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The Eve of the Epiphany

January 5, 2014
9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Prelude

In Dulci Jubilo (Good Friends, Rejoice) based on Hymn 107

Marcel Dupre

The Word of God

At the tolling of the bell, all stand.

As with gladness men of old

Entrance Hymn

Hymnal 119

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

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

People

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

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.**

Hymn of Praise

Glory to God

Hymnal S 278

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.**

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

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 *Psalm is chanted on the long note. The text in bold indicates when to move to the shorter note.*



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 be-**fore 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

Sequence Hymn

The First Nowell

Hymnal 573

And by the light of that same star, three wise men came from country far.
to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

 This star drew nigh to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
 and there it did both stop and stay right over the place where Jesus lay.
 Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

Then entered in those wise men three, full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence, their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

The Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Reverend Brad Rundlett

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.*

The Prayers of the People

Leader: Let us pray.

Blessed Jesus, Healer and Redeemer, we pray for the world, for all who suffer from poverty, disease, tyranny, war, and natural disasters. Enlighten our minds, improve our skills, and increase our compassion for the whole human family. **Giver of life, we pray to you.**

(Pause)

Son of God, Prince of Peace, we pray for community, state, national leaders, and for the people they serve; grant us wisdom, a passion for peace, the determination to improve conditions for every person on this planet, and the will to preserve the earth. **Savior of the world, we pray to you.**

(Pause)

Wonderful Counselor, Light of the World, we pray for the Church; inspire and guide us, help us to be thoughtful, generous, brave, and true, in our service and witness to you. **Lord and Master, we pray to you.**

(Pause)

Miracle Worker, Friend of the forsaken, we pray for people who are alone and lonely, homeless, in prison, addicted, abusing and abused, who suffer from mental torment. Give us the knowledge and skill to support one another through the journey of life. **Merciful Messiah, we pray to you.**

(Pause)

Bread of Life, Hope of the World, we thank you for opening Heaven's doors to all of God's people; we remember individuals we love who have died, and we pray for people who are dying now. **Lamb of God, we pray to you.**

(Pause)

Kingdom's King, Bestower of Blessings, we praise you and thank you for your gracious providence, for the innumerable gifts you continually present to us, for promises beyond our wildest dreams. **Gracious One, Sovereign of the Universe, we pray to you.**

(Pause)

Holy Promised and Anointed Christ, we remember your vow to be with us always; we celebrate your presence here and now, and throughout the world. **Living Water, Cup of Salvation, we pray to you.**

(Pause)

Blessed Christ, we pray that your Spirit will live and grow within us. Transform us with your love. Perfect our worship, witness, and service. **That love, peace, hope, faith, and joy may spread throughout the world. Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **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 you 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.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

Welcome & Announcements

The Offering

Celebrant Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

The Holy Communion

Offertory

(9:30)

Unto Us a Boy is Born (based on Hymn 98)

Gilbert Martin

St. Cecilia & St. Ambrose Choirs

(11:00)

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

Paul Manz

Presentation Hymn

What child is this

Hymnal 115

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

The Celebrant proceeds

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:

Celebrant and People

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

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,

Celebrant and People

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 Timothy 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.**

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, forever and ever. Amen.***

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!***
Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Administration of Communion

Communion Hymn *What star is this, with beams so bright* **Hymnal 124**

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All ***Eternal God, 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.***

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn *We three kings of Orient are* **Hymnal 128**

Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia!***

Postlude *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star (based on Hymn 497)* **Dietrich Buxtehude**