant an abundance of peace to your world.

Lord, in your mercy,

***Hear our prayer.***

Father, the Holy Family shared the life of the people of Nazareth: protect in your mercy our families and neighbors.

Lord, in your mercy,

***Hear our prayer.***

Father, your Son was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor: show your love for the poor and powerless.

Lord, in your mercy,

***Hear our prayer.***

Father, the Wise Men presented to your Son gold, frankincense and myrrh: accept the gifts we bring, and the offering of our hearts at the beginning of this new year.

Lord, in your mercy,

***Hear our prayer.***

Father, you are the King of heaven, the hope of all who trust in you: give to all the faithful departed the wonders of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy,

***Hear our prayer.***

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Wise Men, shepherds, and angels, and of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph, we commend ourselves and all Christian people to your unfailing love.

Lord, in your mercy,

***Hear our prayer.***

*Celebrant* God of all peoples, we bring before you the gold of your divine life, the incense of our prayer, and the myrrh of our humanity. Reveal to us the depths of your love in the heart of our searching world; open before us the sea of your riches; and show us the salvation of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

*Celebrant and People*

**Everliving God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the door of mercy through which we pass day by day. Bless this parish and its leaders as we expand to become a compassionate community among our neighbors. May the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and the work of our hands enable Mercy House to be a home where those in need may live together in the bond of peace and love; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Deacon* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

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

*The Celebrant concludes with an Absolution.*

## **THE PEACE**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And with thy spirit.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**HYMN 117 - Morning Star**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer II**

*Prayer Book, page 340*

### **PROPER PREFACE OF THE EPIPHANY**

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT - Hymnal S114, sung by all**

**OUR FATHER**

*Prayer Book, page 334*

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: PASCHA NOSTRUM**

*Prayer Book, page 337*

**PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

*Prayer Book, page 337*

### **MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*All who are baptized are invited to receive the Body and Blood of Christ*

## THE CONCLUDING RITE

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Prayer Book, page 339*

#### THE BLESSING

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

#### DISMISSAL

*Deacon*            Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People*            *Thanks be to God.*

#### HYMN 119 - *Dix*

ORGAN - *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*

Dietrich Buxtehüde (1637-1707)

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## WORSHIPING THIS MORNING

WE WELCOME all visitors to Bethesda. Please identify yourself to the clergy and sign the Register in the Narthex, located next to the vestibule door.

Large print copies of the SERVICE LEAFLET are available. An usher would be happy to assist you. A WHEELCHAIR, located near the handicap lift in the vestibule, is available to those who require it.

Please join us for REFRESHMENTS in the Narthex, immediately following the ten o'clock liturgy.

## ASSISTING AT OUR LITURGIES TODAY

	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>10:00am</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Dean Vang	Dean Vang
<i>Assisting Priest</i>		Father Evans
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister[s]</i>	Robert Bullock	Robert Bullock Steven Rucker
<i>Lay Eucharist Visitor</i>		David Wider
<i>Lectors</i>	Field Horne	Steven Rucker Robert Bullock
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Kathleen Anspach Steven Rucker
<i>Ushers</i>		John Van der Veer Fred Scheidt Richard Wissler Christopher Lyons

## NOTICES

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
<i>Diocese of Albany</i>	All Priests and Deacons
<i>Our Parish</i>	Our Missionary Outreach: Mercy House

During the month of January, the EUCHARISTIC ELEMENTS of bread and wine are given to the Glory of Almighty God in loving memory of Ray Priestley by Lynne Priestley, and in loving memory of Marcia Taylor Penfold by Michael & Cynthia Penfold.

ALTAR FLOWERS are needed for January 19 and all Sundays in February. If you would like to make a memorial or thank offering of Altar Flowers, please call the church office.

This week's Tuesday Mass at 6:30 pm will be a Memorial in remembrance of DARRYL DINAL.

A basket in the vestibule awaits your contributions of hygiene products to ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL (EOC). These are taken monthly to assist those in need. Your assistance in gratefully appreciated.

We invite those who wish to share a MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY [beverages and snacks] after the ten o'clock liturgy to sign-up on the designated list, at the narthex lectern. Your assistance with Bethesda's hospitality is very much appreciated.

A HISTORY OF BETHESDA EPISCOPAL CHURCH: WORSHIP AND HEALING IN SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK, a beautiful hardcover book, traces the fascinating history of Bethesda and its significance to Saratoga Springs and New York from its founding in 1830 to the present. To order your own copy or a gift, go to <http://bethesdachurch.org/order-a-history-of-bethesda> or call 518-584-5980.

NAMETAG printing is ongoing. This is a way to get to know our fellow parishioners. If you do not have a nametag but would like one, please speak to Pam Houde. We would like to thank Pam for all of her efforts in getting these to those who want them, and also Gordon Boyd for sponsoring this effort. Remember to place your nametag in the basket in the back of the church as you leave.

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## THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

*January 6 - 12*

Monday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>		
Tuesday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>	6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>	12:10 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>Transept Altar</i>
Thursday <i>William Laud</i>	10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.  1:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd Memory Care, Saratoga</i> Holy Eucharist, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga</i> Prayer Shawl Ministry, <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga</i>
Friday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>		
Saturday <i>Epiphany Weekday</i>		
Sunday <i>THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</i>	7:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, <i>Transept Altar</i> Holy Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i> Solemn Eucharist, <i>High Altar</i> Refreshments, <i>The Narthex</i> Church School, <i>The Nave</i>

The PARISH OFFICES are open from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. *Monday, Tuesday & Thursday*, 9 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. *Wednesday* and 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on *Friday*.

### THE PARISH STAFF

The Very Reverend Marshall J. Vang, Interim Rector  
The Reverend Paul F. Evans, Assisting Priest  
Mrs. Barbara Latzko, Parish Administrative Assistant  
Mr. Farrell Goehring, Organist/Director of Music  
Dr. Kathleen Slezak, Choral Director  
Mr. Robert E. Bullock, Verger

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