

**ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY (Observed)
January 5, 2025 – 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

An Epiphany Observance

The service begins at the door

Welcome

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Opening Narration #1

Linda Gyurko

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 Mark Durham

Hymn #83 - *"O come all ye faithful"* vs. 1-3

The Narration #3 Sharon Babb

Hymn #127 - *"Earth has many a noble city"*

Narration #4 Len Ludovico

Hymn #115 - *"What child is this?"*

Narration #5 Barbara Tuzio

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

Carol Przybylski

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!

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

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

Offertory Anthem: Sweet, Holy Child

Mary E. Caldwell

Doxology

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

p. 367

Sanctus #S125

Richard Proulx

The Eucharistic prayer continues p. 367

The Lord's Prayer p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread p. 364

Fraction S#164 Richard Proulx

The Communion of the People

All are welcome to receive Communion. If you are unable to go to the Altar for Communion, please notify an Usher. Communion will be brought to you. Those who desire to receive the wine may do so by sipping from the chalice or intinction, which is to dip the host into the consecrated wine. To drink from the chalice please hold the base of the chalice and guide it to your lips. It is available to all but required of none.

Communion Anthem: *Coventry Carol* Martin Shaw

Communion Hymn: **#657** "Love Divine, all loves excelling" Tune Hyfrydol

The Post-Communion Prayer p. 365

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 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, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, be among you, and those you love, always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn #117 - "Brightest and best"

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Postlude



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: Edwin Griffin, Rick Hager
Lectors: Barbara Tuzio, Mark Durham, Carol Przybylski,
Len Ludovico, Sharon Babb, Linda Gyurko
Organist: Barbara Klemp

Your prayers are requested

For the week of January 5, we bid your prayers for:

Please remember in your prayers those on our prayer list

Greta, Edward H., Jason, Florence, Barbs, Dominic, Hannah, Jen T., Sharon, Greg, Laurie, Joyce, Leslie B., Jim W., Martha H., Sarah, Laura, Alfredo, Linda R., Ian, Megan, Paula, Katherine C., Jorgy, Les, Pete, Pat, Yolande, Jen, Jim, Priscilla, Patti, Sabina, Rich and Lindsay Coda.

Those who will celebrate birthdays this week, especially John Copman, Wendy Johnson, Keith McBride, Betty Miller, Elliana Tommas, and Juliet Wentworth.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas through Epiphany at All Saints

Sunday, January 5th

The Feast of the Epiphany Observed 10:15 AM

Includes chalking of the doors and Kings pageant

*You Are Invited
Epiphany Open House
at the Rectory*

Sunday, January 5th,

4:30 – 7 pm

Carving Station provided

Hors d'oeuvres and Desserts

Welcome but not Expected

Please sign up on bulletin board to help with planning