

WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S CHAPEL

Open hearts, open minds, open doors

10:00 a.m. Sunday, January 8, 2023

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

PRELUDE

"The Old Year Hath Passed Away"

BWV 614, J.S. Bach

ENTRANCE RITE

(The people stand and face toward the back of the church)

BLESSING OF THE GIFTS AND THE CHALK

Leader: Today we journey with the three kings across the bridge from Christmastide to Epiphany. They came to Jesus bearing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, and left transformed by the gift of his presence.

The kings were some of the very first people to believe that Jesus was the Messiah, the Christ, the King of the Jews. They also offered gifts of honor, humility, and homage, just as we offer gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

As we ourselves move from Christmas adoration to Epiphany baptism, let us reaffirm our intention to continue following the example of Christ in our day-to-day lives. To help us remember, we will ask God to bless our homes as we write the inscription of the three ancient kings on our doorposts. This will also serve as a reminder of the blood of the Passover lambs that marked the doorposts of the Hebrew people at their Exodus from Egypt.

Deacon: We offer our lives to you, because we have been baptized into the life of Christ.

People: We offer our lives to you, because we have been baptized into the life of Christ.

Deacon: In servanthood and service.

People: Because we have been baptized into the life of Christ.

Deacon: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

People: We offer our lives to you, because we have been baptized into the life of Christ.

THE COLLECT FOR THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD *(Celebrant)*

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COLLECT OF THE DAY Let us pray. *(Celebrant)*

Gracious Father, you sent your only begotten Son to live among us and set for us the only perfect example of earthly life: We humbly ask you to accept these gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh; that they may be symbols of our intention and hope to live fully into a year of servanthood and service, according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Bless this chalk, O God ✠, that the blessing we inscribe on our doorposts may truly be a symbol of the blessings you have in store for us; and that we may serve you with the diligence and adoration shown to us by your servants Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

OPENING HYMN

"We three kings"

1982 Hymnal, 128

Verse 1 in unison

Verses 2,3,4 solos

Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar bring forward their gifts

Verse 5 in unison

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

All: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

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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.**

Gloria

St. James Christmas Service

Glo - ry be to God on high, To all peo - ple,
Je - sus Christ, we now de - clare Lamb of God and
Prai - ses to the Ho - ly One, Prai - ses sing in
peace on earth; An - gels, shep - herds draw - ing nigh, Join to ce - le -
Lord of Love. Grant us mer - cy, hear our prayer, Give us grace from
high - est heav'n: To the Fa - ther and the Son and the Ho - ly
brate His birth.
heav' en a - bove. *Glo - - - - -*
Spi - rit giv'n.
1. *ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!* 2. *in ex - cel - sis De - - - o!*

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant : The Lord 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.

(The people are seated)

THE LESSON: A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

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.

Response: Give the ruler your justice, O God.**R**

¹Give the ruler your justice, O God,
and your righteousness
to a ruler's heir.

²May the ruler judge your people
with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.

³May the mountains yield prosperity
for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness. **R**

⁶May the ruler be like rain
that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.

⁷In the ruler's days may
righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the
moon is no more. **R**

¹⁰May the monarchs of Tarshish and of
the isles render the ruler tribute,
may the monarchs of Sheba
and Seba bring gifts.

¹¹May all monarchs fall down
before the ruler,
all nations give the ruler service.

¹²For the ruler delivers the needy
when they call,
the poor and those who have
no helper.

⁴May the ruler defend the cause of the
poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.

⁵May the ruler live while
the sun endures,
and as long as the moon,
throughout all generations.

¹³The ruler has pity on the weak
and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.

¹⁴From oppression and violence
the ruler redeems their life;
and precious is their blood in
the ruler's sight. **R**

¹⁸Blessed be the Sovereign,
the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

¹⁹Blessed be God's glorious name
forever;
may the whole earth be filled
with God's glory.

Amen and Amen.
Amen and Amen. **R**

*Epiphany ABC, end with vs. 14; Advent 2 A, omit vs.
10-14.*

THE EPISTLE: A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

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

(The people stand)

GRADUAL HYMN

“Blessed Jesus at thy word”

1982 Hymnal, 440

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

Gospellor The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Gospellor The Holy Gospel of our Lord 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.

