

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

JANUARY 8, 2017

**FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY WITH PAGEANT
HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II — 10:00 A.M.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The opening music offers a time for prayer and meditation. Please silence all devices.

GATHERING MUSIC

Variations on “How Brightly Shines the Morning Star” D. Buxtehude

Please stand, as able, at the sound of the chimes.

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
People **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

HYMNAL #109 *The First Nowell* THE FIRST NOWELL
The Magi crèche figures arrive at the stable.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (Hymn #96, vss. 1 & 3)

*Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing through the night,
And the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.*

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

*Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing,
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

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.

People **Amen.**

THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Good News of Great Joy

SCENE I: The Prophecy of Isaiah

CAROL *sung by all at the end of this scene*

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

*O come, thou Branch of Jesse’s tree,
free them from Satan’s tyranny
that trust thy mighty power to save,
And give them vict’ry o’er the grave.*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

SCENE II: The Annunciation

CAROL *sung by all at the end of this scene*

*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!*

*O that birth for ever 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!*

SCENE III: The Nativity

SCENE IV: The Shepherds

SCENE V: The Magi

CAROL *sung by all at the end of this scene*

*Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

*The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.*

NICENE CREED *Please stand, if able.* Book of Common Prayer p. 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *standing or kneeling*

Reader Incarnate God,
People **Hear our prayer.**
Reader Gracious God:
All **By your love you have called us to proclaim with joy
the good news of your Son: So build us up in the knowledge
and love of Him, that we may welcome all people into this
community of faith, and show forth our service to you in
our service to others; through Jesus Christ Our Lord.
Amen.** *(Collect for St. John’s)*

THE PEACE *Please stand, if able.*

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

You are invited to share a sign of God’s peace with those around you.

WELCOME *Please be seated.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

*All are invited to share at the Lord’s table. At the altar railing you may stand or kneel
to receive the bread and the wine. You may drink from the cup or touch the bread to
the wine. If you prefer to receive a blessing you may indicate so by crossing your arms.
The common loaf is gluten-free.*

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

SOLO *Geistliches Wiegenlied (Holy Cradle Song)* J. Brahms

*Die ihr schwebet um diese Palmen in Nacht und Wind,
ihr heil’gen Engel, stilltet die Wipfel! Es schlummert mein Kind.
Ach, nun im Schlaf, ihm, leise gesänftigt, die Qual zerinnt,
Stillet die Wipfel, es schlummert mein Kind.
Grimmige Kälte sauset hernieder, womit nur deck ich des Kindleins Glieder?
O all ihr Engel, die ihr geflügelt wandelt im Wind,
stillet die Wipfel, es schlummert mein Kind.*

You that hover over the palm trees in night and wind,
O holy angels, quiet the branches! My child is asleep.
Ah, now in sleep, as stillness enfolds him, the pain will cease.
Quiet the branches, my child is asleep.
Bitter cold winds blow down, how shall I clothe him?
O all ye angels, who fly above us in the wind,
Quiet the branches, my child is asleep.

PRESENTATION *sung by all, standing if able* OLD HUNDREDTH

**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. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B *The prayer may be followed in the BCP on p. 367.*

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 God 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. ...
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:

SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS *sung by all* F. Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please remain standing or kneel, according to your custom.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; ...

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
People **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. ...

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.

People **AMEN.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant 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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION MUSIC

HYMNAL #119	<i>As With Gladness</i>	DIX
HYMNAL #124	<i>What Star Is This</i>	PUER NOBIS
HYMNAL #135	<i>Songs of Thankfulness and Praise</i>	SALZBURG
HYMNAL #112	<i>In the Bleak Midwinter</i>	CRANHAM

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *said by all, kneeling or standing*

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members
of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Please stand, as able, for the closing hymn.

HYMNAL #117 *Brightest and Best* MORNING STAR

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Celebrant May the babe of Bethlehem bring you peace.
May the child of Nazareth bring you joy.
May the man of Galilee bring you strength;
the Christ of Calvary bring you courage;
and the ascended Lord a foretaste of his glory.
And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and
Holy Spirit, be with you this day and always.

People **Amen.**

Deacon Our worship here is ended; now let our service begin.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY *Fantasy on "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"*
J. Pachelbel

You are invited to move forward to the choir stalls for the final music.

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TODAY WE PRAY WITH

Max, Gillian, Jim, Ginny, Nancy, Lorne, Burt, Mitch, Mae, Kathleen, Joan, Patricia, Amy, Irene, Mary Ellen, George, Monica, Fred, David, Ben, Steve, Ginny and Jack, Camille, Susan, Christopher, Tom Stanley and his platoon serving in Iraq, Sydney, Sara, Caroline, Sandy, Bill, Norma, Mildred, and those you would add.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In thanksgiving for the lives of Newton B. & Sarah S. Frost, Robin & Marguerite Baker Frost, David & Elizabeth Frost, Ralph & Ruth Brooks.

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE TODAY

CELEBRANT	<i>The Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson</i>
ASSISTING PRIEST	<i>The Reverend Kate Bradtmiller</i>
DEACON	<i>The Reverend Margaret Thor</i>
ALTAR GUILD	<i>Heather Joyce, Sylvia Moore, Sue Cadwell, Shirlee Gooch, Sabine Krall, Pam Strom</i>
ORGANIST	<i>Jayson R. Engquist, Director</i>
SOLOISTS	<i>Heather Hunt, Soprano; Walter Cogswell, Viola</i>
ACOLYTES	<i>Charlie Docherty, Maren Johnson, Elliot Wall, Aidan Schmidt</i>
VERGER	<i>Joan Potter</i>
USHERS & GREETERS	<i>Alden Drew & Mimie Pollard, Mary & Peter Gilbertson, Judy Southwick, Judy Stack-Nelson, Ella Slade</i>
COFFEE HOUR	<i>Olsen and Olson Families</i>

THANK YOU TO PAGEANT PARTICIPANTS

DIRECTOR *Heather Hunt*

As we move from Christmas into Epiphany, we celebrate with our annual Epiphany Pageant. We would like to heartily thank all children, youth, parents, volunteers and staff who help to make this warm, embracing celebration come to life!

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