

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 8, 2018

THE WORD OF GOD

Let us keep silence as the prelude begins.

Prelude

Gevert

Processional Hymn 118

Star in the East

Pastor Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

***People* And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Pastor 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: Hymnal S 280

Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev.

Pastor The Lord be with you.

***People* And also with you.**

Pastor Let us pray together our collect.

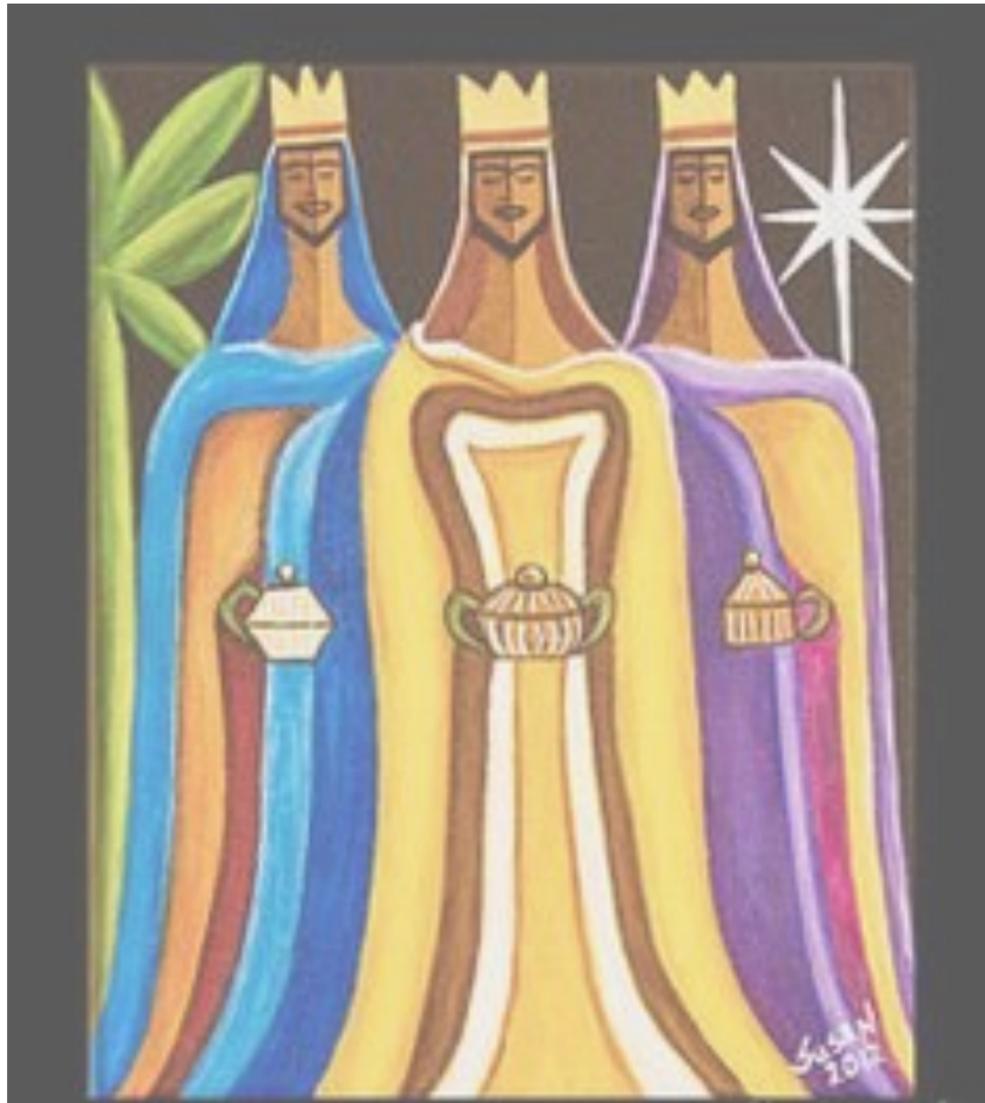
O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Prophecy of Isaiah

60:1-6

In the beginning...God created light, and the theme of light and darkness runs throughout both the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures. Here the prophet reflects on the return of God's people from the Exile in Babylon and the arising of the light of God's glory once again.

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.



Three Wise Kings follow the Star

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Offering Companionship Along the Way

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.

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

David Hurd (b. 1950)

Today's psalm is believed to be one sung at the enthronement of a new king. In ancient times, politics and religion were not separate, but rather pretty much one and the same thing.

- 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.
- 10 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.

Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

3: 1-12

Paul's life certainly turned out differently than he had first envisioned! God's call to him led him to abandon his persecution of the Followers of the Way and to become one of them instead. Has your own life ever been turned upside down by God's call?

