



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Epiphany

10:00 AM



JANUARY 5, 2025

THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY OF THE HARBOR
PROVINCETOWN

Where the Land, the Sea, and the Sacred Meet

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude
Welcome

Gathering Hymn

We Three Kings

Hymnal #128

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be God, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

People: 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
Verses 1

Angels We have Heard on High

Hymnal #96

Angels we have heard on high,
singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their brave delight.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Collect of the day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: 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. **Amen.**

First Reading: *Isaiah 60:1-6*

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Read responsively by full verse.

Give the King your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the King's Son;

**That he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;**

That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the little hills bring righteousness.

**He shall defend the needy among the people;
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**

He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.

**He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.**

In his time shall the righteous flourish;
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

**The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute,
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.**

All kings shall bow down before him,
and all the nations do him service.

**For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress,
and the oppressed who has no helper.**

He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

**He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12

A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual

As with Gladness

Hymnal #119

Verse 1 & 2 before the Gospel

Verse 3 after the Gospel

1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;
 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man - ger - bed;
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man - ger rude and bare;
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus! ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row way;
 5 In the heaven - ly coun - try bright, need they no cre - a - ted light;

1 as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
 2 there to bend the knee be - fore him whom heaven and earth a - dore;
 3 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
 4 and, when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
 5 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down:

1 so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.
 2 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek the mer - cy - seat.
 3 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heaven - ly King.
 4 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
 5 there for ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our King.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: Dix, melody Conrad Kocher (1786-1872); arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
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.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Brian Raiche

The Creed

I Believe In God Almighty

WLP #768

Prayers of the People

Presider: Let us pray to God, who came among us in the birth of Jesus:

Grant to the church wisdom to discern the presence of God in our midst and the courage to follow wherever it leads us. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bestow your blessing upon our nation, give our leaders loving hearts and concern for the least among us and embolden us to act out our faith in our common life.

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

Be with us today and every day that your glory might show forth in our lives.

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

We give thanks for the glories and abundance of creation, help us to cultivate gratitude in our hearts and souls that we might harvest generosity and love.

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

Be present for all who suffer, give courage to the fearful, hope to the despairing, healing to the sick, wholeness to the injured, and comfort to the dying. Especially we pray for: Mark Ward, Joan Boudreau, Ken Barry, Towanda deNagy, Priscilla McChesney, Ollie Ahmuty, Joan Walter, Chelsea Diaz, Steve Moore, Nick Craciun, William Goodbody, John Kelly, and for those who are known to us in our hearts, those known only to you, and for those whose names are spoken on our lips. (*You are invited to offer your own intentions aloud or silently*).

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

We pray that the dead might rest in your eternal care and that we too may enter into the glory of your presence in your new kingdom. We remember especially President James Earl Carter, Jr., Christopher Pula, and Neilson Taylor in whose memory the sanctuary lamp is lit.

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

Presider: Manifest God, may the example of Christ be our guide and his love the beacon of hope that ever draws us forward towards becoming the people you created us to be. **Amen.**

The prayers are concluded with hymn # 608, verse 1

**Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.**

The Peace

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Invitation:

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Preparation of the Table

Presentation of the Gifts

What Star is this?

Hymnal #124

Verses 1-3

The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer III
(From Enriching Our Worship)*

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so, as the morning stars sing your praises, we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus

Hymnal #S130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
might. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow'r and might. Heav - en 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.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

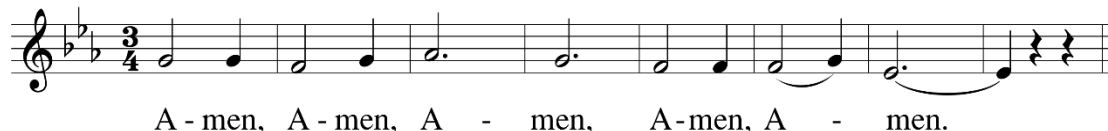
We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will
come a - gain. Christ has died, Christ is
ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with Blessed Mary and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you now and for ever:



The Lord's Prayer

Traditional Form

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

**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 Breaking of the Bread

Presider: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Fraction Anthem:

Hymnal #S164

**Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: Have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
Give us your peace, give us your peace.**

Invitation to Communion

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It has been made ready for those who love God and for those who hope to love God more. So, come, if you have been here often, and come if you have not been here long. Come if you have followed, and come if you have stumbled. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is Christ's will that those who seek him will meet him here at his table. For in this house which bears the name Mary, all are welcome to share the one she bore, Jesus the Bread of Life.

Communion Hymn:

What Child is This?

