

When they
saw the
star,
they were filled
with Joy

MATTHEW 2:10 (CEB)



Welcome! We come from many backgrounds, have varied points of view, and are in different places in our spiritual journey. We share a common desire to enter more deeply into the life God has for us in Christ Jesus.

Thank you for worshipping here today. We invite you to share in the bread and wine of communion with us at the Lord's Table. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

Visitors and Guests

If you are joining us today for the first time, please sign the register in the Narthex or complete the visitor's card located in the pew and place in the offering plate.

Epiphany

In traditional Christian churches Christmas is celebrated as a period of time, a season of the church year, rather than just a day. Christmas begins with Christmas Day, December 25, and lasts for Twelve Days until Epiphany, January 6, which looks ahead to the mission of the church to the world in light of the Nativity. The Epiphany Season lasts until the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.

The term epiphany means "to show" or "to make known" or even "to reveal." It remembers the coming of the wise men bringing gifts to visit the Christ child, who by doing so "reveals" Jesus to the world as Lord and King.

The colors of Epiphany are usually the colors of Christmas, white and gold, the colors of celebration, newness, and hope that mark the most sacred days of the church year.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

See Information Sheet

Announcements

Opening Hymn *All Stand*

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

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

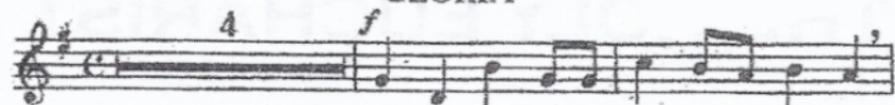
Everyone in Unison

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.

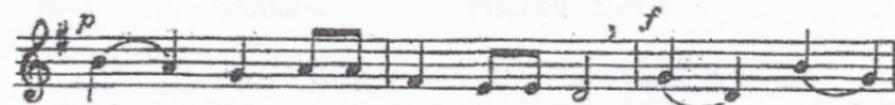
Gloria

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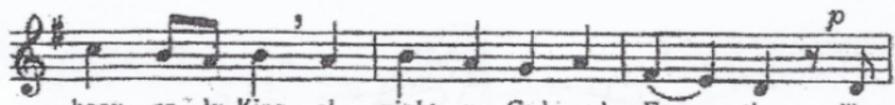
GLORIA



Glo - ry, glo - ry to God in the high - est,



and — peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord — God, —



heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther We



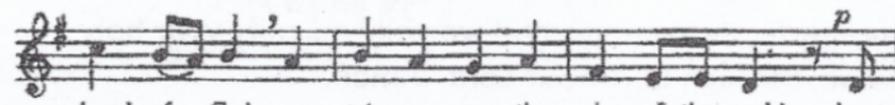
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



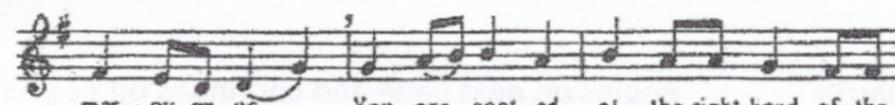
glo - ry, we praise you for your glo - ry, Lord, — Lord, —



Je - sus Christ, — on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord, — God, —



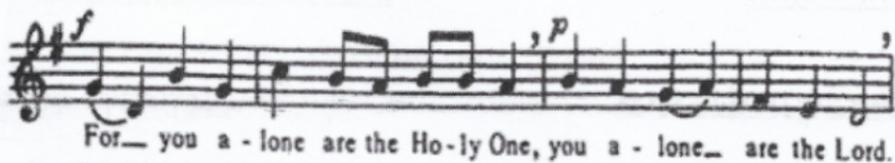
Lamb of — God, you take a - way the sin of the world, have



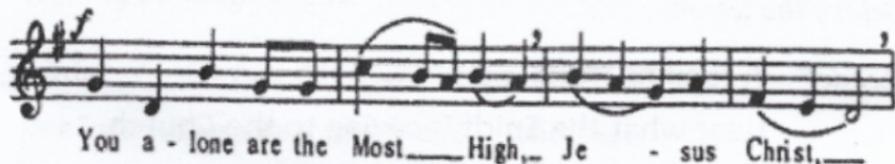
mer - cy on us, — You are — seat - ed at the right hand of the



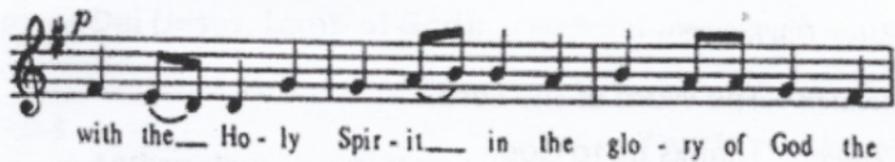
Fa - ther, re - ceive our pray'r, re - ceive our pray'r.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord.



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ,



with the Ho-ly Spir-it in the glo-ry of God the



Fa-ther. A-men. A-men.

