



**The Epiphany  
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January 4, 2026, 10:00 AM  
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# HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite II

## WORD OF GOD

**Prelude**

Bells of Joy by Penelope Rodriguez

**Michael Mulder**

**Opening Hymn**

Unto us a boy is born!

**Hymnal # 98**

**Opening Sentences**

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

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

**Collect for Purity**

**Celebrant and People: 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**

Angels we have heard on high

**Hymnal #96**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: 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: Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading**

**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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 72:1-7,10-14** *Deus, iudicium*

**BCP 685**

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.**

**New Testament Reading**                      **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.

Lay Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People:            Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

**Sequence Hymn**

As with gladness men of old

**Hymnal # 119**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew [2:1-12]

**People:            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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Rev. Judy Ferguson**

**Profession of Faith (South Indian),** *said together, standing*

**We believe in God, who creates all things,  
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,  
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.**

**We believe in God as the source of all life,  
who baptizes this planet with living water.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,  
the malnourished one, the climate refugee,  
who loves and cares for this world  
and who suffers with it.**

**And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,  
who came to reconcile and renew this world  
and everything in it.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,  
who moves with God  
and who moves among and with us today.**

**We believe in everlasting life in God.**

**And we believe in the hope that one day  
God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.**

**Prayers of the People**

**Form V**

**BCP 389**

Leader: In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy." For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For Sean our Presiding Bishop; Matthew our Diocesan Bishop; Allen our Suffragan Bishop; and for all bishops; for Judy our Priest-in-residence; and other ministers; and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For all who respect and are in awe of God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For those in positions of public trust that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For this congregation for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For all who have commended themselves to our prayers, especially **Bennett, Jean H., Sheryl and family, Ginny and Maar family, Dylan and Ann Marie, Jeffrey, Michelle B., Maureen, Rob K., Anne H., Nina T., Judy and Family, Janet, Katie, Annie, Mackenzie, Bill, Jennifer C., Christine, Marissa, Bro, Kathleen, Randy S., those who have lost their jobs; those who have been taken and put into detention centers, especially Ben and Ali;** and watch over those who care for them; that they may be delivered from their distress. We pray for guidance for the **resolution of conflicts around the world, all those who suffer injustice and violence in the US and abroad, mitigation of the effects of climate change, those who suffer from mental illness, and our Community Ministries. May those who govern, especially Donald our President, do so for the good of their people and with the respect and gentleness you show to those who are most weak and vulnerable.**

**Silence**

**Leader:** For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

**Leader:** Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Joseph, Elizabeth Ann Seton, *Vowed Religious and Educator* (1821); Sarah, Theodora, and Syncletica of Egypt, *Desert Mothers* (4th-5th Cent.); Harriet Bedell, *Deaconess and Missionary* (1969); Julia Chester

Emery, *Lay Leader and Missionary* (1922); William Laud, *Archbishop of Canterbury* (1645); and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

**People: To you, O Lord our God.**

**Leader:** Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

**BCP 360**

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: 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** *All stand.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

### **Announcements**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

### **Offertory Sentence**

Celebrant: Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. [*Hebrews 13:15, 16*]

**Offertory** Star of Wonder by Alan Bullard

**The St. James Choir**

**Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B**

**BCP 361**

Celebrant: The Lord 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 him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus** *Holy, holy, holy*

**LEVAS II # 255**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo -

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name

of the Lord, of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high -

est, ho - san - na in the high - est

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

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. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with blessed James and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. **AMEN!**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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

### **Communion Music**

We three kings of Orient are

**Hymnal # 128**

### **Postcommunion Prayer**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**BCP 365**

**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 Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn**

What star is this, with beams so bright

**Hymnal # 124**

### **Dismissal**

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### **Postlude**

Allegro by Boellmann

**Michael Mulder**



**Harriet Bedell, Deaconess and Missionary (1969):** Harriet Bedell, born in Buffalo, New York, on March 19, 1875, enrolled in the New York Training School for Deaconesses, where she was instructed in religion, missions, teaching, and health. She became a missionary teacher among the Cheyenne at the Whirlwind Mission in Oklahoma; eventually being adopted into the tribe and given the name "Bird Woman." In 1916, Bedell was sent to Stevens Village, Alaska. She served as a teacher and nurse at St. John's in the Wilderness at Allakaket, just 40 miles south of the Arctic Circle, from which she sometimes traveled by dogsled to remote villages. There Bedell opened a boarding school. In 1932, hearing about the plight of the Seminoles in Florida, Bedell used her own salary to reopen a mission among the Mikasuki Indians. She worked to revive some of their traditional crafts: dollmaking, basket-weaving, and intricate patchwork designs. The arts and crafts store that they established to sell their handicrafts improved the economy of the Blades Cross Mission. Forced to retire at age 63 [in 1938], Bedell continued her ministry of health care, education, and economic empowerment until 1960 when Hurricane Donna wiped out her mission. Active into her

eighties, Deaconess Bedell drove an average of 20,000 miles per year during her ministry. She was one of the most popular writers in the Episcopal mission periodical, *The Spirit of Missions*. The Diocese of Southwest Florida has long celebrated Harriet Bedell Day on January 8, the anniversary of her death in 1969.

### **Continuing Prayer List**

*Sara, Pam P., Biran S., Kate C., Kristin and Gizzi Family, Robert and family, Morgan, Susan and Dan S., St. Luke's Haiti, Lee, Barry, Ben, Will and family, John R., Rebecca, Teddy and Jeff, Vince, Ann B., Joyce and Douglas K., Betsy, Mike Marshall and family, John W. and Susan, Thomas, Jeanette, Dean W., Rachel D., Matilda, Walter and family, Eileen, Sister CG, Jackie A., Abdul and Mohammed, Joanne and Marie, Mazza family, Robert, Celia, Felix, Sue, Ewa, Jeannie and Margaret, Ross, Abu, Carmine S., Liv C.*



## Upcoming Services & Events

- January 11:** *First Sunday after the Epiphany; Baptism of Our Lord; Holy Eucharist at 10 am*
- January 18:** *Second Sunday after the Epiphany; Holy Eucharist service at 10 am*
- January 25:** *Third Sunday after the Epiphany; Holy Eucharist service at 10 am*
- February 1:** *Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany; Holy Eucharist service at 10 am*
- February 8:** *Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany; Holy Eucharist service at 10 am*
- February 15:** *Last Sunday after the Epiphany; Holy Eucharist service at 10 am*
- February 22:** *First Sunday in Lent; Holy Eucharist service at 10 am*

