

First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Year A)

January 8, 2022 ❖ 9:00 am

The Word of God

PRELUDE

Three Kings

Peter Cornelius (1824-1874)

Scott Ziemann, bass solo

*Three kings from Persian lands afar
To Jordan follow the pointing star:
And this the quest of the travelers 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.*

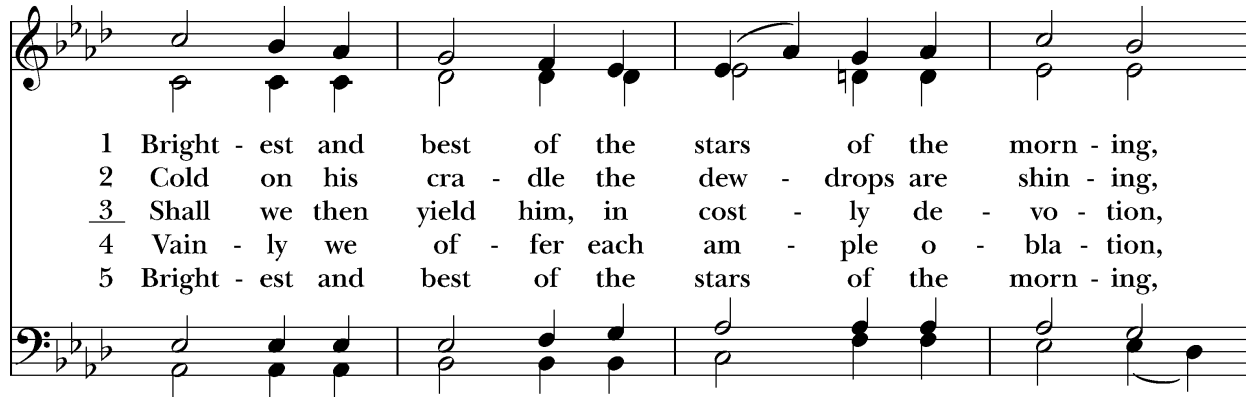
*Thou child of man - lo, to Bethlehem
The kings are traveling - travel with them!
The star of mercy, the star of grace,
Shall lead thy heart to its resting-place.
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring;
Offer thy heart to the infant King!*