The Collect of the Day in Unison

See Scripture Insert
Contemporary

The First Lesson

See Scripture Insert

Before the lesson

Reader A reading from the Book of _____ .
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

After the lesson

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

See Scripture Insert

The Second Lesson

See Scripture Insert

Before the lesson

Reader A reading from _____.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

After the lesson

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn *All stand*

See Information Sheet

The Gospel

See Scripture Insert

All stand and face the Celebrant

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to _____ .

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel, the Celebrant says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed *All stand and say together*

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 (Form VI) *All standing*
The Leader and People (in bold) pray responsively.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For our Armed Forces throughout the world, Police Officers, Firefighters, First Responders and for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those on our Parish Prayer List.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The people may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Celebrant We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Celebrant and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

In your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown,

things done and left undone;

and so uphold us by your Spirit

That we may love and serve you in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your Name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Offertory

See Information Sheet

Doxology *Sung*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A—BCP 361

The people remain standing. The Celebrant says

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, 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.

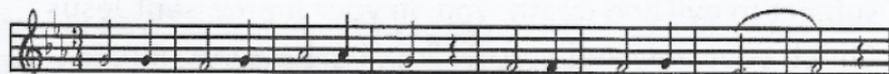
Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

The Celebrant continues

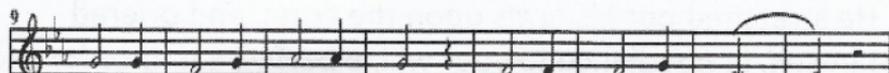
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

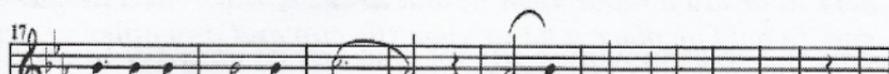
Franz Peter Schubert, 1797-1828



Ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly Lord. God of power and might.



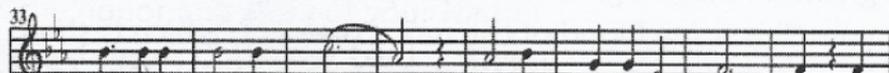
Ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly Lord. God of power and might,



hea- ven and earth are full, full of your glo- ry. Ho-



san- na in the high est. Ho- san- na in the high- est.



Bless- ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-



san- na in the high- est. Ho- san- na in the high- est.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

601 Amen

A - men. A - men. A - men.

HXF: Eoaf, liturgical text
MUSIC: Aron, Danish

DANISH AMEN

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei (Jesus, Lamb of God): *Celebrant and people*

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Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God

The Holy Eucharist

Agnus Dei

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sin; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world.

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and may add: **Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.**

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

In the Episcopal Church we believe that all baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion at the Lord's Table. Please come forward as you are able or ask an usher for Communion at your seat.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

Celebrant **The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.**

People **Amen.**

Eucharistic Minister **The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.**

People **Amen.**

Post Communion Hymn

See Information Sheet

After Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People together

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.

The Blessing of the Congregation

The Celebrant blesses the people with these or other suitable words, the people respond with 'Amen'.

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son, Jesus Christ, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn

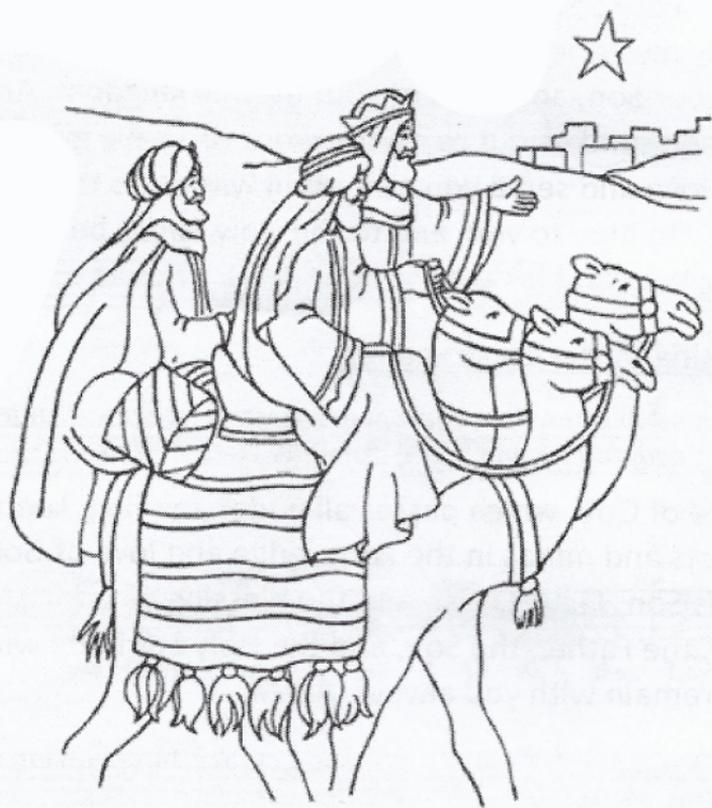
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Celebrant We go forth to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

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The Altar Flowers are given and The Aumbry Light burns
this week for the Glory of God in the Presence of His Son
our Savior Jesus Christ.

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