

ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH
RIVERSIDE

The Epiphany

January 9, 2022

8:00 & 10:15 AM



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St. Paul's Episcopal Church: "We share God's love, serve our community and care for the world around us."

Holy Eucharist Rite I – 8:00 A.M.

The service begins on page 323 of The Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

Salutation and Collect for Purity		<i>(BCP, page 323)</i>
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We are glad you have joined us this morning. If you are visiting or looking for a new church home, please introduce yourself to the clergy or an usher. Children are welcome and encouraged to participate in our worship.

To be placed on the email list for our weekly e-News or to learn more about St. Paul's, please fill out the card found in your pew and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher following the service. To learn more about us, please see our web-site: StPaulsRiverside.org.

Please silence your cell phones

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Townsend Jr. by their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Prelude: Improvisation on "Cranham"

Processional Hymn : 128 We three kings Three kings of orient

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

People : ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen***

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit.

People : ***There is one hope in God's call to us.***

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism.

People : ***One God of all.***

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you**

Celebrant: Let us pray

Collect for the day

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 forever. *Amen.*

The First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

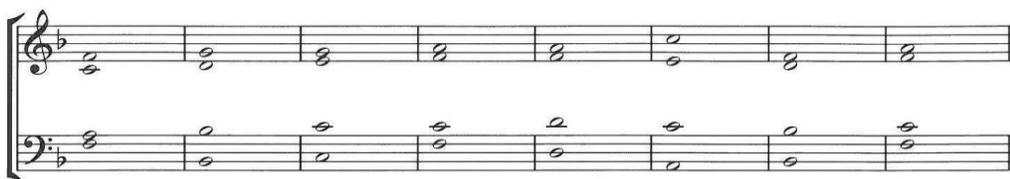
Darius, King of Persia, has permitted the people of Israel to return to Jerusalem. The prophet tells the people to arise, for joy, prosperity and salvation are now in the city; God is with them; they will reflect the presence and power of God.

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-7,10-14



Deus, judicium

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.

The Epistle

Ephesians 3:1-12

It is part of God's plan that all are called to share in Christ's saving activity. This is the "mystery of Christ". Paul's insistence on Gentiles being full and equal members of the church has led to his imprisonment.

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand

Sequence Hymn: 124

What star is this?

Puer nobis

Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

"Wise men" (in Latin: magi) were members of a Persian caste of astrologers and interpreters of dreams. Astrology was widely accepted then. A star was associated with each person; the way the star rose told the wise men that a king had been born. A later church tradition called the wise men kings.

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.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Reverend Stephanie Johnson

Hymn: 295

Sing praise to our creator

Christus, der ist mein Leben

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

(10:15 AM service)

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents: I present Graham Andreas Deichmann to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents and Godparents: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents and Godparents: I renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents and Godparents: I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Parents and Godparents: I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents and Godparents: I do.

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Parents and Godparents: I do.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: We will.

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

*He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.*

*He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.*

He descended to the dead.

*On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

People: I will, with God's help.

Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever.
Amen.

Thanksgiving over the water

May God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, God, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Baptism

Graham Andreas Deichmann, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Graham Andreas Deichmann, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen**

Graham Andreas Deichmann, receive the light of Christ, and carry it forth into the world in witness to his love. **Amen**

Let us pray.

Heavenly God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon him your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People: We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

Peace

Celebrant: May the peace of God be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Please exchange a safe sign of peace with your neighbor.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

The Congregation sits

Offertory Anthem:

See, amid the winter snow

Arr. Wilcox

Doxology (sung *please stand*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Preface and Great Thanksgiving

(Enriching our Worship I, Prayer 2)

Celebrant May God 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 We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing

Sanctus

S. 129

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with Mary and Paul and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

All: Amen

S 147

(The Celebrant then continues,)

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

Celebrant and People 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.

Breaking of the Bread *(A period of silence is kept.)*

All *(sung)*

S 154

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to receive Communion. Should you not wish to receive, you are welcome to receive a blessing. If you prefer a blessing, please indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion Anthem:

Sing Hallelu

S. Paulus

Communion Hymn: 112

In the bleak midwinter

Cranham

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant and People God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life. you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Announcements and Blessing

Closing Hymn: 119

As with gladness men of old

Dix

Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude:

How brightly shines the morning star

Lenel

Congratulations to Margaret and Eric Deichmann and big brother Wally on the baptism of their son and brother this morning.

Serving Today

Usher 8 am:

Lector 8 am:

Lector 10:15 am: Wendy Browning-Lynch

Usher 10:15 am:

Altar Guild: Donna Reed

Acolytes: Will Lynch, Nate Smith

The Week Ahead

Today - Confirmation Class

Monday - Women's AA meeting in the Library, 7PM

Tuesday - Bible Study- 10:30AM, Library/zoom hybrid

Wednesday - Day School Board Meeting, 4PM

Wednesday - Middle School Youth Group, 5:30PM

Thursday - N2N food Drive, 10:-11:30AM, parking lot

Evening Prayer, 7:00PM, via zoom

Notes on the Service: Commentaries to our Bible readings are taken from the Anglican Diocese of Montreal Bible Study website.

Announcements:

- Save the date for our Annual Meeting. The meeting will take place on Sunday, February 6th following the 9:30AM worship. We will only have one service this Sunday at 9:30.
- Parenting conversations: Seeking Hope and Light during this Epiphany Season. Following up from last year's very successful group, we invite all parents to an informal four week program to discuss hopes and joy of parenting in these unusual days. We will open with a short prayer or poem, followed by a conversation starter to focus our time together. We've scheduled it for lunch time so feel free to eat while we gather (after all parents are pros at multitasking) We will gather on Wednesday, January 19, 26, February 2 and 9 for a one hour zoom discussion, co-led by Day School Director Lisa Adorno and Reverend Stephanie. Please let Stephanie (stephanie.johnson@stpaulsriverside.org) know if you will join us so we can send you out the zoom link.
- A Special Thank you to all those who helped to make this year's Christmas Pageant, *The Glorious Impossible*, a success. They include Sunday School teaching assistants, Stella Perrone and Tee Piarulli; Music teacher Amanda Levetown, accompanist David Johnson as well as Andrew Ogletree for his technical assistance, musical gifts and more. And to Rev. Stephanie, for her ever present moral support and for allowing this vision to materialize. A special shout out goes to parents Betsy Wells and Wendy Browning Lynch for their important contributions and for making the program safe as well as beautiful. Above all a Great Big Thank You to all of the children and their parents who stepped up to make this year's Christmas Eve service so special! We were truly blessed. Gratefully, Ann Post Director of Christian Education

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