

**CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY  
THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY  
January 10, 2021 – 10:30am**



*Adoration of the Magi—unknown artist, Nigeria*

**PROCESSIONAL**

*We Three Kings of Orient Are*

Hymn 128

<sup>1</sup> We three kings of Orient are,  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
Following yonder star.

**O star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright;  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect Light!**

<sup>2</sup> Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
Gold I bring to crown him again,  
King for ever, ceasing never  
Over us all to reign.

<sup>3</sup> Frankincense to offer have I:  
Incense owns a Deity nigh;  
Prayer and praising, gladly raising,  
Worship him, God Most High.

<sup>4</sup> Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume  
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

<sup>5</sup> Glorious now behold him arise,  
King and God and Sacrifice;  
heaven sings alleluia:  
alleluia the earth replies.

*Celebrant  
People*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*Celebrant  
People  
Celebrant  
People*

There is one Body and one Spirit;  
**There is one hope in God's call to us;**  
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
**One God and Father of all.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
**People**        **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*      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

*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.**

## THE PSALM

*Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13*

**All**            **Lord, ev'ry nation on earth will adore you.**  
*Lector*      O God, give your judgment to the king, to a king's son your justice,  
that he may judge your people in justice, and your poor in right judgment.

**All**            **Lord, ev'ry nation on earth will adore you.**

*Lector* In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace till the moon is no more.  
He shall rule from sea to sea, from the river to the bounds of the earth.

**All** **Lord, ev'ry nation on earth will adore you.**  
*Lector* The kings of Tarshish and the islands shall pay him tribute.  
The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts.  
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him.

**All** **Lord, ev'ry nation on earth will adore you.**  
*Lector* For he shall save the needy when they cry, the poor, and those who are helpless.  
He will have pity on the weak and the needy, and save the lives of the needy.

**All** **Lord, ev'ry nation on earth will adore you.**

**THE EPISTLE**

*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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.  
**People** **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL HYMN**

*As With Gladness Men of Old*

Hymn 119

<sup>1</sup> As with gladness men of old  
did the guiding star behold;  
as with joy they hailed its light,  
leading onward, beaming bright;  
so, most gracious Lord, may we  
evermore be led to thee.

<sup>2</sup> As with joyful steps they sped  
to that lowly manger-bed;  
there to bend the knee before  
him whom heaven and earth adore;  
so may we with willing feet  
ever seek the mercy-seat.

<sup>3</sup> As they offered gifts most rare  
at that manger rude and bare;  
so may we with holy joy,  
pure and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ! to thee, our heavenly King.

<sup>4</sup> Holy Jesus! every day  
keep us in the narrow way;  
and, when earthly things are past,  
bring our ransomed lives at last  
where they need no star to guide,  
where no clouds thy glory hide.

continued...

<sup>5</sup> In the heavenly country bright,  
need they no created light;  
thou its light, its joy, its crown,  
thou its sun which goes not down;  
there forever may we sing  
alleluias to our King.

**THE GOSPEL**

*Matthew 2:1-12*

*Celebrant*  
**People**

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.

*Celebrant*  
**People**

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**SERMON**

Fr. Stace Tafoya

**BAPTISM MUSIC**

*Crying in the Chapel*

Artie Glenn

**HOLY BAPTISM**

David Anver

*Celebrant*  
**Sponsors**

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.  
**We present David Becker Anver to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

*Celebrant*  
Candidate

Do you desire to be baptized?  
I do.

*Celebrant* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?  
*Candidate* I renounce them.

*Celebrant* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?  
*Candidate* I renounce them.

*Celebrant* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?  
*Candidate* I renounce them.

*Celebrant* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?  
*Candidate* I do.

*Celebrant* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?  
*Candidate* I do.

*Celebrant* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?  
*Candidate* I do.

*Celebrant* Will you who witness these vows to all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?  
**People We will.**

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

#### **THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?  
**People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?  
**People I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?  
**People I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?  
**People I will with God's help.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

#### **PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE**

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

*Leader* Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.  
**People** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open his heart to your grace and truth.  
**People** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
**People** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.  
**People** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
**People** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send him into the world in witness to your love.  
**People** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
**People** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* 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 forever. Amen.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* 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, Father, 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 for ever 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 for ever. Amen.

## THE BAPTISM

*Celebrant* David Becker I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this 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.

David, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**All 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.**

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

## OFFERTORY

*And Did Those Feet in Ancient Time*

William Blake

**DOXOLOGY Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, all creatures here below  
Praise Him above the Heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost**

## HOLY COMMUNION

*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 every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Hymn S-125

*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 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

*Celebrant*

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. John the Baptist 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.** Hymn S-146

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

**All**            **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.**

**All Sing**

(Belmont)

**Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the feast;  
Blood of Christ, shed for us, take in remembrance of Him, in remembrance of Him.**

*Celebrant*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION MUSIC

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

Hymn 82

<sup>1</sup> Of the Father's love begotten,  
ere the worlds began to be,  
he is Alpha and Omega,  
he the Source, the Ending he,  
of the things that are, that have been,  
and that future years shall see,  
evermore and evermore!

<sup>3</sup> Let the heights of heaven adore him;  
angel hosts, his praises sing;  
powers, dominions, bow before him,  
and extol our God and King;  
let no tongue on earth be silent,  
every voice in concert ring,  
evermore and evermore!

<sup>2</sup> O that birth forever blessed,  
when the Virgin, full of grace,  
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,  
bore the Savior of our race;  
and the babe, the world's Redeemer,  
first revealed his sacred face,  
evermore and evermore!

<sup>4</sup> Christ, to thee with God the Father,  
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,  
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving,  
and unwearied praises be;  
honor, glory and dominion,  
and eternal victory,  
evermore and evermore!

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**All** **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.**

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL

*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

Hymn 135

<sup>1</sup> Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,  
manifested by the star to the sages from afar;  
Branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem;  
anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

<sup>2</sup> Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
and at Cana, wedding-guest, in thy Godhead manifest;  
manifest in power divine, changing water into wine;  
anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

<sup>3</sup> Manifest in making whole palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might;  
manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill;  
anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

<sup>4</sup> Manifest on mountain height, shining in resplendent light,  
where disciples filled with awe thy transfigured glory saw.  
When from there thou ledest them steadfast to Jerusalem,  
cross and Easter Day attest God in man made manifest.