



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

for the celebration of

THE EPIPHANY



January 5, 2025, 10 a.m.

**“He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.”**
– Psalm 72:4

Welcome to Christ Church Cathedral. We are the Cathedral for the Diocese of Western Massachusetts, and an active community serving greater Springfield. It is a blessing to have you with us today. If you are new here, we encourage you to fill out a Visitor's Card to receive more information. Our clergy and leaders would love to make a connection with you. Christ Church Cathedral is an open and inclusive community which invites all people to the incredible love of God, with no barriers of race, culture or sexual orientation. You are loved and welcomed here.

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During the week, please pray for those whom Christ's healing power has been requested:

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Please note that the Prayer List will be reset every 4 weeks, unless otherwise requested in the Main Office!

**THE OPENING VOLUNTARY – Improvisation on
WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET DER MORGENSTERN**

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Arise, Your Light Has Come (ELW)

1. A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey; Show
2. A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pri - son door; Pro -
3. A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born, Bind
4. A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song! Rise

forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day!
claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
up like ea - gles on the wing: God's power will make us strong.

THE OPENING SENTENCES

The people standing, the Celebrant says: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.**

THE FIRST READING: 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 *Deus, iudicium (spoken)*

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 SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:1-12

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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN: What Star is This, With Beams So Bright (The Hymnal 1982 - #124)

Unison or harmony

1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more beau - teous
2 True spake the pro - phet from a - far who told the
3 The guid - ing star a - bove is bright; with - in them
4 O Je - sus, while the star of grace im - pels us
5 To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to Christ, re -

1 than the noon - day light? It shines to her - ald
2 rise of Ja - cob's star; and east - ern sa - ges
3 shines a clear - er light, and leads them on with
4 on to seek thy face, let not our sloth - ful
5 vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly

1 forth the King, and Gen - tiles to his crib to bring.
2 with a - maze up - on the won - drous to - ken gaze.
3 power be - nign to seek the Giv - er of the sign.
4 hearts re - fuse the guid - ance of thy light to use.
5 Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, after John Chandler (1807-1876), alt.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Jane Beebe

Please stand as able

THE NICENE CREED

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 and the Son. 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 - FORM VI

The People may stand or kneel

Intercessor: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*
For all people in their daily life and work;

All: **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For Joseph, our President, and Donald, our President-Elect.

for Maura, our Governor, and Dominic, our Mayor.

For this Community; the Nation and the World;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, especially in the Middle East and Ukraine.

For those in sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

We pray for Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe and our Bishop, Doug Fisher.

We pray for Church Without Walls and the Big Blue Drop-in Center.

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence (The People may add their own petitions)

Hear us, Lord; **For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We are thankful for those celebrating **birthdays** this week, especially Sharyn M. Holstead, Peter Pappas, Juliet Hansen, Pauline J. Mortenson, Todd Shepard, Valerie Dulude, and Deborah (Mrs.) McCurdy. We pray for those celebrating **anniversaries** this week. We give thanks for the flowers adorning the sanctuary today, given to the Glory of God In loving memory of Toni Houston and Toni Carler by Liz and Mike Stevens. *Silence.*

We will exalt you, O God our King; **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for the departed, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We remember especially those whom we name aloud now; **(pause for names).**

We pray for those in the history of Christ Church Cathedral who died the week of January 5: Dorothy F. Simons, George Munroe, Kathryn Dana Tarrant, Addison P. Dingwall, Mayotta Southworth, Elizabeth Johnston, Dorothy Markarian, Juan Brown, Harold V. Brown, Robert Waleryszak, Mrs. Harry A. Wells, Watson H. Mosher, William C. Bemis, Christo Mellas, and Sally Kraynick.

Bless all those whose lives have been cut short by gun violence and war.

Give to the departed eternal Rest. **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy.

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *A period of Silence is kept.*

All: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

THE PEACE

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

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS



During the Offertory, the Altar is prepared. People may place pledges and donations in the collection basket during the offertory. You may also donate, and pledge online, just point your phone at the QR code to the left

THE OFFERTORY HYMN: We Three Kings (The Hymnal 1982 #128)

1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing
 2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and

1 gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
 2 bring to crown him a - gain, King for ev - er,
 3 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
 4 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
 5 God and Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al - le -

1 moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 2 ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
 3 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship him, God Most High.
 4 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 5 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

Refrain
 O star of won - der, star of night,
 star with roy - al beau - ty bright; west - ward lead - ing,
 still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

When all is in place, the Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right and a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to you Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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. 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:

THE SANCTUS: Holy, Holy, Holy (The Hymnal 1982 #S125)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

AMEN.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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.

The Celebrant says:

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM: Lamb of God (The Hymnal 1982 #S161)

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Lamb of God' in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.'

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.

Everyone is invited to receive the Holy Communion. Our practice is to stand or kneel at the altar rail in front, where the clergy will give you the host and then will give you the chalice. If you desire only a blessing and not the Communion, please indicate by crossing your arms before you. If you prefer Gluten-Free wafers or non-alcoholic grape juice, please tell the eucharistic ministers.

THE COMMUNION HYMN: As With Gladness, Men of Old (The Hymnal 1982 #119)

1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;
 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man - ger - bed;
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man - ger rude and bare;
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus! ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row way;
 5 In the heav - en - ly coun - try bright, need they no cre - a - ted light;

1 as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
 2 there to bend the knee be - fore him whom heaven and earth a - dore;
 3 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
 4 and, when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
 5 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down:

1 so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.
 2 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek the mer - cy - seat.
 3 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heav - en - ly King.
 4 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
 5 there for ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our King.

William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After the Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN: Walk in the Light (Glory to God)



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing,



Je - sus! The light of the world,



glo - ry to the new - born King,



Je - sus! The light of the world.



Walk in the light, beau - ti - ful light,



come where the dew drops of mer - cy shine bright,



shine all a - round us by day or by night,



Je - sus, the light of the world!

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!! Alleluia!!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!! Alleluia!!

THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY- "This Little Light of Mine"

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Participants in today's service

Celebrant/Preacher 10AM	The Reverend Jane Beebe
Deacon	The Reverend Dr. Kate Derose
Music Director	Dr. Colin Britt
Verger	Oswald Howard
Acolytes	Savannah Riley, Maame Asante, BiJou Asante, and Mark Betsher
Lectors	Peter Pappas, and Juliet Hansen
Intercessor	June Watson
Altar Guild 10AM	Mark Giddings, and Caroline Toner
Eucharistic Ministers 10A	Mark Giddings, and Jillian McLeod
Ushers	Nathaniel Green, and Laurel Stewart
Livestream Team	Brooke Larson, Laura Manship, and Yolanda Hernandez



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"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" – Matthew 6:21