

The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Sunday, January 4, 2026 ♦ 10:00 am

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby

Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump



We warmly welcome you if you are here with us for the first time today. We joyfully welcome all people into our community without exception. Whoever you are, and whatever the status of your relationship with God, you will find fellow travelers here. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.

St. Francis Episcopal Church welcomes all people to receive Holy Communion. If you have not been baptized but would like to be, please talk to Father Jason after the service.

Consider making a donation of altar flowers in honor of a special occasion or in memory of someone you love. (The suggested donation is \$50.) Contact Gina in the church office at 310-375-4617 or Gina.McQueen@stfrancispalosverdes.org.

Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

This Week at St. Francis

Sunday, January 4

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 9:10 am "Who is Jesus" Spiritual Formation Class (Library)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
- 5:00 pm Twelfth Night Epiphany Party

Monday, January 5

- 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 7

- 10:00 am Blue Bin Sorting
- 11:00 am Mid-week Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
- 11:00 am Good Grief Group
- 6:00 pm Nurture Group

Thursday, January 8

- 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group Christmas Party

Friday, January 9

- 9:30 am Beaders Group

Sunday, January 11

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 9:10 am "Who is Jesus" Spiritual Formation Class (Library)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
- 11:30 am Faithful Families Potluck

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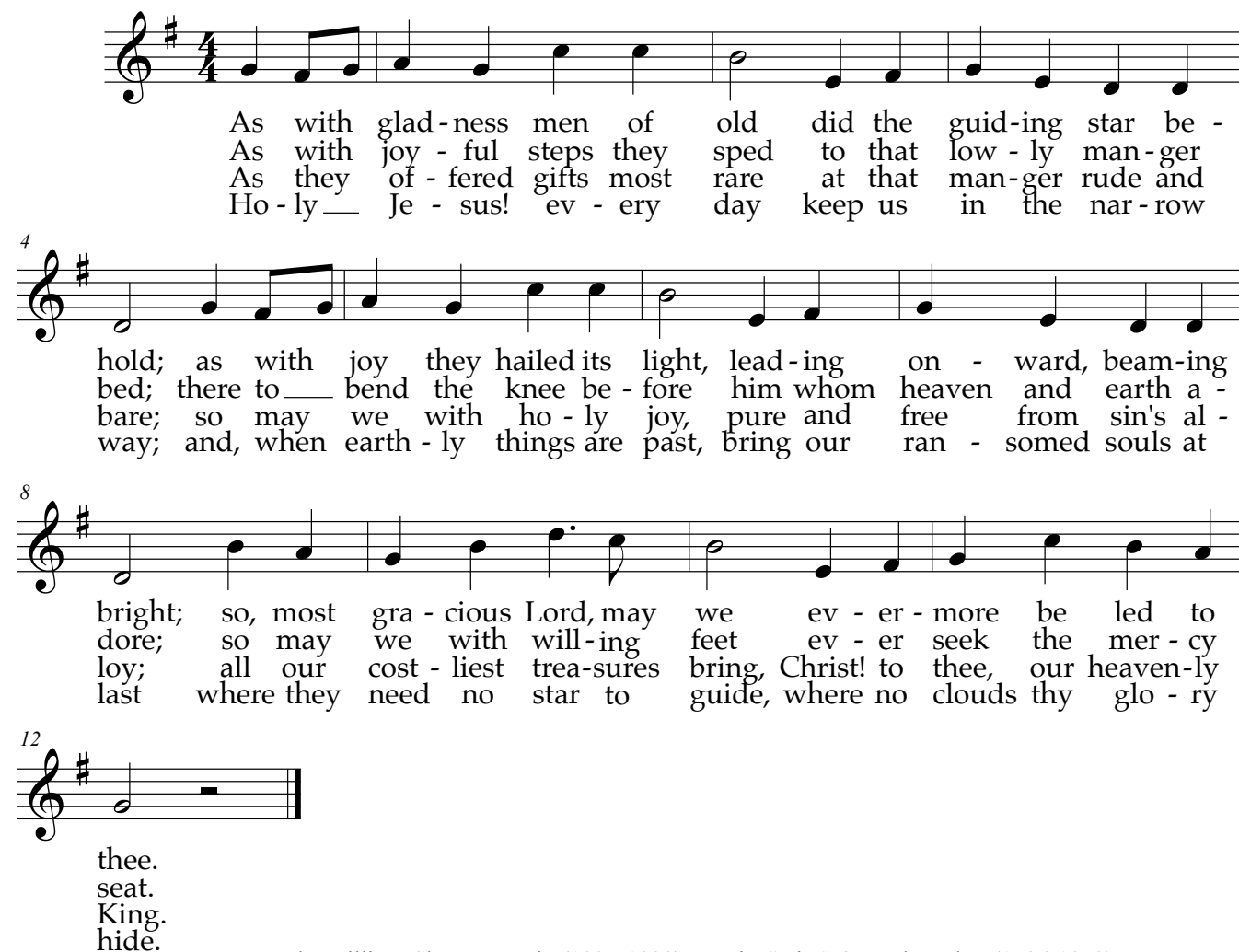
The Word of God

