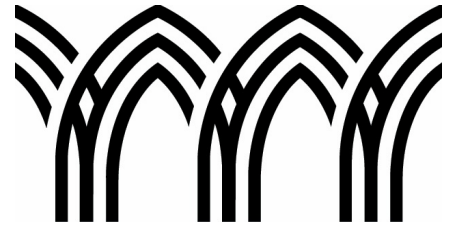


SOLEMN EUCHARIST

The Epiphany (*transferred*)

4 JANUARY 2026



¶ *The People's responses are in bold*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Variations on *Greensleeves*

David Briggs (b. 1962)

OPENING RITE

¶ *The People stand for the entrance. The Thurifer brings the thurible to the Celebrant, who fills the thurible and blesses the incense.*

¶ *The Celebrant then faces the People and sings the following bidding*

People

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

HYMN DURING THE PROCESSION 616

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

THE WORD OF GOD

THE ACCLAMATION, COLLECT FOR PURITY, AND CANTICLES

Celebrant

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

People

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

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.

¶ *Sung in Latin by the cantor*

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

During the singing of the Kyrie & Gloria, the Celebrant asperges the congregation and censes the altar, physical reminders of our baptism and of purification.

from: *Missa Lux et Origo*

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. **Amen.**

¶ *The People sit*

THE FIRST LESSON

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

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.

60:1-6 (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

¶ Sung by the cantor

Give the King your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the King's Son;
That he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;
That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the little hills bring righteousness.
He shall defend the needy among the people;
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.
He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.
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.
All kings shall bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.
For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress,
and the oppressed who has no helper.
He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Chant: Plainsong, tone I.1

THE SECOND LESSON

A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

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.

3:1-12 (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

¶ The People stand

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE 124 (STANZAS 1-3)

What star is this, with beams so bright

THE GOSPEL

¶ The Deacon or Priest sings

The Holy ✠ Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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.

2:1-12 (NRSV)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

¶ The People sit

THE HOMILY

¶ The People stand

THE NICENE CREED

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

¶ The Deacon bids the Prayers of the People, saying
With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died ✕ in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

*¶ The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect. The People respond **Amen.***

¶ The Deacon says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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 of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

¶ The Ministers and People may greet one another

¶ The People sit. The Celebrant says an Offertory sentence

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Three kings have journey'd from the eastern land,
A star hath led them to Jordan's strand,
And in Judea, inquire the three,
Where the newborn infant King may be?
With gold and myrrh and incense sweet,
they bring the Holy Child an offering meet.

¶ *Sung in Latin by the cantor*

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.

from: *Missa Lux et Origo*

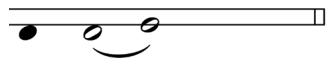
¶ *The Celebrant continues, recalling Jesus' incarnation, the last supper, and Jesus binding his presence to that of the bread and wine*

... Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

¶ *The Celebrant continues*

... Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.



A - MEN.

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

Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal-low-ed
be thy Name, thy king-dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea-ven. Give us this day our
dai-ly bread. And for-give us our tres-pas-ses,
as we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us. And lead
us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us
from e-vil. For thine is the king-dom, and the power,



¶ *The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept*

¶ *Sung in Latin by the cantor*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

from: *Missa Lux et Origo*

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

¶ *Facing the People, the Celebrant may say an invitation to Communion*

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, love divine;
Love was born at Christmas,
Star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead,
Love incarnate, love divine;
Worship we our Jesus:
But wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token,
Love shall be yours and love be mine,
Love to God and all men,
Love for plea and gift and sign.

Love Came Down at Christmas
Text: Christina Rossetti (1865-1936)
Music: Eric Thiman (1900-1975)

¶ *Following Communion, the People stand*

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, **we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

¶ The Celebrant says a ✠ blessing. The People respond **Amen.**

HYMN AT THE CLOSING 497

How bright appears the Morning Star

¶ The Deacon says a dismissal. The People respond
Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!
III. Toccata

Walter Pelz

The next Solemn Eucharist will be
Sunday, February 2, at 4:00 p.m.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

The Rev. Brian Wilbert, *Celebrant*
The Rev. JR Johnson, *Homilist*
The Rev. Lisa O'Rear, *Deacon*
The Very Bernard Owens, *Assisting*
Eric Travis, *Verger*
Alex Day, *Thurifer*
John Crichton, *Serving*
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