



The Epiphany
January 6, 2019
8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Welcome to Ascension!

For more information about our community, fill out a welcome card, found at either end of the pews, or take one of our welcome packets from a member of the Welcome Team or the table by the Church Office door.

Please silence your audible devices.

Beginning ten minutes before the service, please help us create a contemplative space by refraining from cell phone use or loud conversation.

*Within the service, the people read the parts in **bold print**.*

The Entrance Rite

(10:00 Service only - the 8:00 service begins with the Opening Acclamation)

Opening Voluntary (Organ)

"Prelude and Fugue in D major"

George Frederic Handel (1685-1759)

Introit

"As with gladness, men of old"

William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

The people stand and remain standing through the Collect of the Day.

Processional Hymn (10:00 a.m.) *Sung by all.*

"The first Nowell the angel did say"

1982 Hymnal # 109

The First Nowell

Opening Acclamation

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Priest and People

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

Spoken at 8:00 a.m., Sung at 10:00 a.m.

William Mathias

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
 peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-
 might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,
 on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;
 5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
 Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of
 God the Fa-ther. A-men.

The Collect for the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Priest Let us pray.

Priest and People

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.

The people sit.

The Word of God

The First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-60

Reader A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.** 🛎

Psalm 72: 1-7; 10-14 *8:00 a.m. service*

Give the King your justice, O God,
 and your righteousness to the King's Son;

That he may rule your people righteously
 and the poor with justice;

That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
 and the little hills bring righteousness.

He shall defend the needy among the people;
 he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,
 from one generation to another.

He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,
 like showers that water the earth.

In his time shall the righteous flourish;
 there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute,
 and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

All kings shall bow down before him,
 and all the nations do him service.

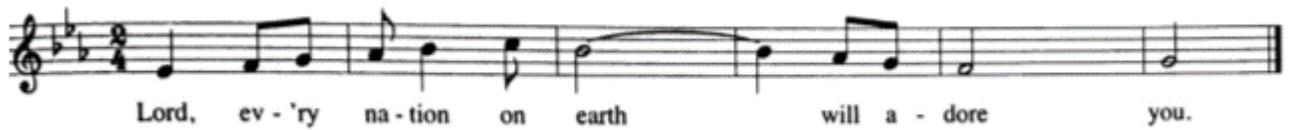
For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress,
 and the oppressed who has no helper.

He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;
 he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,
 and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

Verses chanted by the cantor; refrain sung by the people.

Refrain



The Second Reading (10:00 a.m.)

Ephesians 3:1-12

Reader A reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians.

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.** ☪

The people stand.

Sequence Hymn (10:00 a.m.)

Sung by all.

"We three kings of orient are" **1982 Hymnal # 128** *Three Kings of Orient*
Verses 1-4 before the Gospel, verse 5 following the Gospel

The Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory 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.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

Sermon

Rev. Javier Ocampo

The people stand.

The Nicene Creed *Priest and People*

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead, and his kingdom will have no
end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver
of life, who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped
and
glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Presider: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. We pray as pilgrims, "Lead us to your presence; let us see your glory!"

Litanist: Almighty God, grant to your Church wisdom. Work through our lives so that the example of our lives will reveal your love and your desire that all are well and happy. Align us to all your children who suffer from hunger, illness, unemployment, homelessness and violence.

Silence

Lead us to your presence;
Let us see your glory!

Litanist: Defend the needy, Lord Christ. Rescue the poor and thwart all the ways of oppression. We pray Lord that our Congress be united in providing high quality medical care for poor and rich alike.

Silence

Lead us to your presence;

Let us see your glory!

Litanist: The heavens reveal your wonders, O God. Give us eyes to see, hearts to follow, and lives that pay you homage. Inform our minds and hearts in the awareness that all the blessings of the earth flow from your creative, divine will so that all the people of the world may flourish. We offer thanksgivings for all the volunteers and funders of food banks, of homeless shelters, of local medical clinics, and of teachers and social workers who walk with and care for the poor.

We now invite your prayers of thanksgiving, either silently or aloud.

Silence

Lead us to your presence;

Let us see your glory!

Litanist: Bless all students as they return to school and university. May they find wisdom as well as knowledge, give them a hunger for your truth. We pray especially for the young children, middle school students, high school students, and college students of the Church of the Ascension. May they find joy in learning and may they find the way to their life's meaning.

Silence

Lead us to your presence;

Let us see your glory!

Litanist: Loving God, you are the help of the helpless and the deliverer of those in distress: bless and heal all those in need. We pray for our members who are struggling with serious illnesses to be healed and to be restored to our community.

We now invite your petitions to the Lord, either silently or aloud.

We pray for comfort, healing, courage and hope for **Sciou** Broderick, **Harriette** Eleanor Cooper, **Fredy** Diaz, **Peggy** Donnellon, **Cynthia** Dorssett, The Rev. **Jorge** Garcia, **Tana** Hight, **Marcia** Nobel, **Eduardo** Rincon , **Daniel** Pagan, **Olive** Rivera, **Ruthie** Swain, **Fran** Spina, **Michelle** Tapia, **Samuel** Tellu, **Suzanne** Winterhalter, **Myrtle** Brewer, **Maraget** Mirin, **Luis** Pedron and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, as well as for all those on our extended healing prayer list.