Please stand as able and join in singing.

The Processional Hymn

As with Gladness Men of Old

Hymnal #119



As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be -
 As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man-ger
 As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man-ger rude and
 Ho - ly — Je - sus! ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row

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hold; as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam-ing
 bed; there to — bend the knee be - fore him whom heaven and earth a -
 bare; so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al -
 way; and, when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at

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bright; so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to
 dore; so may we with will-ing feet ev - er seek the mer - cy
 loy; all our cost - liest trea-sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heaven-ly
 last where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry

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thee.
 seat.
 King.
 hide.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: "Dix," Conrad Kocher (1786-1872);
 arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1899); harm. "The English Hymnal," 1906

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: ✙ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Almighty God,
People **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.**

The Gloria

Gloria in excelsis Deo

Hymnal #96

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass, in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the Treble staff, featuring a series of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: 'Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.' The score is divided into two systems, each starting with a measure number '7'.

Words: French carol, tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt.; By permission of Fleming H. Revell Company.
Music: "Gloria," French carol, arr. Edward Shippen Branes (1887-1958).

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.*

Please be seated.

The First Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6

Reader A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

²For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

³Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴Lift 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.

⁵Then 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.

⁶A 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.**

The Response: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Reader Let us read from Psalm 72 responsively
(the People reading the text in **bold**).



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- ¹Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- ²That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
- ³That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- ⁴He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.....Refrain
- ⁵He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
- ⁶He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
- ⁷In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- ¹⁰The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, *
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.....Refrain
- ¹¹All kings shall bow down before him, *
and all the nations do him service.
- ¹²For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, *
and the oppressed who has no helper.
- ¹³He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- ¹⁴He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, *
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.....Refrain

The Second Lesson: Ephesians 3:1-12

Reader A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus.

¹This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you,³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words,⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In 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: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of 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. ⁸Although 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, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so 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. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Reader The Word of the Lord

