

January 6, 2025
The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ
6 p.m. Rite II Solemn Holy Eucharist

Welcome to St. Peter's Church

We are glad you are joining us today.

Children are always welcome at St. Peter's. Worship bags for ages five and above are available at the rear of the church as you enter. A staffed nursery is available for children under 5 years old.

MINISTERS FOR THIS SERVICE

All God's People, including:

The Rev. Greg Harbaugh *Celebrant*

The Rev. Lynn Wiljanen *Deacon*

The St. Peter's Choir

Ernie Cornbrooks *Lector*

Susan Cabral & Jimmy Hill *Altar Guild*

The Very Rev. David Michaud *Preacher*

James Wallace *Music Director/Organist*

Jimmy Hill *Acolyte/Crucifer*

Jeff Cottingham *Camera Operator*

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and In Memory of Ruth Anne Oartel, MD

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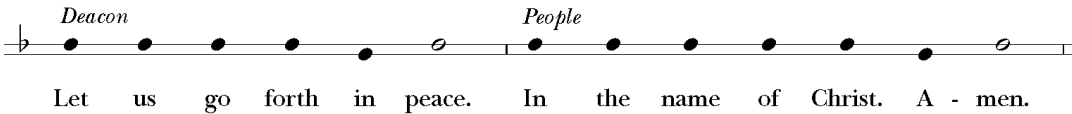
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

— THE WORD OF GOD —

Voluntary *Te Deum*, Charpentier

All stand

Solemn Procession



Let us go forth in peace. In the name of Christ. A - men.

Processional Hymn 128 *We Three King Of Orient Are* (verse 1-4)


Station at the Crèche

Celebrant: The Lord has manifested forth his glory:

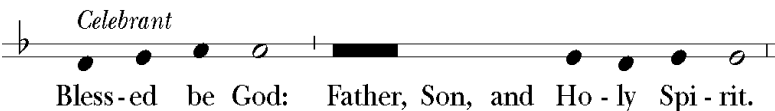
People: *And all the peoples shall bow down before him.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God the Son, highest and holiest, who did humble yourself to share our birth and our death: Bring us with the shepherds and wise men to kneel before your lowly cradle, that we may come to sing with your angels your glorious praises in heaven; where you live and reign, world without end.

People: 
A - men.

Processional Hymn 128 *We Three King Of Orient Are* (verse 5)



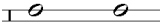
Bless-ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.



And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev - er. A-men.


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.

People:  A - men.

Gloria - S277



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.


2. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you,


we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,


on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,


4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;

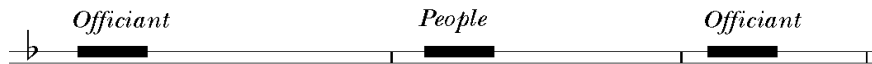

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.


6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,


7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

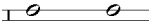

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day



The Lord be with you. And also with you. 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.

People: 
A - men.

Diocesan Collect

Gracious God, through the movement of your Holy Spirit, strengthen us here at St. Peter's and in the Diocese of Easton as an inviting and welcoming people; receive our worship, nurture our life in Christ that we may ever more faithfully serve all your people, both near and far; this we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

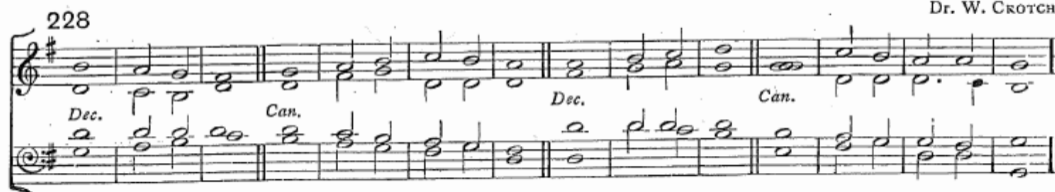
The Lessons - *Please be seated.*

Lector: A Reading from the Book of 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.

People: 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 | peo- ple | righteously
and the | POOR | -- with | justice;
3. The the mountains may bring pros- | perity • to the | people,
And the | lit- tle | hills bring | righteousness.
4. He shall defend the needy a- | mong the | peoples
He shall rescue the | poor and | crush • the op- | pressor.
5. He shall live as long as the | sun and • moon en- | dure,
From one gene- | ra- tion | to an- | other.
6. He shall come down like rain upon the | MOWN | field,
Like | showers • that | water • the | earth.

SECOND HALF

7. In his time shall the | right- eous | 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 | Sa- ba | of- fer | gifts.
- 11 All kings shall bow | down be- | fore him,
and all the | na- tions | do him | service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries | out • in dis- | tress,
and the op- | pressed who | has no | helper.
- 13 He shall have pity on the | lowly • and | poor;
he shall pre- | serve the | lives • of the | needy.

SECOND HALF

- 14 He shall redeem their lives from op- | pression • and | violence,
and dear shall their | blood be | in his | sight.

Lector: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the 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.

