

EPIPHANY



SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024



We're so glad you're here.



At Church of the Savior, our vision is to grow in "Loving God, Loving Others, Loving Life." We hope you sense God's presence and our warm welcome. We'd love to meet you in the foyer after the service.

--Fr. Kevin and Mtr. Karen

About Our Worship: We use an Anglican liturgy. Liturgy simply means that everyone gets to participate, so please join in as you feel comfortable.

Children's Worship: Nursery is available for children 6 months through 4 years. Children's Worship rooms are available for children Kindergarten through 2nd Grade, and 3rd to 5th Grade. You may choose to keep children with your family, and coloring pages will be available to all.

Assisted Listening or Noise Cancelling Headphones: Pick up a loop in the livestream booth (the door to the right of the fireplace in the Fireside Room). An usher can guide you there. Noise cancelling headphones are available at the info table for those who might be sensitive to noise.

Today, We Celebrate Epiphany, which falls each year on January 6th. Epiphany means a manifestation or revelation, and on January 6th we end the Christmas season by celebrating the visit of the Magi, or wise men, to whom the birth of Jesus was revealed. Throughout the season of Epiphany, which lasts until Lent, we remember the many ways that Jesus was revealed as the Son of God during his life through his baptism, his miracles, and his transfiguration.

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Please enjoy a few moments of silence during the prelude to prepare for worship.

THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL

You may stand.

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King! Peace on earth and mercy mild; God and sinners reconciled. Joyful, all ye nations rise; Join the triumph of the skies. With th'angelic hosts proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem. Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King.

Christ by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord. Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail th'incarnate Deity; Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King.

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace, Hail the Sun of righteousness. Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings. Mild He lays His glory by, Born that we no more may die, Born to raise each child of earth, Born to give us second birth. Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King. Celebrant: Christ is born. Alleluia, alleluia.

All: He is revealed to all people. Alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrant: Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of the vesper light; and we implore you of your great mercy that, as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

Phos Hilaron (O Gracious Light)



Children from kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to follow the acolyte to Children's Worship during the next song.

Your Name

Humbly to the earth You came Born into this world to save God with us Emmanuel Now we adore Your Name

Your Name is a strong and mighty tower Your Name is a shelter like no other Your Name let the nations sing it louder For nothing has the power to save But Your Name

Jesus in Your Name we pray Come and fill our hearts today Lord give us strength to live for You And glorify Your Name

Wonderful Counselor Prince of Peace Ending God with us Emmanuel God with us Emmanuel God with us Emmanuel Now we adore Your Name

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: 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.

"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.

See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you.

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

"Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the hip.

Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come.

Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah.
And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

- 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.
- 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 before 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.

- ¹ For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—
- ² Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³ that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. ⁴ In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. ⁶ This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.
- ⁷ I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. ⁸ Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹ and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. ¹⁰ His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, ¹¹ according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹² In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

You may stand.

We Three Kings

O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright; Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to Thy perfect light. Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

'And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah, are not least among the ruling cities of Judah, for a ruler will come from you who will be the shepherd for my people Israel.'

⁷ Then Herod called for a private meeting with the wise men, and he learned from them the time when the star first appeared. ⁸ Then he told them, "Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him, too!"

⁹ After this interview the wise men went their way. And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! ¹¹ They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

¹² When it was time to leave, they returned to their own country by another route, for God had warned them in a dream not to return to Herod.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

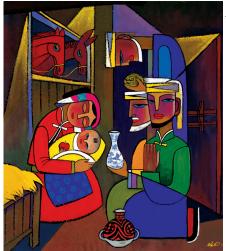
ALLELUIA

¹ Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, ² "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him."

³ King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem. ⁴ He called a meeting of the leading priests and teachers of religious law and asked, "Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?"

⁵ "In Bethlehem in Judea," they said, "for this is what the prophet wrote:

THE SERMON



Violent King vs. Vulnerable King

Kevin Miller Rector

We take a few minutes of silence to reflect, pray, and listen for what God may be saying.

THE NICENE CREED

You may stand.

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith in the words of 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 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

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

The celebrant concludes the prayers.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please sit or kneel for a time of silence.

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.

All: And also with you.

At this time, parents should pick up their children from the nursery and Children's Worship.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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

THE OFFERTORY

The Final Word

You and me, we use so very many clumsy words. The noise of what we often say Is not worth being heard.
When the Father's wisdom
Wanted to communicate His love,
He spoke it in one final perfect Word.

He spoke the Incarnation,
And then so was born the Son
His final word was Jesus,
He needed no other one.
Spoke flesh and blood
So He could bleed
And make a way Divine.
And so was born the baby
Who would die to make it mine!

