

SERVICE OF THE LITURGY OF THE WORD  
WITH COMMUNION FROM THE RESERVED SACRAMENT

# THE EPIPHANY


*January 5, 2025, 8 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.

 **Christ Church Cathedral**  
Catedral Iglesia de Cristo  
Springfield, Massachusetts

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

Karen and Bob Soderstrom, Jim McBride, The Reverend Jerry True, Monique Ray Burwell, The Reverend Tom A. Callard, Milagros Lopez, Charlie Murrin and his family, Robert Jewell, Sr. and his family, Charlotte Carrington, Anne Westcott, Todd Shepard, Beverly Rourke, Ann Lincoln, Joyce Howard, David and Kathy Johnston, Karen and Rich Authier, Louise Amerman, Eleanor Parke, Blaise and her family.

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

## **THE OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*The people standing*

*Officiant* 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.**

*Please be seated.*

## **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.

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

## **THE PSALM: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 *Deus, iudicium***

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.

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### **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 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; for Maura, our Governor, for 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, and 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 including: 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.**

Let us pray for the election of a new Dean:

**All** Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a dean for this Cathedral, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Officiant* 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.**

*Officiant* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us 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.**

## THE PEACE

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

## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

## COMMUNION FROM THE RESERVED SACRAMENT

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Officiant:* Let us Pray:

*All:* **Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Officiant:* 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.**

### THE INVITATION

*The Officiant says:*

This is the table, not of the church but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; You who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before; You who have tried to follow and you who have failed; Come, not because the Church invites you; It is Christ, and he invites you to meet him here. All who care to receive the Eucharist today are welcome to come forward to kneel or stand at the rail.

*-The Iona Community*

### *ADMINISTRATION FROM THE RESERVED SACRAMENT NOW OCCURS*

*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.  
Gluten-free wafers are available.*

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Officiant:* Let us pray:

**Gracious Father, we give you praise and thanks for this Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of your beloved Son Jesus Christ, the pledge of our redemption; and we pray that it may bring us forgiveness of our sins, strength in our weakness, and everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

*Officiant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen**

### THE DISMISSAL

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

*All:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!!**

# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL CATEDRAL IGLESIA DE CRISTO

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## Participants in today's service

Officiant 8AM	Mark Giddings
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Music Director	Dr. Colin Britt
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Intercessor	Thomas Oneil
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Eucharistic Minister 8A	Lee Kirk
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“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” – Matthew 6:21