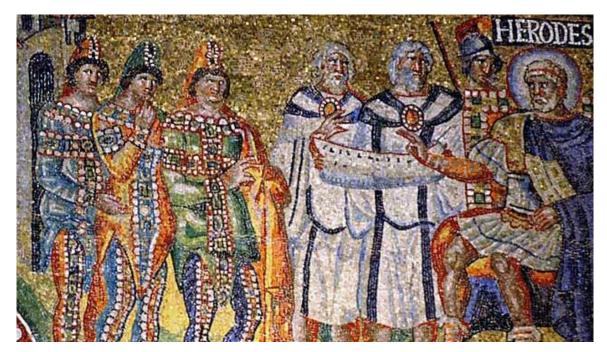


SAINT FRANCIS ANGLICAN CHURCH

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THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 3, 2021 (TRANSFERRED FROM THE SIXTH)

Opening Hymn 53

SALZBURG

Songs of thankfulness and praise

Collect for Purity

BCP 67

Introit. *Ecce advenit*. Behold, he appeareth, the Lord, and Ruler: and in his hand, the kingdom, and power, and dominion. *Psalm 72*. Give the King thy judgments, O God: and thy righteousness unto the King's Son. V. Glory ... Behold ...

Summary of the Law Kyrie *Hymnal* 709 Gloria BCP 69 Willan BCP 84

Collect. O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles; Mercifully grant that we, who know thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-9

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall walk by your light, and kings in the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes round about, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far, and your daughters shall be carried in the arms. Then you shall see and be radiant, your heart shall thrill and rejoice; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you. the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Mid'ian and E'phah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD. All the flocks of Ke'dar shall be gathered to you, the rams of Nebai'oth shall minister to you; they shall come up with acceptance on my altar, and I will glorify my glorious house. Who are these that fly like a cloud, and like doves to their windows? For the islands shall wait for me, the ships of Tar'shish first, to bring your sons from far, their silver and gold with them, for the name of the LORD your God, and for the Holy One of Israel, because he has glorified you.

Psalm 72

Antiphon He shall have pity on the lowly and poor, and shall redeem their lives from oppression.

- 1. Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!
- 2. May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!
- 3. Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness!
- 4. May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor!
- 5. May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!
- 6. May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth!
- 7. In his days may righteousness flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!
- 8. May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth!
- 9. May his foes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust!
- 10. May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of She-

ba and Seba bring gifts!

- 11. May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!
- 12. For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper.
- 13. He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.
- 14. From oppression and violence he redeems their souls; and precious is their blood in his sight.
- 15. Long may he live, may gold of Sheba be given to him! May prayer be made for him continually, and blessings invoked for him all the day!
- 16. May there be abundance of grain in the land; on the tops of the mountains may it wave; may its fruit be like Lebanon; and may men blossom forth from the cities like the grass of the field!
- 17. May his name endure for ever, his fame continue as long as the sun! May men bless themselves by him, all nations call him blessed!
- 18. Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.
- 19. Blessed be his glorious name for ever; may his glory fill the whole earth! Amen and Amen!
- 20. The prayers of David, the son of Jesse, are ended.

Epistle Ephesians 3:1–12 For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Iesus on behalf of you Gentiles—assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. When you read this you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; that is, how the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the

gospel. Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace which was given me by the working of his power. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make all men see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; that through the Church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose which he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and confidence of access through our faith in him.

Gradual. All they from Saba shall come: bringing gold and incense; and shall show forth the praises of the Lord. Y. Arise and shine, O Jerusalem: for the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. We have seen his star in the East: and are come with offerings to worship the Lord, alleluia.

Gospel St. Matthew 2:1–12

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, Wise Men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet: 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern my people Israel." Then Herod summoned the Wise Men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying "Go and search diligently

for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." When they had heard the king they went their way; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them. till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Sermon Hymn 331

Kingsfold

When Jesus left his Father's throne

Homily

Nicene Creed BCP 71
Offertory. The kings of Tharsis and of the isles shall give presents; the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts: all kings shall fall down before him; all nations shall do him service.

Presentation of the Gifts Old Hundredth Hymn 139, Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

The Prayer for the Church	BCP 74
General Confession & Absolution	BCP 75
Sanctus and Benedictus, 797	Willan
The Canon of the Mass	BCP 80-81
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 82
Agnus Dei , <i>Hymnal</i> 712	Willan
The Prayer of Humble Access	BCP 82
Communion Hymn 479 ¹	Hyfrydol
Love divine, all loves excelling	

Communion We have seen his star in the

Communion. We have seen his star in the East: and are come with our offerings to worship

the Lord

General Thanksgiving

BCP 83

Post-communion. Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God: that we may attain, in pureness of mind and understanding, to those things which we celebrate in solemn worship. Through ...

The Benediction BCP 84
The Dismissal Missal
Closing Hymn 329 FRANKFORT

How bright appears the Morning Star

ANNIVERSARIES

None

FLOWERS AND COFFEE HOUR

The poinsettias are from Christmas. There will be a "virtual" Coffee Hour following Mass.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

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Mass at 9 am unless otherwise noted.

Confessions by appointment. Call Fr. Costanzo at (503) 656-4528.