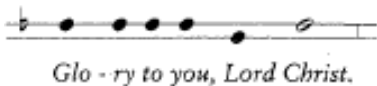
People: Thanks be to God.

All Stand

Sequence Hymn 124 *What Star Is This, With Beams So Bright*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (2:1-12)

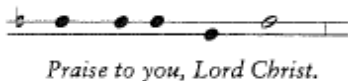
People:



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.

People:



The Sermon - *Please be seated.* The Very Rev. David Michaud

THE NICENE CREED - *Standing*

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

The leader offers prayers for the world, nation, local community, and the church. We are using Form IV found on page 388 on the Book of Common Prayer.

The People may kneel.

Celebrant: Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Peace


Celebrant



The peace of the Lord be al - ways with you.

The musical notation consists of a single staff with a treble clef and a flat key signature. It contains ten quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5, and B5. The notes are placed on the lines of the staff, with the final note (B5) being a half note.

People



And al - so with you.

The musical notation consists of a single staff with a treble clef and a flat key signature. It contains five quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, and D5. The notes are placed on the lines of the staff, with the final note (D5) being a half note.

The ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Parish Announcements - *Seated*

— THE HOLY COMMUNION —



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Anthem At The Offertory

Personent Hodie Trad., arr. Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

On this day earth shall ring
with the song children sing
to the Lord, Christ our King,
born on earth to save us;
him the Father gave us.

Refrain: And conceived in a virgin's womb.

His the doom, ours the mirth;
when he came down to earth,
Bethlehem saw his birth;
ox and ass beside him
from the cold would hide him

Refrain: The Prince of Hell has lost his spoils.

God's bright star, o'er his head,
Wise Men three to him led;
kneel they low by his bed,
lay their gifts before him,
praise him and adore him.

Refrain: and offer him gold, frankincense and myrrh.

On this day angels sing;
with their song earth shall ring,
praising Christ, heaven's King,
born on earth to save us;
peace and love he gave us.

Refrain: Therefore, Glory to God in the highest!

Personent hodie
voces puerulae,
laudantes iucunde
qui nobis est natus,
summo Deo datus,
et de virgineo ventre procreatus.

In mundo nascitur,
pannis involvitur
praesepi ponitur
stabulo brutorum,
rector supernorum.
perdidit spolia princeps infernorum.

Magi tres venerunt,
munera offerunt,
parvulum inquirunt,
stellulam sequendo,
ipsum adorando,
aurum, thus, et myrrham ei offerendo.

Omnes clericuli,
pariter pueri,
cantent ut angeli:
advenisti mundo,
laudes tibi fundo.
ideo gloria in excelsis Deo.

The People Stand

Offertory Hymn 117 Brightest and Best

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 and People

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

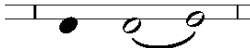
Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again;

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.

* All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

People: 
A-men.

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

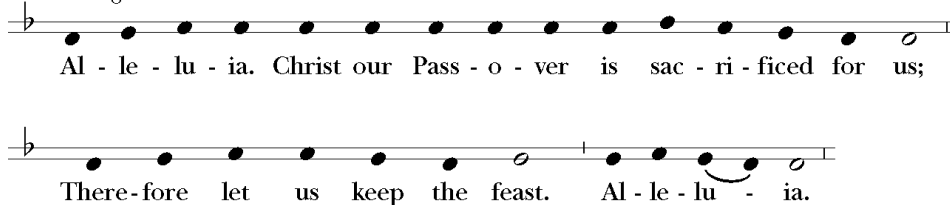
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
1for ever and ever. *Amen.***

The Fraction

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

Fraction Anthem S152

This setting is not used in Lent.



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following invitation.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

You may receive a blessing at the Communion Rail if you are not baptized. Please indicate your desire to receive a blessing by crossing your arms across your chest.

The customary posture for receiving communion is to kneel at the rail and place one hand over the other for the bread. You may, of course, stand to receive communion. Consume the bread. The minister holding the chalice will then present the chalice to you. Please, guide the chalice to your lips. If you prefer you may dip the wafer into the wine.

Gluten-Free Communion Wafers are available. Let the priest know if you would like a gluten-free wafer when you receive Holy Communion at the communion rail.

Communion Motet *What Star is This*, Richard Shephard (1949-2021)

1 What star is this, with beams so bright,
More lovely than the noonday light?
'Tis sent to herald forth a king,
Glad tidings of our God to bring.

2 True spake the prophet from afar
Who told the rise of Jacob's star;
And eastern sages with amaze
upon the wondrous token gaze.

3 To God the Father, heav'nly Light,
To Christ, revealed in earthly night,
to God the Holy Ghost we raise
Our equal and unceasing praise.

Communion Hymn 127 *Earth Has Many A Noble City*

The Post Communion Prayer - *The people kneel.*

Celebrant: Let us pray:

*Together: 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.*

Voluntary *Musique Royale, Delalande*

The ministers then process to the south door to the Parish House. Please, follow them and proceed downstairs to the Parish Hall for our Parish Epiphany Dinner.





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