

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY (Observed)
January 4, 2026 – 10:15 AM



The Work of Christmas by Howard Thurman

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the Kings and Princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins.
To find the lost.
To heal the broken.
To feed the hungry.
To release the prisoner.
To teach the nations.
To bring Christ to all.
To make music in the heart.*

Prelude *Offertoire in A Major*

Alex Guilmant

An Epiphany Observance

The service begins at the door

Welcome

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Opening Narration #1

Katharine Benziger

The Epiphany Chalking of the Door

Celebrant: Peace to this house of God.

All: And to all who gather here for worship.

Celebrant: Let us pray together

All: From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial.

Celebrant: We mark this doorway to proclaim our intention to follow in the way of wisdom, the way of light, the way of love, the way of our Savior.

Narration continues

Reader: Traditionally, the first mark is the century since Christ's birth ... so we will mark a 20. This is followed by the initials of the magi -C for Caspar, M for Melchior and B for Balthasar. C, M, B also stands for the *Latin phrase "Christus mansionem benedicat"* (*Chris-tus man-see-on-em bene - di -cat*) which means "Christ bless this house".

Then, at the far-right end, the current year is marked ... 25.

Finally, crosses are placed between the numbers and initials.

So this year, the marking is 20 + C + M + B + 25.

Processional Hymn #128 - “We three kings” – *The congregation sings verses 1 & 5 with verses 2, 3, & 4 sung as solos by the Magi.*

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn #96 - “Angels we have heard on high” vs. 1

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

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.

Narration #2

Ruairi O’Neill

Hymn #83 - “O come all ye faithful” vs. 1 & 5

The Narration #3

Angelina O’Neill

Hymn #127 - “Earth has many a noble city” - vs. 1

Narration #4

Sharon Babb

Hymn #115 - “What child is this?”

Narration #5

Jeremy Lees

Hymn #119 - “As with gladness men of old” - vs. 1-3

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

People: Praise 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.

Hymn #119 - "As with gladness men of old" - vs. 4 & 5

Narration #6

Barbara Tuzio

The Peace

Please share the peace with those in your pew and a distanced greeting with others.

Celebrant: My brothers and sisters, the peace of the Lord be always with you!
People: And also with you!

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: Let us with gladness present our offerings of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Hymn - *Elevation in F Major*

Alex Guilmant

The Doxology

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A p. 361

Sanctus #S130

The Eucharistic prayer continues p. 361

The Lord's Prayer p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread p. 364

Fraction #S164 Willan

The Communion of the People

All are welcome to receive Communion. If you are unable to go to the Altar, please notify an Usher. Communion will be brought to you. Those who desire to receive the wine may do so by intinction, which is to dip the host into the consecrated wine. It is available to all but required of none.

Communion - Cantabile *in F Major*

Alex Guilmant

The 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 #117 - “*Brightest and best*”

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia.

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

Postlude *Magnificat in G Major*

Alex Guilmant



The Altar flowers are given to the glory of almighty God.

Service Participants

Con Celebrants:	The Reverend Kathryn L. King, The Reverend Mary Frances Schjonberg
Verger:	Clayton Smith
Chalice:	Rick Hager, Hilary Morse
Acolyte:	
Lectors:	Katharine Benziger, Ruairi O'Neill, Angelina O'Neill, Sharon Babb, Jeremy Lees, Barbara Tuzio
Organist:	John Milas
Three Kings:	Lauren Boyle, Angelina O'Neill, Holly Canales
Ushers:	Joe DeAmicis, Chris Neibling, Frank Mulligan
Altar Guild:	Laurie Doran, Barbara Murray
Hospitality:	Hilary & Wayne Morse

Your prayers are requested

For the week of January 4, we bid your prayers for:

Please remember in your prayers those on our prayer list

Savannah Rose, James Spencer Burwinkle, Chris K., Katie, Mark Smith, Greta S., Anita B., Marianne S., Laura R., Iryna Zarutsky, Len, Martha, Francis Shaughnessy, Donna, Sabina, Jen, Joyce L., Roseanne & Thomas S., Nancy, Henry, Barb, Greg, Laurie, Karen, Sgt. Billy Huether, John, and Dick.

Those who will celebrate birthdays this week, especially **John Copman.**

CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY! Our liturgy this morning includes traditional aspects of observing Epiphany including the Chalking of the Door and an Epiphany Pageant. Following the service please join in coffee hour. There will be a special Epiphany craft available as well as take-home-blessing kits to chalk your doors and bless your homes.

**Epiphany Open House at the Rectory,
Today, 4:30-7 PM**

Do You Want To Build A Snowman??



WINTER CRAFT AND MEETING The Women's Guild will host their first meeting of the new year on Tuesday, January 20th at 12 noon in Bristol Hall. Please bring a bag lunch and an ice cream dessert will be provided.



Coffee Hour Hosts Needed! Please sign up and take a turn hosting Coffee Hour. Wayne Morse has agreed to take on coordinating this vital welcome ministry. It is very easy, and there is help available in making coffee, putting out food, etc. You provide some snacks and serve as host(s). Great to do as a family or with friends.



Seeking Eucharistic Ministers - Would you like to serve at the altar and help with distributing the sacrament to your family of faith? We are seeking additional members who feel called to training and service as Eucharistic Ministers. Please speak with Clayton Smith or Rev. King.

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Mark your calendar **February 14th** – ***“Jazz Up Your Valentine’s Day”***
Concert 4:00PM at Bay Head Chapel