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

The altar flowers this morning are given to the glory of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please know that we welcome everyone to come forward to receive Holy Communion, or to receive a blessing. We have gluten free wafers as well as wheat, and we have a chalice of blessed grape juice as well as wine. We welcome you to God's table.

- Today* 8:45 AM Bible Study
- Wed., Jan 10* 11:00 AM Morning Prayer at Noble Horizons
Annual Reports due to Alexis Dorf at alexisdorf@sbcglobal.net
- Thurs., Jan. 11* 1:30 PM Holy Eucharist at Geer Village
- Sunday, Jan. 14* Noon Vestry Meeting
- Sat., Jan. 20* 6:00 PM Misa en Español (*note this is not the last Sat. in the month*)
- Sun., Jan. 21* 10:30 AM Youth Sunday
Noon: Annual Meeting and potluck lunch (snow date Jan. 28)
- Wed., Jan. 31* 1:00 Prayers and Songs with Pastor Heidi at Sharon Hospital
- Sundays* 8:45 AM Bible Study
- Wednesdays* 8 PM AA meeting in Walker Hall

The Trinity Vestry

Pari Forood, Senior Warden
Carol M. Taylor, Junior Warden Bev Becker, Treasurer
Allen Berrien, Clerk Martha Nesbitt, Ass't Treasurer

Rob Babcock, Al Dorf, Gordon Gustafson,
Rachel Lamb, Susanna Schindler, Alice Tweed

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 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. **Amen.**

From *Enriching Our Worship*

The Lord's Prayer

pg. 364

Fraction Anthem S154

From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

Communion Hymn 127

Stuttgart

Communion Hymn 307

Bryn Califaria

Postcommunion Prayer

The bread has been broken, the cup has been poured, the meal has been shared. Gracious God, we give thanks for bread for the journey, for your Holy Spirit that guides us along the way. We have been strengthened at your table to do your work in the world. May we be faithful to your vision for all your people. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 128

Three Kings of Orient

Postlude

Gevert

Let us keep silence during the postlude and meet friends in Walker Hall.

Serving Today

Rector: The Rev. Heidi Truax

Music Director: Christine Gevert

Ministers of Communion: Tom Schindler, Mary Anne Carley

Usher: Jim Conzo

Lector: Heather Chapman

Epistler: Scott Frost

Intercessor: M.E. Freeman

Counters: Martha Nesbitt, Scott Frost

Hospitality: Team 2—Brown

Altar Guild: Alice Tweed

Flowers: Tom Schindler

Young People: Terri Brennan, Judy Brown

Verger pro tem: Alexis Dorf

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.

Gradual Hymn 497

Wie schön leuchtet

Gospel Alleluia

1. Sing al - le - lu - ia forth in du - teous praise,
 2. Ye pow'rs who stand be - fore the e - ter - nal Light,
 3. Then let the ho - ly ci - ty raise the strain,
 4. Ye who have fought and joined the star - ry throng,

ye ci - ti - zens of heav'n, O sweet - ly raise an end - less
 let all your choirs re - ech - o to the height an end - less
 and with glad songs re - sound - ing wake a - gain an end - less
 ye vic - tors, now take up the e - ter - nal song, an end - less

al - le - lu - ia.

Words: Latin,
5th—8th cent.
Music: Piepkorn,
Robert Buckley
Farlee (b. 1950)

Pastor The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

2:1-12

Interesting question: How did the wise men come to think that the new star marked the birth of a child who would be king of the Jews? And can you imagine that if Herod was upset, how that would affect "all Jerusalem"? Herod's throne was already precarious; this child was certainly a threat to his position.

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.

Pastor The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

Pastor Heidi Truax

A Time of Silent Reflection

The Creed

The Prayers of the People

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Diocesan Bishops Ian, and Laura; our Rector, Heidi, and for this gathering; for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. (*We read from the book and leave time for names to be added*). Pray for those in any need or trouble.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of the Holy. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

I ask your prayers for the departed (*we read from the book and leave time for names to be added*) Pray for those who have died.

On our parish cycle of prayer, I ask your prayers for Lonnie Carter and Heather Chapman and for their families.

I ask you to lift up in prayer all those things for which you are thankful today...(*we leave time for thanksgivings to be added*).

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

The Confession

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The Peace

The Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn 452

Frohlockt mit Freud

Doxology: Hymn 380, verse 3

Old 100th

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our 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 for joy:

Sanctus: Hymnal S 125

Richard Proulx (b.1937)

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all; your Word has never been silent; you call 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 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 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:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**