

Feast of the Epiphany



St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Glenside, Pennsylvania
January 4, 2026
10:00 A.M.

Gathering In Joy

Prelude: Prelude sur l'Introit de l'Épiphanie

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

Opening Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982, #112 In the bleak midwinter*

The Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

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

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

Collect for Purity

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.**

Collect of the Day

BCP 214

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.**

Listening for God's Word

The First Reading - Isaiah 60:1-6

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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7,10-14

BCP 685

Please read the Psalm from the red Book of Common Prayer

The Second Reading - Ephesians 3:1-12

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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn: LEVAS, #221 This little light of mine

The Gospel - Matthew 2:1-12

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Response: 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.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Deacon Bob Smith

The Nicene Creed

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**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.

Prayers of the People for Epiphany

Susanne Watson Epting

When the Intercessor says, "God who has come to show us the way," the people respond, **"Make yourself known through us."**

The Presider offers a concluding prayer

Loving God, we offer you our prayers, some in words, others written in our hearts. Break open our hearts, hear our prayers and continue to give us your light, Christ Jesus, this day and forever.
Amen.

The Confession and Absolution

The Presider says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence may be kept.

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 presider continues

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

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrating Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: Bring Costly Offerings

Camille Saint-Saëns
St. Peter's Choir

Presentation Hymn: *The Hymnal* 1982, #497 **How bright appears the morning star**

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B (inclusive language)

Presider God is 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 our thanks and praise.

Presider says

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son,
to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfectly human of
the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of
sin, and receive power to become your children. 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:

Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are

5
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The Presider continues:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior 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 Jesus 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, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

**We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

The Presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the

Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Peter and Philip and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer (traditional language)

BCP 364

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

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem:

Lamb of God

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

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The Presider continues

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion of the People

Please join us in gathering around God's table of grace. You may receive both the bread and wine or just the bread. Intinction, dipping bread into the cup, is offered on the left side of the communion circle, as you face the altar. The Common Cup is offered on the right. Please let the priest or Eucharistic Minister know if you would like a gluten-free wafer.

If receiving Eucharist is not your practice, you are invited to come forward and receive a prayer of the church. Please signify your desire for a prayer by crossing your arms over your chest.

The Communion of the People

Communion Music: What Shall I Give to You?

Sara Thomsen
Solo by Dan Kelly (Baritone)

Desseins Éternelles

Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

The Post-Communion Prayer

Presider and people together

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Sending Out

Blessing

God, who ever comes to you, draw you to his love, draw you to his light, draw you to himself; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Eucharistic Visitor Commissioning

Presider: In the name of the congregation of St. Peter's we send forth ..., bearing the gift of Holy Communion to

All: We who are many are one body, because we all share in one bread and one cup.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

Stephanie Fabijonas 01/09, Libby Hahn 01/09, Laurence Taylor 01/10

Anniversaries:

Rob & Jen Stackhouse 01/10

Birthday & Anniversary Prayer

BCP 830

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace; and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

- All Angel gifts should be here TODAY. Please make sure you give them to Mary Rivera.
- Ungreening the Church: Please stay after the service to help the Altar Guild take down and pack up the decorations.
- Poinsettia distribution: after church on Sunday please help us deliver the Christmas poinsettias. Cards have been written and they will be placed on the front pew on the piano side of the church. Please check the names, as some of you may be in church and can take your own. If people are not in church, please be kind and take one to deliver to the person. There will be addresses and phone numbers on the back of the cards so that it should be easy for you to do. Thanks so much!
- If you have not yet filled out and turned in your pledge card, please take the time to do so. Every pledge makes a difference in the life of our community! You may also fill out an electronic pledge card found at: <https://www.stpetersglenside.org/walk-in-love-make-a-pledge>
- Mitten "Box": We will continue our tradition of donating children's mittens, hats, gloves & scarves, both handmade & store bought. The blue box will be out from Advent through the New Year. Thank you, Connie Clinefelter.

Closing Hymn: *Hymnal 1982, #128 We Three Kings*

The Dismissal

The people respond: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: We Three Kings

Wendy Lynn Stevens (1975-)

Worship Ministers

Presider: *The Rev. Barbara Ballenger*

Preacher: *The Rev. Deacon Bob Smith*

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Lectors: *Bob Hartung, Bill Bacon*

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Vestry Steward: *Douglas Pneuma*

Bell Ringer: *Bill Bacon*

Altar Guild: *Karen Sayer*

Welcomer: *Audrey Kippthut*

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