Hymnal #115

Post Communion Prayer

Enriching Our Worship

Presider: Let us pray

People: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and with one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy and peace and make you heralds of the Gospel. And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Christ, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Recessional

Epiphany Carol

GC2 #386

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Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

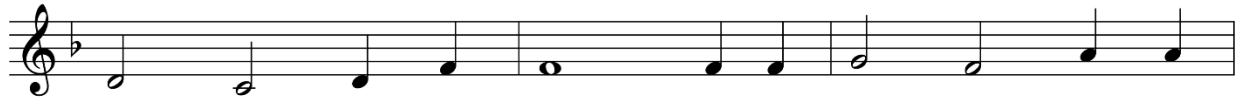
People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

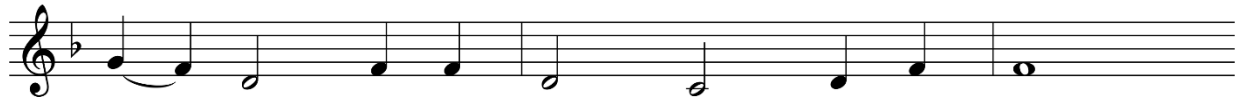
Epiphany Carol



1. Ev - 'ry na - tion sees the glo - ry Of a
 2. Ev - 'ry tongue shall sing the prais - es Of his
 3. Once a - gain may we dis - cov - er Word made
 4. Gath - er, God, the world to - geth - er In the



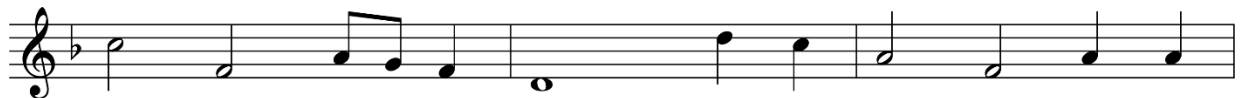
star that pierced the night. As we tell the won-drous
 birth in deep - est night. He is heal - ing for the
 flesh sent from a - bove. In our neigh - bor, sis - ter,
 bright - ness of your day. Fill our hearts with joy for -



sto - ry We are bathed in ra - dian - t light.
 a - ges; He is Christ, our God's de - light.
 broth - er, In the lone - ly and un - loved.
 ev - er; Help us walk the ho - ly way.



Star sent forth from high - est heav - en, Danc - ing
 He pro - claims with - in his be - ing All our
 May we touch him, may we hold him, May we
 May your jus - tice rule the na - tions; May all



light of God's de - sign, Shine up - on the gift that's
 hopes, our great de - sires. He shall die to rise, re -
 cra - dle him with care As we learn to love each
 peo - ple live as one. Now we see our true sal -



giv - en: Word made flesh now born in time.
 deem - ing All who fol - low with their lives.
 oth - er, Bring - ing hope from out de - spair.
 va - tion In the glo - ry of your Son.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Winter Lunches

Winter lunches for our hungry neighbors are being offered on Saturdays in January and February. Your help is welcome. A sign-up sheet is located on the credenza near the bulletin board. Come even if you have not signed up – we always need people to help serve the plates and to help clean-up afterward. And you sitting at the table and sharing a hot lunch with our neighbors is also an important part of the gift to the community.

Parish Prayer List

In addition to the names listed in the Prayers of the People, we pray for healing and comfort for:

Family and Friends: Roger Ashe, Joan Russell, Jim Neely and Ann English, Kent Taylor, Margo Kent, Michael Mason, Donna Pickener, Marcia McClure, Marsha Davies, Carol Studley, Marge and Donna, Patty Davenport, Scotty Townsend, Barbara Crawford, Christian Hagerty, Steven Moore, Barbara Hammond, Elizabeth Mason

A.A. Support Groups

Nicholson Hall: Monday 7:00 P.M.; Tuesday 6:00 P.M.; Wednesday 6:30 P.M.

UU Food Pantry

On the first Sunday of each month, we collect donations for the “Little Free Pantry” hosted by our friends at the Unitarian Universalist Meeting House. That pantry provides non-perishable grocery and toiletry items for anyone in need. Items may be left in the basket by the baptismal font at any time. We could use additional volunteers to deliver the food. We are extending the usual first Sun of each month's ingathering of food for the UU's food bank. for an additional 2nd Sunday. Thanks for your continuing support.

Sanctuary Lamp

Memorial opportunities are available to honor a deceased love one with the sanctuary lamp. Their name will be published in the bulletin. Suggested donation: \$20. Contact the parish office to reserve the date.

Stay in touch with St. Mary's

Many of our most active members do not live here full-time. There are several ways to participate and keep in touch throughout the year: Sign our guest book with your contact information; Watch our weekly livestream on YouTube; Sign up for our Weekly e-newsletter.

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This Sunday's Leadership

- Music Minister: John Thomas
- Crucifer: Mary-Jo Avellar
- First Reader (First Reading and Psalms): Beth Chapman
- Second Reader (Second Reading): Loren Lee
- Healer: Andrea Sawyer
- Ushers: Brendan O'Neill and Bob Crook
- Altar Guild: Priscilla Jackett
- Livestream: John Carroll-Yagel

THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY OF THE HARBOR

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Welcome to St. Mary of the Harbor

Here at St. Mary's, we welcome you with open arms and open hearts, to share with you the love with which Christ has welcomed us. Whoever you are, wherever you may be in life, there is a place for you here. In this beautiful place, you will find sojourners like yourself who are searching for truth, meaning, and purpose. And we invite you to explore and experience the gift of God's love in this place where the land, the sea, and the sacred meet.

Everything you need to guide you through today's service will be found in this bulletin, or in the hymnals in the chair just in front of you.

Land Acknowledgement

At St. Mary's, we remember the Nauset and Wampanoag people on whose unceded land we now gather. We acknowledge the injustice done to them. We give thanks for their witness to living honorably and in balance with the sacred order. May we always remember that the Earth does not belong to us, that we belong to the Earth, and that we are all relatives in life. Help us to be instruments of justice and peace for all people in today's world, particularly the original Indigenous inhabitants.

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