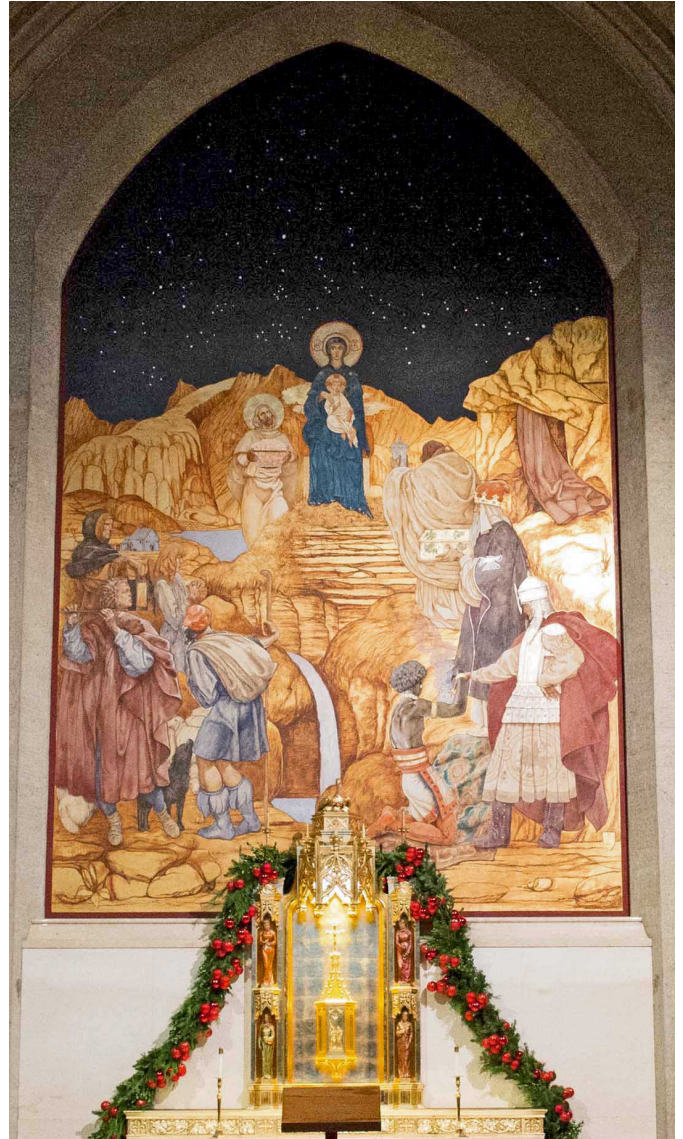




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Epiphany Lessons and Carols

Eve of the Epiphany • Thursday 5 January 2017

5:15 p.m.

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Our twelve-day celebration of Christmas is followed immediately by this more ancient feast. The early Church highlighted three manifestations (or “epiphanies”) of God in Jesus Christ at the Feast of The Epiphany: the recognition of the Christ Child by the Magi, the revealing of Jesus in the Spirit as God’s beloved child at his baptism in the Jordan, and the first of his signs at the wedding feast of Cana.

As the procession enters, we recall the movement of the heavenly Word into our world to be manifested as its everlasting Light, and begin to ponder the three themes of Epiphany in Scripture, prayer, music.

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VOLUNTARY

The Gathering

INTROIT

Sung in Latin.

William Walton

Choir *What cheer? Good cheer!* Be merry and glad this good New Year! Lift up your hearts and be glad In Christ’s birth, the angel bade, “Say each to other, if any be sad: ‘What cheer?’ Now the King of heav’n his birth hath take, Joy and mirth we ought to make; Say each to other, for his sake: ‘What cheer?’ tell you all with heart so free: Right welcome ye be to me; Be glad and merry, for charity!”
-Richard Hill

OPENING SENTENCE

The people stand as the procession enters.



Officiant Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **People** Thanks be to God.

COLLECT

Officiant Let us pray. Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

HYMN

Sung by all, standing.

Was lebet



1 O wor - ship the Lord in the beau - ty of ho - li - ness! Bow down be -
2 Low at his feet lay thy bur - den of care - ful - ness, high on his
3 Fear not to en - ter his courts in the slen - der - ness of the poor
4 These, though we bring them in trem - bling and fear - ful - ness, he will ac -
5 O wor - ship the Lord in the beau - ty of ho - li - ness! Bow down be -



fore him, his glo - ry pro - claim; with gold of o - be - dience, and
heart he will bear it for thee, com - fort thy sor - rows, and
wealth thou wouldst reck - on as thine; truth in its beau - ty, and
cept for the Name that is dear; morn - ings of joy give for
fore him, his glo - ry pro - claim; with gold of o - be - dience, and



in - cense of low - li - ness, kneel and a - dore him: the Lord is his Name!
an - swer thy prayer - ful - ness, guid - ing thy steps as may best for thee be.
love in its ten - der - ness, these are the of - ferings to lay on his shrine.
eve - nings of tear - ful - ness, trust for our tremb - ling and hope for our fear.
in - cense of low - li - ness, kneel and a - dore him: the Lord is his Name!

text: John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875); music: Rheinhardt MS, 1754

I. The Magi

COLLECT

The people stand.

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. **Amen.**

MATTHEW 2:1-12

The people sit.

The coming of the Magi

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.

