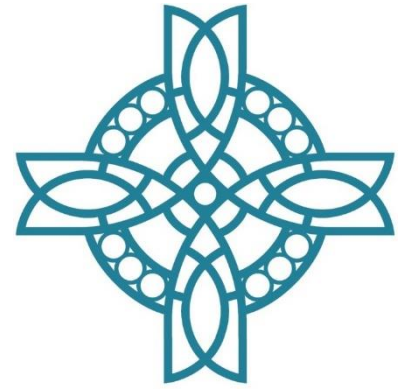


The Feast of the Epiphany

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ST. JOHN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH · LAFAYETTE



Welcome to ST. JOHN'S LAFAYETTE.

May today's worship give you a sense of Christ's peace and inspire you to God's service. If you are visiting with us, we invite you to worship, explore, ask questions, and help yourself to all our parish has to offer. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to an usher, a member of the clergy, or by filling out a guest card. Please visit stjohns-laf.org/guest or use the QR code.



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Epiphany Pageant & Holy Eucharist

Voluntary *We Three Kings*
How Bright Appears the Morning Star

Paul Manz

Hymn 119

Dix

Opening Sentences & the Collect of the Day

Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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 First Lesson

Genesis 1:16-19

God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

Hymn 117 stanzas 1-3

Morning Star

The Second Lesson

Genesis 15:5

The Lord brought Abram outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.'

Hymn 117 stanzas 4-5

Morning Star

The Third Lesson

Job 9:8-9

Who alone stretched out the heavens
and trampled the waves of the Sea;
who made the Bear and Orion,
the Pleiades and the chambers of the south?

Hymn 580 stanzas 1, 3, 4

Holy Manna

The Fourth Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Hymn 110

Venite adoremus

The Fifth Lesson

Luke 2:8-20

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Hymn 94

Winchester Old

The Sixth Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

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.

Hymn 128

Three Kings of Orient

The Prayers of the People

On this day when peoples from afar came to worship Jesus as Lord and King, let our prayers resound for the whole world.

Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

That the light of Christ may shine on all nations far and near and that the Church may welcome them in their diversity.

Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

That justice may flourish in our day and peace come to all the world.

Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

That all who look for a star to guide them may discover the goodness of the Lord in people of faith and goodwill.

Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

That in our Christian communities we may learn, like the wise men, to seek God, to share our treasure, and open our hearts.

Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

That God's people may hear the poor when they cry and open their hearts and hands to those in need.

Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

That all who are sick or suffering may find comfort in the presence and promises of God.
Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

That all who have died will find rest in God's eternal Kingdom.
Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

The presider concludes

Lord our God, we rejoice that you have come near us in Jesus your Son. May his light, the light that enlightens the world, enlighten us now and for ever. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Then the people greet one another in the name of Christ.

The Great Thanksgiving

Offertory

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. -Isaiah 60:3

Offertory Anthem A New Year Carol

Benjamin Britten

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The Holy Eucharist Eucharistic Prayer B

<i>Presider</i>	<i>People</i>
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It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
 earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation...

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

The people and presider say together

**We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;**

The presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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....

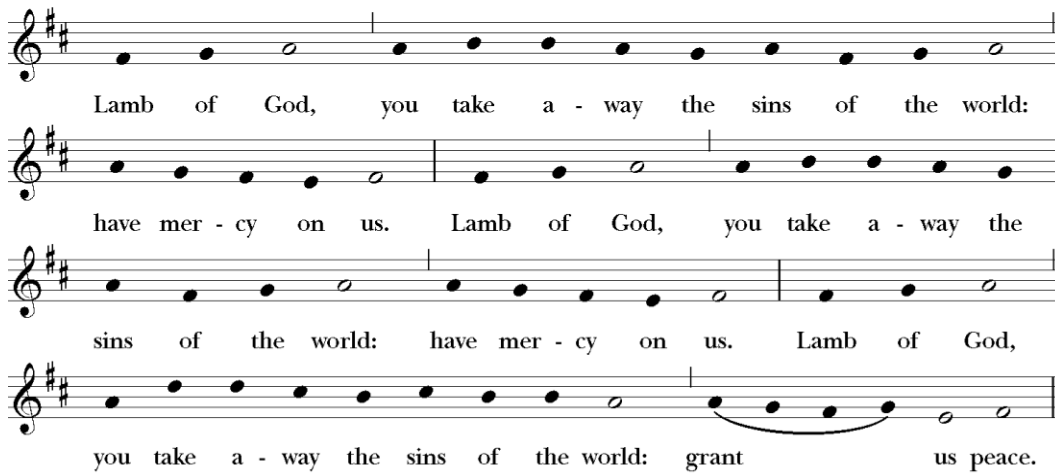
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Presider *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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Invitation & Communion of the People

The consecrated Bread and Wine are living signs of the presence of Christ in this gathering. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion; however, no one who comes forward will be refused. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please ask when you come forward.

Music during Communion

Hymn 497
Hymn 127

*Wie schön leuchtet
Stuttgart*

Please stand or kneel as you are able for

The Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

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.

Epiphany Blessing

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn 124

Puer nobis

The Dismissal

A member of the clergy dismisses the people. The people respond

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary *Fugue on a Theme of the Soissons Cathedral Carillon*

Maurice Duruflé



Those Serving

Presider	Jason Fortner
Assisting Clergy	Bradley Pace
MC	George Moore
Acolytes	Corie Cremer, Kendall Cremer, Greg McClure
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Ushers	Ray Polstra, Carl Taylor
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