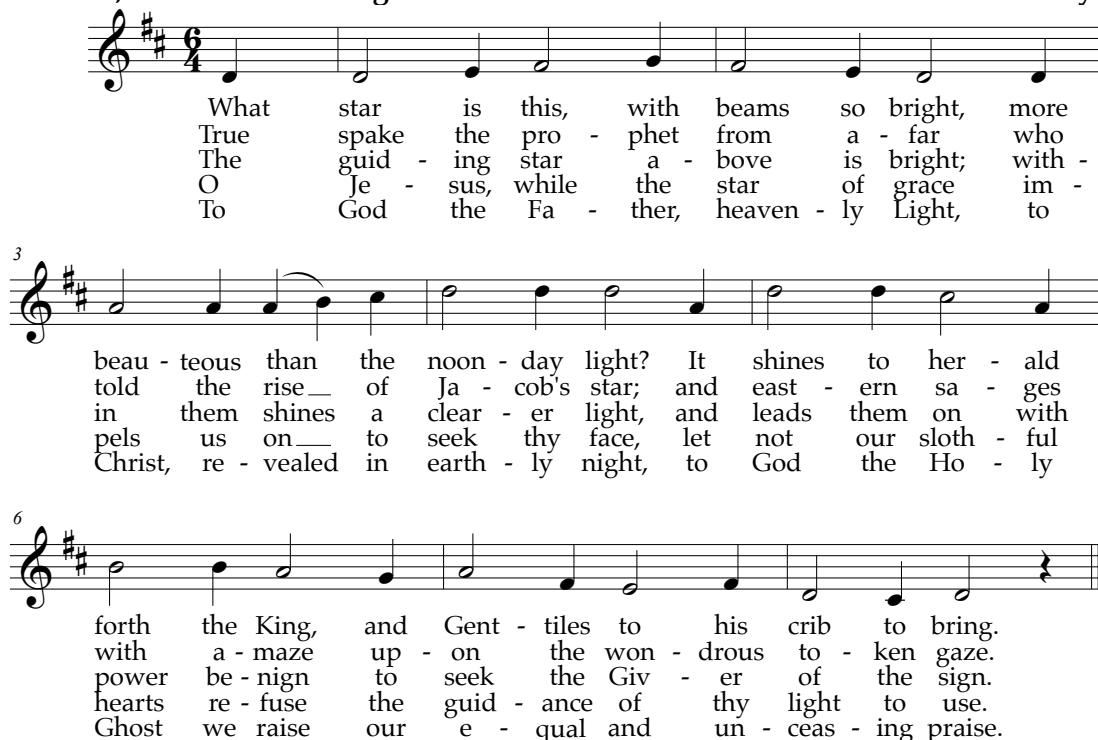
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able and join in singing.

The Sequence Hymn

What Star Is This, with Beams so Bright

Hymnal #124



What star is this, with beams so bright, more
True spake the prophet from a far who
The guid - ing star a - bove is bright; with -
O Je - sus, while the star of grace im -
To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to

beau - teous than the noon - day light? It shines to her - ald
told the rise of Ja - cob's star; and east - ern sa - ges
in them shines a clear - er light, and leads them on with
pels us on to seek thy face, let not our sloth - ful
Christ, re - vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly

forth the King, and Gent - iles to his crib to bring.
with a - maze up - on the won - drous to - ken gaze.
power be - nign to seek the Giv - er of the sign.
hearts re - fuse the guid - ance of thy light to use.
Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. "Hymns Ancient and Modern," 1861,
after John Chandler (1807-1876), alt. Music: "Puer nobis," melody form Trier MS.
15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621); harm. "Cowley Carol Book," 1902.

Please remain standing as able.

The Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "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." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶'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.' "

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then 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." ⁹When 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. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On 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. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. Jason Shelby

There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.

Please stand as able and join in saying the Nicene Creed.

The Nicene Creed

All **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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

Please remain standing as able.

The Prayers of the People (the People read the responses in **bold**)

Deacon Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People **That we all may be one.**