ENTRANCE HYMN

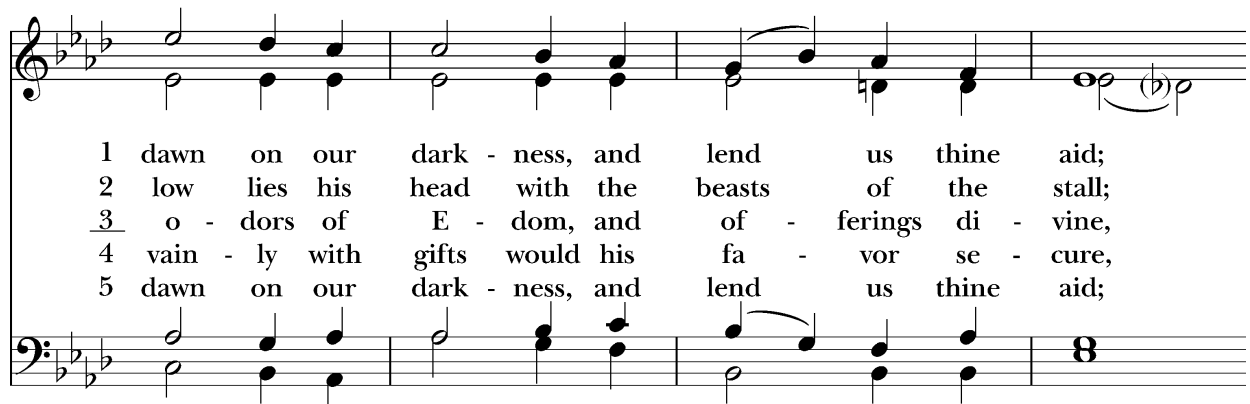
Hymnal 117

Brightest and best

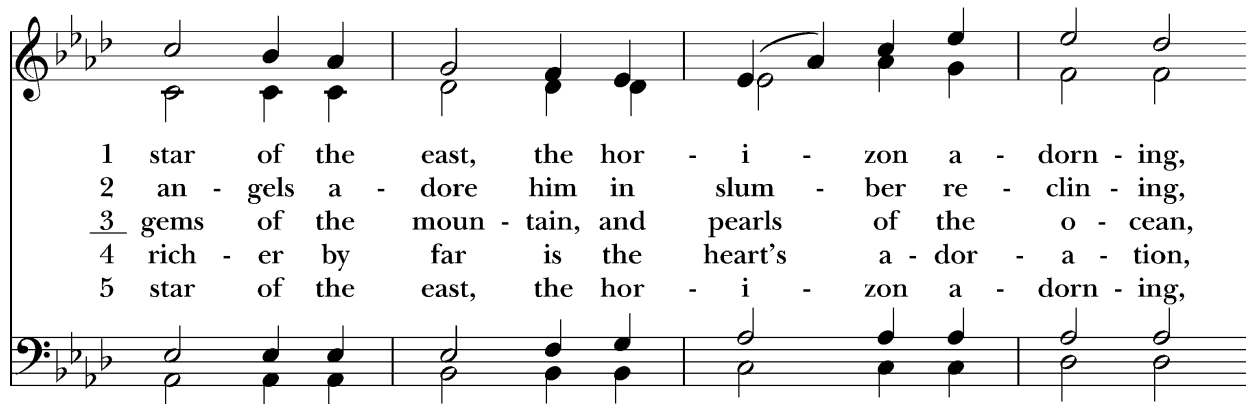
Morning Star



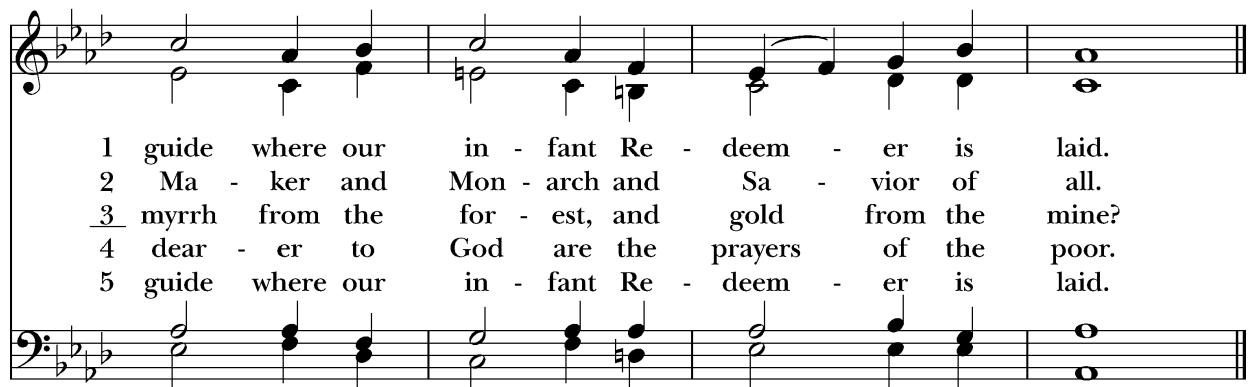
1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing,
3 Shall we then yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,
4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple o - bla - tion,
5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



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



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



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

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant 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.*

HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymnal 121

Christ, when for us you were baptized

Caithness

1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spi - rit on you came,
2 God called you his be - lov - ed Son, called you his ser - vant true,
3 Straight - way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed his call
4 Bap - tize us with your Spi - rit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,

as peace - ful as a dove and yet as ur - gent as a flame.
sent you his king - dom to pro - claim, his ho - ly will to do.
free - ly as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.
that, like - wise in God's ser - vice we may per - fect free - dom find.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant 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.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-9

Reader A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
²He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
³a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.”
⁵Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
⁶”I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
⁹See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.”

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

PSALM: Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; ***
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; ***
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶**he makes Lebanon skip like a calf, ***
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

⁷The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁸**The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe ***
and strips the forests bare.

⁹And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, “Glory!”

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; ***
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

¹¹The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43

Reader A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

³⁴Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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

SEQUENCE

Hymnal 120

The sinless one to Jordan came (vss. 1-3)

Solemnis haec festivitas



1 The sin - less one to Jor - dan came,
 2 Up - ris - ing from the wat - ers there,
 3 A - bove him see the heaven - ly Dove,
 4 How blest that mis - sion then be - gun
 5 O Christ, may we bap - tized from sin,
 6 On you may all your peo - ple feed,



1 and in the riv - er shared our stain;
 2 the Fa - ther's voice did then de - clare
 3 the sign of God the Fa - ther's love,
 4 to heal and save a race un - done!
 5 go forth with you a world to win:
 6 and know you are the Bread in - deed,



1 God's right - eous - ness he thus ful - filled,
 2 that Christ, the Son of God, had come
 3 now by the Ho - ly Spi - rit shed
 4 Straight to the wil - der - ness he goes
 5 grant us the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power
 6 who gives e - ter - nal life to those



1 and chose the path his Fa - ther willed.
 2 to lead his scat - tered peo - ple home.
 3 up - on the Son's a - noint - ed head.
 4 to wres - tle with his peo - ple's foes.
 5 to shield us in temp - ta - tion's hour.
 6 that with you died, and with you rose.