ANTHEM

Peter Cornelius
The Three Kings

Choir (Solo) Three Kings from Persian lands afar to Jordan follow the pointing star: and this the quest of the travellers three, where the new-born King of the Jews may be. Full royal gifts they bear for the King; Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering. The star shines out with a steadfast ray; the kings to Bethlehem make their way, and there in worship they bend the knee, as Mary's child in her lap they see; their royal gifts they show to the King; gold, incense, myrrh are their offering. Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem the Kings are travelling, travel with them! The star of mercy, the star of grace, shall lead thy heart to its resting place. Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring; offer thy heart to the infant King.

(Chorale) How brightly shines the morning star! With grace and truth from heaven afar our Jesse tree now bloweth. Of Jacob's stem and David's line, for thee, my Bridegroom, King divine, my soul with love o'erfloweth. Thy word, Jesu, inly feeds us, rightly leads us, life bestowing. Praise, O praise such love o'erflowing.

HYMN 128

Sung by all, standing.

Three Kings of Orient

All **We three kings of Orient are bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.**
*O Star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*
**Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign. O Star ...**
**Frankincense to offer have I, Incense owns a Deity nigh
Pray'r and praising, all men raising, worship Him, God most high. O Star ...**
**Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume breathes of life of gathering gloom,
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. O Star ...**
**Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and sacrifice,
Heaven sings, "Hallelujah!" "Hallejulah!" Earth replies. O Star**

text: John Henry Hopkins Jr. (1820-1891), alt.; music: John Henry Hopkins Jr. (1820-1891)

II. The Baptism of Christ

COLLECT

The people stand.

Let us pray. Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

MATTHEW 3:13-17

The people sit.

Jesus is baptized in the river Jordan and his divine Sonship is manifested

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented.

And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

ANTHEM

Gerre Hancock

Choir **Deep river, my home is over Jordan I want to cross over into campground.
Oh, don't you want to go to that Gospel feast, that promised land where all is
peace?**

- American Spiritual

HYMN 139

Sung by all, standing.

Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam

1 When Je - sus went to Jor - dan's stream his Fa - ther's will o -
 2 The Ho - ly Spi - rit then was shown, a dove on him de -
 3 He came by wa - ter and by blood to heal our lost con -
 bey - ing, and was bap - tized by John, there came
 scend - ing; the Tri - une God is thus made known
 di - tion; he cleans - es, rec - on - ciles to God,
 a voice from hea - ven say - ing, "This is my dear be -
 in Christ as love un - end - ing. He taught, he healed, he
 and gives the Great Com - mis - sion. Then let us not heed
 lov - ed Son up - on whom rests my fa - vor."
 raised the dead, yet, in his great en - deav - or
 world - ly lies nor rest up - on our mer - it,
 And till God's will is ful - ly done he will not bend or
 to save us, his own blood was shed; but death could hold him
 but trust in Christ who will bap - tize with wa - ter and the
 wa - ver, for he is Christ the Sa - vior.
 nev - er. He rose, and lives for ev - er.
 Spi - rit that we may life in - he - rit.

text: Martin Luther (1483-1546); para. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.;
 music: melody from *Geystliche Gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524; harm. Lucas Osiander (1534-1604)

III. The Wedding at Cana

COLLECT

The people stand.

O God of steadfast love, at the wedding in Cana your Son Jesus turned water into wine, delighting all who were there. Transform our hearts by your Spirit, that we may use our varied gifts to show forth the light of your love as one body in Christ. **Amen.**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

ANTHEM

Sung in Latin.

Donald Nally

Choir My love and tender one are you,
My sweet and lovely son are you,
You are my love and darling one, unworthy, I of you. Hallelujah.
Your mild and gentle eyes proclaim,
The loving heart with which you came,
A tiny tender hapless bairn, with boundless grace of face. Hallelujah.
King of Kings, most holy one,
Gone the sun, eternal one,
You are my god and helpless son, high ruler of mankind.

HYMN 138

Carlisle



1 All praise to you, O Lord, who by your might - y power did
2 You speak, and it is done; o - be - dient to your word, the
3 Oh, may this grace be ours: in you al - ways to live and
4 So, led from strength to strength, grant us, O Lord, to see the



man - i - fest your glo - ry forth in Ca - na's mar - riage hour.
wa - ter red - dening in - to wine pro - claims the pres - ent Lord.
drink of those re - fresh - ing streams which you a - lone can give.
mar - riage sup - per of the Lamb, the great e - piph - a - ny.

THE HOMILY

The people sit.

The Prayers

COLLECT

The people stand.

Let us pray. Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

ANTHEM

The people sit.

Leo Sowerby

Choir Now there lightens upon us a holy daybreak. Alleluia.
Come, all good people, and praise the Lord with gladness.
For the star which we have looked for shines forth a sign to all people.
Alleluia.

- George Craig Stewart

THE EPIPHANY BLESSING

The people stand.

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,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**



1 Bright - est and best of the stars— of the morn - ing,
 2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing,
 3 Shall we then yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,
 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple o - bla - tion,
 5 Bright - est and best of the stars— of the morn - ing,



dawn on our dark - ness, and lend— us thine aid;
 low lies his head with the beasts— of the stall;
 o - dors of E - dom, and of - ferings di - vine,
 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure,
 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend— us thine aid;



star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,
 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
 gems of the moun - tain, and pearls— of the o - cean,
 rich - er by far is the heart's— a - dor - a - tion,
 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,



guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
 Ma - ker and Mon - arch and Sa - vior of all.
 myrrh from the for - est, and gold— from the mine?
 dear - er to God are the prayers— of the poor.
 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

text: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt.; music: James Proctor Harding (1850-1911)

VOLUNTARY

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