Deacon Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Deacon We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Deacon We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Deacon Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Deacon For all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Alyssa Capellino Baxter, Barry Witt, Drew Deley, Jonathan Zimmerman, Joseph Leahy, Mark Kappelmann, Michael Strong, Michael Valiquette, Scott Ruston, Steve, Thomas Dawson, TJ Malzahn, and Will Piepenbring, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon For those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble: Andrea, Anne Sharp, Barbara Shelby, Billy Whelan, Bob Cook, Brad, Bruce Schaefer, Carlos, Celeste Stump, Ceri Falk, Chris, Colette Furbush, Connie, Dana Genzel-Diaz, Daniel Drayling, Elizabeth Beadle, Erica, Joseph and Danielle Diestel, Judy Morgan, Kathy Falk, Kerry Myers, Kristen, Krystal, Loren, Miguel Diaz, Natalie Massey, Patt Parker, Phyllis Massey, Richard Cantine, Roxanne Wall, Roz Hadley, Sally Hill, Susie Zimmerman, Tommy, the people of the Middle East, the victims of violence everywhere, and for those who commit violence, that they may cease their evil ways and know the Love of Christ. Let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon Give to the departed eternal rest;

People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Deacon We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help;

for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Please kneel or sit as able.

The Confession of Sin

Deacon 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.**

The Absolution

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.**

Please stand as able.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Ministers and People exchange signs of peace in the name of the Lord.

Please be seated.

The Welcome and Announcements

Anyone who has a birthday or anniversary in the next week is invited to come forward for a blessing:

All **Watch over your child(ren), O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

Celebrant Walk in love as Christ loves us, bring offerings of praise and thanksgiving to his table.

The Communion Anthem

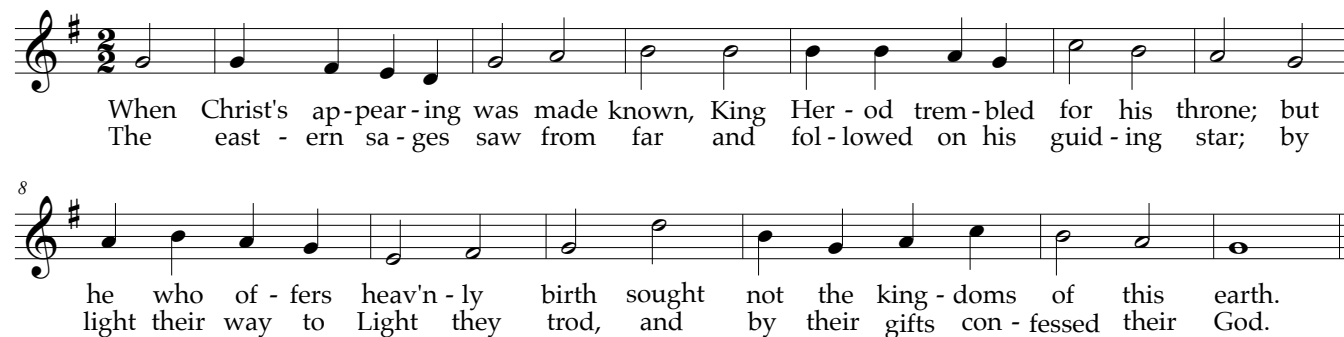
What Child Is This, Greensleeves

St. Francis Choir

The Offertory Hymn

When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known

Hymnal #132



When Christ's ap-pear-ing was made known, King Her - od trem - bled for his throne; but
The east - ern sa - ges saw from far and fol - lowed on his guid - ing star; by

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he who of - fers heav'n - ly birth sought not the king - doms of this earth.
light their way to Light they trod, and by their gifts con - fessed their God.

Words: Caelius Sedulius (5th cent.); st. 1, tr. "The Hymn Book of the Anglican Church of Canada and The United Church of Canada," 1971; sts, 2-5, tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: "Old 100th," melody from "Pseaumes octante trois de David," 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

Please stand as able.