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

¹³Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

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

Please join in singing the last verse of the hymn as the procession returns.

SERMON

A period of meditative silence follows the Reflection.

THE 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

Intercessor Lord Jesus Christ, light of the world, illumine our hearts by your Word and sacraments, that in our daily commitments and through our earthly course, you might be manifest in our lives, as we come to know you, to worship and obey you.

Lord, in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for the Church; may we be filled with the joy that moves mountains and the peace that radiates in our lives. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, John, our Bishop, Shane, our new Rector, and for all who serve you in your Church. Bless our common life together.

Lord, in your mercy

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for those who lead the nations of the world, and for all countries and people. May they do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you.

Lord, in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for the needs of those affected by war, poverty, and illness. Give us the grace and the strength to mend what is broken, to heal where we see hurt, to boldly love in the face of hatred.

Lord, in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray in thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life. Give us eyes to see and hearts to cherish your many gifts to us. We give thanks for

_____.

Lord in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for the earth, your creation entrusted to our care; may we use its resources wisely in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, remembering especially _____ . Give peace to the dying, comfort to the grieving, hope to the aged and infirm; sustain them with your loving grace and help us to see and respond to their needs.

Lord in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for those who have died; receive them into the arms of your mercy. We remember _____.

Lord in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Los Reyes siguen (the Kings follow the star)

Francisco Guerrero (1528-1599)

*Los Reyes siguen la estrella sigue al Señor,
y el Señor de llos y della sigue y busca al pecador.*

*Teniendo de Dios noticia, buscan con divino zelo,
la estrella al solde justicia, los Reyes al Rey del dielo.*

*Guiados sode una estrella, la estrella de su Señor,
y el Señor de llos y della sigue y busca al pecador.*

*The Kings follow the star, the star follows the Lord.
And the Lord of all follows and seeks the sinner.*

*Bearing news of God, they seek with divine zeal
the star, the sun of justice, the Kings the King of heaven.*

*Guided by a star, the star of their Lord,
And the Lord of all follows and seeks the sinner.*

Translation by The Rev. Dr. Barbara Stewart

OFFERTORY HYMN

Hymnal 124

What star is this

Puer nobis

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.

The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Hymnal S-125

Proulx

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.

(Hymn continues on next page.)

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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;**

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.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Michael and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

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.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey you are welcome to come forward to receive the consecrated wine and wafers. Wine will be served by our chalice bearers from the common cup. In keeping with the pandemic safety guidelines from our bishop, the communicant may drink from the chalice or, in the alternative, the priest will dip the wafer into the wine and place it directly on the communicant's tongue. If you prefer not to have wine, simply cross your arms over your chest after receiving the wafer.

Congregants worshiping on Zoom or Facebook Live may say the following:

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. *Amen.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

Ibant Magi

Francesco Guerrero

*Ibant Magi, quam viderant,
Stellam sequentes, praeiviam:
lumen requirunt lumine: Deum fatentur munere.*

*The Magi went, following the star leading them:
they sought the Light with light: a gift from God.*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant 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.

BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Hymnal 119

As with gladness men of old

Dix

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 heaven - 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 heaven - 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.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Voluntary on "In Dulci Jubilo"

Norman Dello Joio (1913-2008)

We are delighted to welcome you this Sunday morning.

No matter your background, you are welcome to be part of our community as we gather in this sacred space to encounter the Mystery of God through beautiful liturgy and inspiring music. Please be assured that all children, no matter their ages, are invited to join us in worship as a powerful reminder that we are all beloved children of God. Again, welcome!

Please take a moment to silence your cell phone. Thank you.

We publicly livestream our Sunday worship via Zoom and Facebook Live.

Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/stmikessunday> (Meeting ID: 912 3096 9532 / Passcode: 080100)

Join on Facebook Live: <https://facebook.com/SMAACDM>

Important COVID Safety Reminder

All worshipers who are fully vaccinated are no longer required to wear masks at indoor gatherings. However, if you are not vaccinated, please wear a mask as required by the state COVID guidelines. Masks are available at the entrance to the church. Thank you all for your help in keeping our church a safe place for those most vulnerable.