And so the Father's fondest thought Took on flesh and bone. He spoke the living, luminous Word, At once His will was done. And so the transformation That in man had been unheard, Took place in God the Father, As He spoke that final Word.

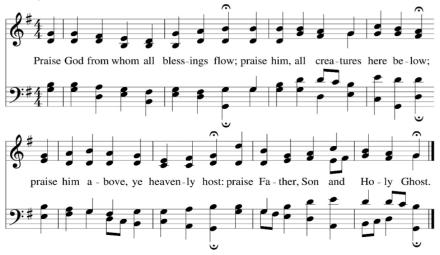
And so the Light became alive And manna became Man. Eternity stepped into time So we could understand.

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You may stand.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you. Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

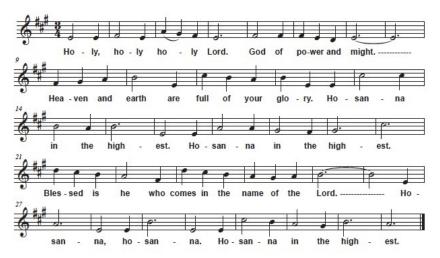
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus



Celebrant: 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.

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."

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ:

All: 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.

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



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in

remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in

your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please join us for Communion: all who are baptized and seeking to follow Jesus are welcome. If that doesn't describe you, simply say "Blessing," or cross your arms, and the minister distributing bread will pray a short prayer for God's favor on your life. The first tray contains wine; the second contains grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you would like to receive prayer, a prayer minister is available in the foyer.

COMMUNION SONGS

In the Bleak Midwinter

In the bleak midwinter,
Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter,
Long ago.

Heaven cannot hold Him, No earth sustain; Heav'n and earth shall flee away When He comes to reign: In the bleak midwinter A stable place sufficed The Lord God incarnate, Jesus Christ.

What can I give Him, Poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; If I were a wise man, I would do my part; Yet what can I give Him: Give my heart.

We Three Kings of Orient Are

We three kings of Orient are, Bearing gifts we traverse afar, Field and fountain, moor and mountain, Following yonder star.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, Gold I bring to crown Him again, King forever, ceasing never Over us all to reign.

O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright; Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to Thy perfect light.

Frankincense to offer have I, Incense owns a Deity nigh; Prayer and praising voices raising, Worship Him, God on high.

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume Breathes a life of gathering gloom: Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, Sealed in the stone cold tomb.

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

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Sing To The King

Sing to the King Who is coming to reign. Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain. Life and salvation His empire shall bring, And joy to the nations, when Jesus is King.

Come, let us sing a song, A song declaring that we belong to Jesus; He is all we need. Lift up a heart of praise. Sing now with voices raised to Jesus; Sing to the King.

For His returning we watch and we pray; We will be ready the dawn of that day. We'll join in singing with all the redeemed, 'Cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King.

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

Celebrant: May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. Amen.

You may be seated.

RECESSIONAL

O Come Let Us Adore Him

O come let us adore Him O come let us adore Him O come let us adore Him Christ the Lord

We'll give You all the glory We'll give You all the glory We'll give You all the glory Christ the Lord

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the

Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Come Worship with the Wise Men

Please stay after worship for a piece of rosca, the traditional "kings' bread," as we observe the kings' worship of Jesus. We'll have hot cocoa, too. (Need to run? Take a slice of rosca with you.) And if you find a small figure of baby Jesus in your rosca, save it in order to bring it back on February 3rd, when we celebrate the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Nursery & Children's Worship: We provide Nursery for children 6 months through 4 years and two Children's Worship rooms. Kindergarten through 2nd Grade may attend Young Children in Worship, and 3rd to 5th Grade may attend Following Jesus.

Youth: Youth Group Gatherings will resume January 27th. See you then! Future dates are: February 10th and 24th, March 9th, and April 6th and 20th.

UPCOMING SERMONS

The Season of Epiphany

January 6, Epiphany: Violent King vs. Vulnerable King, Kevin Miller, Matthew 2:1-15

January 13, Baptism of our Lord, Kevin Miller, Mark 1:4-11

January 20, He Sees You, He Calls You, Kevin Miller, Mark 1:14-20

January 27, What Real Authority Looks Like, Kevin Miller, Mark 1:21-28 February 3, Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, Kevin Miller, Luke 2:22-40

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you for supporting this ministry of "Loving God, Loving Others, Loving Life."

This Year's Giving Goal: \$365,000 As of December 31:

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