Parinch areas I

Jan 10	Epiphany I
Jan 17	Epiphany II
Jan24	Epiphany III
Jan 31	Septuagesima
Feb 7	Sexagesima
Feb 14	Quinquagesima
Feb 17	Ash Wednesday
Feb 21	Lent I
Feb 28	Lent II
Mar 7	Lent III
Mar 14	Lent IV
Mar 21	Passion Sunday
Mar 28	Palm Sunday
Apr 2	Good Friday, noon
Apr 4	Easter, Day of Obligation

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Epiphany

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- 3 Manifest in making whole
 Palsied limbs and fainting soul;
 Manifest in valiant fight,
 Quelling all the devil's might;
 Manifest in gracious will,
 Ever bringing good from ill;
 Anthems be to thee addrest,
 God in man made manifest.
- 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
 Mirrored in thy holy word;
 May we imitate thee now,
 And be pure, as pure art thou;
 That we like to thee may be
 At thy great epiphany;
 And may praise thee, ever blest,
 God in man made manifest. Amen.

CHRISTOPHER WORDSWORTH, 1862

General Hymns

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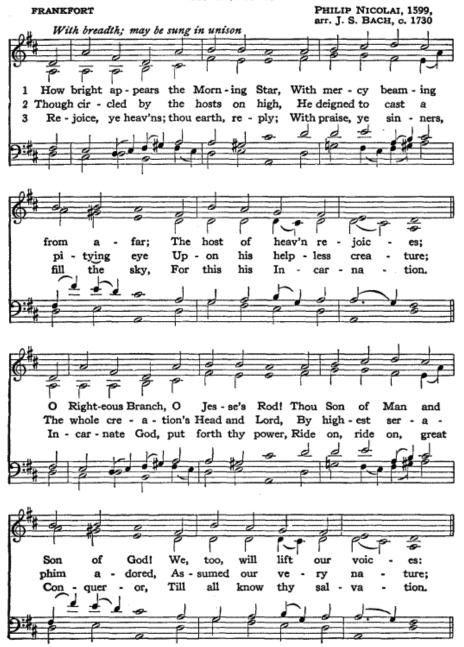
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General Hymns



PHILIP NICOLAI, 1597; Para. WILLIAM MERCER, 1859

FATHER COSTANZO'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It is very difficult for us, if not impossible, to have a relationship that is intimate and binding, with an idea or a concept no matter how noble it might be. God understood this when He revealed Himself to us as a person, and allowed us to see Him in the person of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. By sending Him to earth in the form of mankind, our heavenly Father fully revealed Himself to us. Jesus is, as St. Paul wrote, God "in human form" (I Timothy 3^{16}).

Jesus Christ made this point clear when He said to Philip, "He who has seen Me has seen the Father" (John 14⁹). This is exactly what the good news of Christmas is - that God has shown us what He is like, in the person of His Son, and has invited us to establish a personal relationship with Him. The tiny infant that Mary cradled, in a Bethlehem manger, was the "visible likeness" of our invisible God (Colossians 1¹⁵).

As the day of Christmas approaches, let us be mindful of the words of the angel who told the shepherds, "This very day in David's town your Savior was born -- Christ the Lord!" (Luke 2¹¹). As we prepare to celebrate this Holy Day, let us not forget who Christ is. Looking into the face of our Savior we can see and meet the holiness, the grace and the love of our eternal and heavenly Father.

But if this is to happen; we must abandon, if even for a short time, the mindless and consuming pursuit of our worldly goals and follow the example of the shepherds who "hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and saw the baby lying in the manger" (Luke 2^{16}). And having come and met the child, they realized that they were gazing at God who came to this earth for our sake. That is why "the shepherds went back, singing praises to God for all they had heard and seen" (Luke 2^{20}).

Let us resolve to make this Christmas the day, in which we come to meet God in the person of Jesus Christ, and prove to ourselves that Jesus Christ is Emmanuel - "God is with us" (Matthew 1^{23}). When the shepherds came, they discovered that "It had been just as the angels had told them" (Luke 2^{20}). This is the greatest gift that we may receive.

Faithfully Yours, In Our Blessed Lord. M♣

EPIPHANY



Epiphany (/ɪˈpɪfəni/*i-PIF-ə-nee*) is a Christian feast day that celebrates the revelation (theophany) of God incarnate as Iesus Christ.

In Western Christianity, the feast commemorates principally (but not solely) the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child, and thus Jesus' physical manifestation to the Gentiles. It is sometimes called **Three Kings' Day**, and in some traditions celebrated as Little Christmas. Moreover, the feast of the Epiphany, in some denominations, also initiates the liturgical season of Epiphanytide.

Eastern Christians, on the other hand, commemorate the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River, seen as his manifestation to the world as the Son of God. The spot marked by Qasr el Yahud in the West Bank, and Al-Maghtas in Jordan on the east bank, is considered to be the original site of the baptism of Jesus and the ministry of John the Baptist.

The traditional date for the feast is January 6. However, since 1970, the celebration is held in some countries on the Sunday after January 1. Those Eastern Churches which are still following the Julian calendar observe the feast on what, according to the internationally used Gregorian calendar, is January 19, because of the current 13-day difference between the Julian and Gregorian calendars.

In many Western Christian Churches, the eve of the feast is celebrated as Twelfth Night (Epiphany Eve). The Monday after Epiphany is known as Plough Monday.

Popular Epiphany customs include Epiphany singing, chalking the door, having one's house blessed, consuming Three Kings Cake, winter swimming, as well as attending church services. It is customary for Christians in many localities to remove their Christmas decorations on Epiphany Eve (Twelfth Night), although those in other Christian countries historically remove them on Candlemas, the conclusion of Epiphanytide. According to the first tradition, those who fail to remember to remove their Christmas decorations on Epiphany Eve must leave them untouched until Candlemas, the second opportunity to remove them; failure to observe this custom is considered inauspicious.

Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Epiphany_(holiday)