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer C)

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

Celebrant

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Forest Green (Tune: #78)

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord, God of power and might. Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo-ry, Ho-

san - na in the high-est. Bless - ed is the One who comes in the name of the

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

Please kneel or stand as able as the Celebrant continues.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

All **We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and God of our Mothers; God of Sarah, Hagar, Keturah, Rebecca, Leah, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

All **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer

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

All **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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

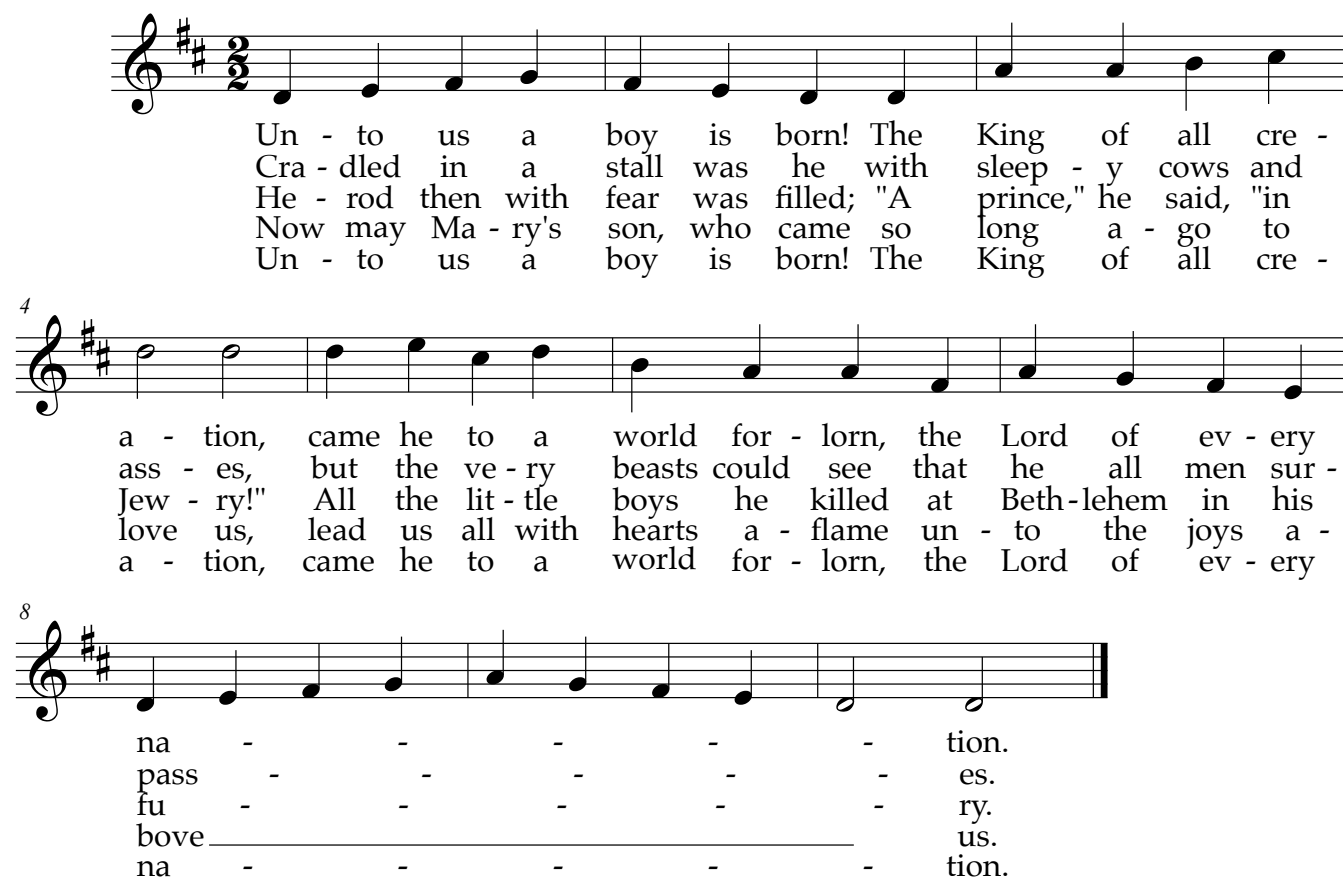
Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The Fraction Anthem