We pray for peace in the world and all who are serving our country here and abroad, especially those in harm's way, and their families.

Silence

Lead us to your presence;

Let us see your glory!

Litanist: Great redeemer, you have guided us to your presence; you have shown us your glory. Grant us that we might at last, see you face to face.

Silence

Lead us to your presence;
Let us see your glory!

Presider: Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

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

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord and are then seated.

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Anthem (10:00 a.m.)

Sung by the choir

"There shall a star come out of Jacob"

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Hymn at the Presentation (10:00 a.m.)

Sung by all, standing

"What star is this, with beams so bright"

1982 Hymnal # 124, verse 5

Puer nobis

To God the Father, heavenly Light, to Christ, revealed in earthly night,
To God the Holy Ghost we raise our equal and unceasing praise.

The Holy Communion

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 our thanks and**

praise.

Celebrant

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand.

Celebrant

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." 🕯

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." 🕯

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in

Christ, to the praise of your Name.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the ever Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, matriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant 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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

(8:00 a.m.) *Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

(10:00 a.m.) **Fraction Anthem** *Sung by all.* **1982 Hymnal S 154** David
Hurd (b. 1950)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The people sit.

Administration of the Sacrament: *All are welcome to the Lord's Table at Ascension. To receive communion, come to a communion station at the direction of the Welcome Team. Receive the bread in the palm of your hand. Eat the bread and then drink from the cup when it is offered to you, or you may hold the bread and dip it into the wine when the cup is offered to you.*

Gluten-free wafers are also available. Make your need known to the Clergy by holding up three fingers.

If you wish to receive a blessing rather than receive communion, please cross your arms on your chest – this will alert the Clergy of your desire to be blessed.

If you need communion brought to you please let a member of the Welcome Team know.

Healing Prayers: *If you would like to receive the laying on of hands for healing for yourself or another, go to the prayer annex beside the pulpit after receiving communion. A healing minister will be there to pray with you.*

Communion Hymns (10:00 a.m.)

"Twas in the Moon of Wintertime"
"Lord, Today"

Gather # 272
Gather # 279

Prayer after Communion

The people kneel or stand

Celebrant Let us pray.

**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 forever. *Amen.***

Choral Benediction

Sung by the choir.

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

Peter Lutkin (1858-1931)

The Blessing

Celebrant

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 God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. ***Amen.***

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. ***Amen.***

And the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. ***Amen.***

The people stand.

Recessional Hymn

Sung by all. (10:00 a.m.)

"O Zion, tune thy voice"

1982 Hymnal # 543

Eastview

Dismissal

Celebrant

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Closing Voluntary (Organ)

"Prelude and Fugue in G Major"

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-

1750)

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Worship Leaders

	Today	Next Sunday
Readers	8:00 am David Burton 10:00 am Susan Ahalt Betsy Hasegawa	Leslie Sanya
Prayers	8:00 am David Burton 10:00 am Gordon Donnelly	Leslie Sanya Susan McLaughlin
Chalicians	8:00 am Wadai Bright David Burton 10:00 am Sari Stoddard Swithin Kwamena-Poh	Edna Leake Leslie Sanya Major Clemens Esther Tellu
Healing Prayer Ministers	8:00 am Jean Cohn 10:00 am Susan McLaughlin	Lisa Murdoch Barb Mansfield
Acolytes	8:00 am Ron Hayden Aidan Douglas 10:00 am Roberta Taylor Monty Peterson Emmanuel Chukwurah	Raymond Chin Aidan Douglas Manny Johnson Nuelle Johnson Pete Minderman
Welcome Team	8:00 am Don Cohn Jean Cohn 10:00 am Avin Lalmansingh Carl and Clark Didavi Emmanuel Nwankwo	Frank Sanya Florence Sirleaf Nii Armah Akuete Ruby King Charles Dickson
Altar Guild	Shirley Allen Georgana Mainesx	Nancy Carman Liz Lennon Cynthia Perley
Hospitality Angels	8:00 a.m. Janet King 10:00 a.m. Kristin Fitzpatrick Sarah Gallagher	Peter Maroulis Betsy Balicao Pamela Novel
Flower Delivery	Hawa Clemens Eliane Dunn Johnson	Alice Padmore Esther Sawyer

Leadership at Ascension

Clergy

The Rev. Javier García Ocampo, *Priest in Charge*
The Rev. Nan Hildebrand, *Pastoral Associate*
The Rev. Eugene Wright, *Deacon*

Musicians

Andrew Kullberg, *Minister of Music*
Jesse Velazquez, *Spanish Service Musical Director*
The Ascension Choir
The Ensemble

Wardens

Betsy Hasegawa, *Senior Warden*
Zadinga Ogada, *Junior Warden*

Vestry

2019: Rose Buck, Janet King, John Pruessner
2020: Gordon Donnelly, Meredith Horan, Luis Pedron
2021: Susan McLaughlin, Berenice Rodriguez, Robert Waters
Sari Stoddard, *Clerk of the Vestry*
Avin Lalmansingh, *Treasurer*

Ministry Area Leaders

Megan Didavi, *Christian Formation for Children*
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Ted Bedell, *Facilities*
Avin Lalmansingh, *Finance*
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Javier Ocampo/Nan Hildebrand, *Pastoral Care*
Jean Cohn, *Personnel*
Curt Lindsay and Gary McLaughlin, *Worship*

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