

Morning Prayer – Rite II

The Epiphany - Year B

January 10, 2021

Prelude: Chorale Fantasia “Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern” *D. Buxtehude*
(*How bright appears the morning star*) part 1
Wayne Hatwich, organist

Opening Hymn: “How bright appears the morning star” **Hymn #497**

1. How bright appears the Morning Star, with mercy beaming from afar; the host of heaven rejoices; O righteous Branch, O Jesse's Rod! Thou Son of Man and Son of God! We, too, will lift our voices: Jesus, Jesus! Holy, holy, yet most lowly, draw thou near us; great Emmanuel, come and hear us.
3. Rejoice, ye heavens; thou earth, reply; with praise, ye sinners, fill the sky, for this his Incarnation. Incarnate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great Conqueror, till all know thy salvation. Amen, amen! Alleluia, alleluia! Praise be given evermore, by earth and heaven..

Welcome and Announcements:

Officiant: Nations shall come to your light. And Kings to the brightness of your rising.

Officiant: Dearly Beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and in mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Officiant: 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; that before we might delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

Officiant: Lord open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.

Officiant: The Lord has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him.

Venite:

Come let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his for he made it,
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
Oh, that today you would harken to his voice!

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant: Lord open our lips

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

People: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

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 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.

The Lessons

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

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.

Here ends the Lesson.

Gradual Hymn:

“We Three Kings”

Hymn #128

2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring
to crown him again, King for ever, ceasing
never, over us all to reign. **Refrain**
3. Frankincense to offer have I: incense owns a
Deity nigh; prayer and praising, gladly raising,
worship him, God Most High. **Refrain**
4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life
of gathering gloom; sorrowing, sighing, bleeding,
dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. **Refrain**

Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!

Second Lesson

A Reading from Matthew

Matthew 2:1-12

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.

Here ends the Lesson.

The Sermon

The Reverend Douglas Rogers, Deacon

Hymn:

“What child is this”

Hymn #115

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?
Refrain
3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him. **(Refrain)**.

Refrain: This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels
sing; haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
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.
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. Amen

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us Pray.

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant and People

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.

The Collect of the Day

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.**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. **Amen.**

The Prayers

Today we especially remember those celebrating birthdays, *Judy Pike (01/14)*; *Olena Saenz (01/14)*; *Nancy Dale (01/16)*; and those celebrating anniversaries, especially *Robert Cranford & Nancy Smith (01/16)*.

For all those who have commended themselves to our prayers: especially Children and Families of Emmanuel, Mary, Maryanne, Owen, Nick, Rich, Sam, Patrick, Sean, and for our families, friends, neighbors, and for those who are alone. For all who have died, especially *Ellen Erkert*, *Larry Miller*, *Kristen Garza*, and *Douglas Hanserd*.

The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn:

“Brightest and Best”

Hymn #117

1. Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
star of the east, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.
4. Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
vainly with gifts would his favor secure;
richer by far is the heart's adoration,
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor
5. Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
star of the east, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Postlude:

Fugue on "Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern"
(How bright appears the morning star) part 2

D. Buxtehude

Announcements

The church remains closed for worship during mitigation. There are no in-person meetings.

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Services are broadcast on Facebook, and you do not need an account to view them.

Virtual Trivia: Tuesday, January 12, get your team together to play Trivia on Zoom \$10 per person. Sign up with Diane, don't worry if you don't have team, we will find you one.

Kacie Hackett's Trivia game raised \$10,000 for Restaurant Association of Washington Relief Fund, One Fair Wage Relief Fund, World Central Kitchen, and other relief funds for individuals in the restaurant and hospitality industry who have lost their jobs. As we enter "Season 2" of the trivia game, we're raising money for housing security for those facing uncertainty from COVID-19. A full list of organizations that we've donated to are listed here.

Book Club: Diane is starting a Book Club which will **meet at 7 pm Wednesday, January 13th** via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2990474775> - We will discuss Bishop Curry's book "Love is the Way" Hope you can join us!

During Todd Burton's vacation there is no Sunday Forum.

We welcome Andrea Mawyer as our new Parish Administrator. Andrea will be in the office on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 am to 2 pm.

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Assisting in the Liturgy

10:30 a.m. Readers: Cheryl Rogers and Mark Baldwin
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