Unto Us a Boy Is Born

Hymnal #98



Un - to us a boy is born! The King of all cre -
Cra - dled in a stall was he with sleep - y cows and
He - rod then with fear was filled; "A prince," he said, "in
Now may Ma - ry's son, who came so long a - go to
Un - to us a boy is born! The King of all cre -
a - tion, came he to a world for - lorn, the Lord of ev - ery
ass - es, but the ve - ry beasts could see that he all men sur -
Jew - ry!" All the lit - tle boys he killed at Beth - lehem in his
love us, lead us all with hearts a - flame un - to the joys a -
a - tion, came he to a world for - lorn, the Lord of ev - ery
na - - - - - tion.
pass - - - - - es.
fu - - - - - ry.
bove - - - - - us.
na - - - - - tion.

Words: Latin carol, 15th cent.; tr. Percy Deamer (1867-1936), alt. From the Oxford Book of Carols © 1964, Oxford University Press. Music: "Puer nobis nascitur," melody from "Piae Cantiones," 1582; harm. Geoffrey Turton Shaw (1879-1943). By permission of Oxford University Press.

The Invitation

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the people of God, Holy gifts for Holy People.

For our online community: an invitation to pray together the spiritual communion prayer from the National Cathedral. A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

If you have come with a particular prayer concern today, after receiving Communion you may come to the Nason Prayer Chapel to the right of the altar rail where you may light a candle and, if you wish, someone will be available to pray with you.

The Communion of the People

All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers. If you do not wish to receive, we encourage you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply fold your hands across your chest when you come forward. The clergy will carry Communion to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward. Please notify an usher if you wish Communion to be brought to you. Gluten-free Communion wafers are available. If you require one of these, simply ask.

The Communion Song
We Three Kings of Orient Are

Hymnal #128



We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing gifts we
Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to
Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense owns a
Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of
Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and



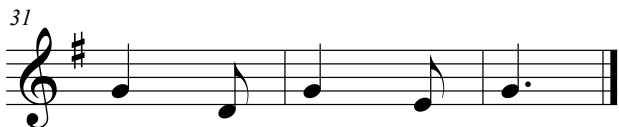
tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain,
crown him a - gain, King for ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er
De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing glad - ly rais - ing,
gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing,
Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al - le - lu - ia: al - le -



fol - low-ing yon - der star. O — star of won - der, star of night,
o - ver us all to reign.
wor - ship him, God Most High.
sealed in a stone - cold tomb.
lu - ia the earth re - plies.



star with roy - al beau - ty bright; west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us



to thy per - fect light!

Words: John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891), alt. Music: "Three Kings of Orient," John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891).

Please kneel or stand as able.

The Post-Communion 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 Prayer of St. Francis

Celebrant Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

People **Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant And, the blessing of God Almighty, ✙ The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit be with you always.

All **Amen.**

The Sending Forth

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Please stand as able and join in singing.

The Recessional Hymn
The First Nowell the Angel Did Say

Hymnal #109

The first No - well the an - gel did say was to
They look - ed up and saw a star shin - ing
And by the light of that same star three
Then let us all with one ac - cord sing

5
cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields as
in the east be - yond them far; and to the
wise men came from coun - try far; to seek for a
prais - es to our heaven - ly Lord; that hath made

10
they lay keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's night that
earth it gave great light, and so it con - tin - ued both
king was their in - tent, and to fol - low the star wher -
heaven and earth of nought, and with his blood our

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was so deep. No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well, born is the
day and night. No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well, born is the
ev - er it went. No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well, born is the
life hath bought. No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well, born is the

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King of Is - ra - el.
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The Postlude

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

arr. James Bierry

Prayers this Week

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Alyssa Capellino Baxter, Barry Witt, Drew Deley, Jonathan Zimmerman, Joseph Leahy, Mark Kappelmann, Michael Strong, Michael Valiquette, Scott Ruston, Steve, Thomas Dawson, TJ Malzahn, and Will Piepenbring.

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

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