Gospellor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

(The People are seated)

SERMON

Father Sturni

(The people stand)

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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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Subdeacon: Our Lord Jesus Christ, Word become flesh, commanded us to pray for one another. Let us therefore pray for God's people everywhere, according to their needs. r.

Leader: In this Epiphany Season of light
Shine your light upon us –
Into the recesses of our spirits,
Those places where we experience anxiety,

depression, fear and despair.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God of grace and healing,
Shine your light upon us –
Into those places of conflict and tension
In our families,
In our friendships,
In our work and community relationships.
May your light be a healing balm,
Bringing with it forgiveness and reconciliation.
Grant health and wholeness to the sick, especially
those on our prayer list, and give patience and
understanding to those who minister to them.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God of power and mercy,
Shine your light upon our nation and its leaders
That they may govern justly and wisely.
Taking into account the needs and concerns
Not just of the most wealthy and powerful,
But especially of those who are poor, Those who
struggle with physical and mental illness,
Those who fear for their families because of
financial hardship or immigration status,
Those who are forgotten and forsaken.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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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 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.

Priest: Almighty God....

Please stand

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please be seated)

Offertory Hymn

"Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness"

Hymnal 1982, 339

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 him thanks and praise.

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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who come is the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.**

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;**

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 The Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, St. Mark, and 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. **Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray

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 FRACTION ANTHEM (*All singing*)

1982 Hymnal S-154

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
 Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
 therefore let us keep the feast.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God...

All who are baptized in any branch of Christ's Church are welcome to receive the Eucharist at the Lord's Table. Gluten-free wafers are available. If you are not receiving, you are invited to come forward for a Blessing (indicated by crossing your arms over your chest). If you have not been baptized and find yourself drawn to Jesus Christ and life in him, please let one of our clergy know. We would be honored to have a conversation with you about Baptism or answer any other questions. Baptism and life in the Body of Christ is open to all.

MEDITATIO: (*Anthem after Holy Communion*)

"He shall feed his flock"

Emily Dell'Orfano, *soloist*

G.F. Handel

*He shall feed his flock like
A shepherd
And He shall gather
The lambs with his arm*

*And carry them in his bosom
And gently lead those
That are with young*

*Come unto Him
All ye that labour
Come unto Him, ye
That are heavy laden
And He will give you rest*

*Take his yoke upon you
And learn of Him
For He is meek
And lowly of heart
And ye shall find rest
Unto your souls*

(*The people stand*)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (*Celebrant*)

THE BLESSING FOR EPIPHANY

Celebrant : The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Celebrant : ... and the blessing ... **AMEN.**

MISSION HYMN

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

1982 Hymnal, 616

Dismissal

Alleluia, alleluia, Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God, Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

"In Thee is Gladness"

BWV 615, J.S. Bach

Mark your calendars:

February 2, 2023

The FEAST OF CANDLEMAS



THANK YOU TO OUR SUNDAY MINISTERS

JANUARY 8, 2023

Rite I, 8 am

Altar Guild: D. Spooner-Auden
Usher: S. Gagnon
Eucharistic Minister: B. Rossiter
Reader: S. Gagnon
Prayers of the People: M. Zimmer
Videographer J. Morrow

Rite II, 10am

Altar Guild - John Doiron
Usher - Mark Healey
Eucharistic minister - Laurie Gypson
Lector - Peter Kosciusko
Intercessor - Peter Kosciusko
Video - Madison Day
Coffee Hour - Madison Day
Soup Kitchen - Barb Depray, Art Engler,
others?

JANUARY 15, 2023

Rite I, 8 am

Altar Guild: G. Morrow
Usher: J. DeWolf
Eucharistic Minister: J. Morrow
Reader: J. Morrow
Prayers of the People: S. Gagnon
Videographer: D. Sykes

Rite II, 10am

Altar Guild - John Doiron
Usher - Sudie Evageliou
Eucharistic minister - Madison Day
Lector - Harry Evageliou
Intercessor - Harry Evageliou
Video - Madison Day
Coffee Hour - Barbara Depray

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