Prelude: What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright -Franklin D. Ashdown

 Trish Rooney, Organist

Processional Hymn #117: Brightest and best

Psalm 72:1-7,10-14

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 a-/mong 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 gener-/ation to another.

6 He shall come down like rain u-/pon 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 op-/pressed who has no helper.

13 He shall have pity on the / lowlyand poor; \*
he shall preserve the / **lives** of the needy.

14 He shall redeem their lives from op-/pression and violence, \*
and dear shall their / blood be in his sight.

Gradual Hymn #119: As with gladness

Offertory Anthem: Falan-Tiding -arr. John R. Wood

Out of the orient crystal skies a blazing star did shine,

Showing the place where poorly lies a blessed babe divine,

Born of a maid of royal blood who Mary hight by name,

A sacred rose which once did bud by grace of heavenly flame.

This shining star three kings did guide e’en from the furthest East,

To Bethlehem where it betide this blessed babe did rest,

Laid in a silly manger poor, betwixt an ox and ass,

Whom these three kings did all adore as God’s high pleasure was.

And for the joy of his great birth a thousand angels sing:

‘Glory and peace unto the earth where born is this new king!’

The shepherds dwelling there about, when they this news did know,

Came singing all e’en in a rout, ‘Falan-tiding-di-do!’

Communion Hymn #128: We three kings

Recessional Hymn #124: What star is this

Postlude: Puer Nobis -David Cherwien

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