Today's Worship Team

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Barbara Stewart
Organist: Dr. Ray Urwin
Choir: Cecilia Rogers, (Interim Section Leader), Michele Dulson, Susan Zevnik, Mary Bailey (Section Leader), Pat Albers, The Rev. Dr. Barbara Stewart, Vincent Loza (Section Leader), Richard Zevnik, Scott Ziemann (Section Leader)

Sunday School

Godly Play (ages 3-10)

9:00 am in the Yellow Room

This week: Holy Baptism.

Storyteller: Anne Conover.

Contact: Anne Conover (annabanacaddie@aol.com)

Youth Group (ages 11-14)

9:00 am

Second Sunday is Fun. Friday night, January 6th, our Youth Group participated in Saint Michael's Epiphany celebration.

Contact: Susan Caldwell (scaldwell@stmikescdm.org)

Parish Prayer List

Dick	Tom	Mary Ann	Bob	Ron	Steve	Meredith
Norris	Bob	Lucius	Kitty	Jeanine	Pat	Rob
Lori	Eric	Carole	Susan			

Prayer requests remain on the list for three weeks unless otherwise requested.

To submit a name to the prayer list contact Brooke Pauley (kookiepauley@gmail.com or 949-514-7917), or The Rev. Dr. Barbara Stewart (barbarastewart001@gmail.com).

Altar Flowers

Members of the congregation may sponsor altar flowers, chapel flowers, and the sanctuary light in thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life or in memory of loved ones. The flowers are arranged by our Flower Guild with donors acknowledged in the Sunday bulletin.

Call the church office at (949) 644-0463 or make your donation via our website:

<https://www.stmikescdm.org/altar-flower-and-sanctuary-light-donations/>

Today at St. Mike's:

Music Notes from Ray Urwin

Today's music celebrates the Epiphany, (January 6), when the coming of the Messiah was made known to the wider world, starting with the Wise Men. The composer of today's choral music is Francisco Guerrero, choirmaster of Seville Cathedral for 44 years, considered Spain's greatest composer in the Golden Age of Renaissance choral music, the later 16th century. In his beautiful and subtle motet *Ibant Magi* (Communion) the soprano part moves more slowly than the lower parts, probably depicting the movement of the star, and suggesting the slow, tedious onward tread of the Wise Men through the desert.

Today's prelude is a solo for Epiphany by Peter Cornelius, a student of Richard Wagner. The right hand of the accompaniment weaves in the melody of a familiar Lutheran Epiphany hymn, How bright appears the Morning Star (Hymn 497).

Celebrating the Rev. Canon Dr. Barbara Stewart

Today, we are overjoyed to celebrate the Rev. Canon Dr. Barbara Stewart's 30th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. In lieu of a homily, members of St. Michael's will reflect on the breadth and meaning of Barbara's ministry among us. The celebration continues with pastries and nibbles after the service.

Next week, we are excited to welcome The Rev. Canon Dr. Shane Scott-Hamblen for his first Sunday as Rector of St. Michael and All Angels!

Christmas Beauty

Each Advent season the Altar Guild and Flower team decorate the church so beautifully for the celebration of Christmas. Other areas vary in their level of festive decor depending on individual resources.

This year I especially noticed how splendidly Saint Michael's room was adorned with Angels and pictures of the Christmas story and other tasteful touches to create a peaceful space. When I asked Susan Caldwell who did the decorating she announced that the Youth Group had taken it upon themselves to do the job. Our Youth Group is small but mighty and often show their commitment to Jesus and the community at Saint Michael's when no one is looking.

I love that about our church, and appreciate our youth and all that they do to make space in their hearts for this special family.

—Gail Haghjoo

Pastoral Note from the Rev. Shane Scott-Hamblen

Dearest sisters and brothers of Saint Michael's:

First of all, let me thank all of you for electing the people you did to serve on the Vestry and Search Committee. My time getting to know them was amazing and I'm so humbled that they chose me to serve all of you.

Second of all, I hope you'll join me in thanking God for the wonderful calling that we will serve together for the foreseeable future. I am so excited!



As you probably know, I've had a bold and exciting life. I became a Benedictine monk and school teacher when I was a teenager (for 10 years); studied organ in Austria; studied Theology and Liturgy in Rome; then converted to the Church of England and eventually transferred to the Episcopal Church; got married and had three boys; single parented the boys for 10 years while serving a wonderful little parish in the Hudson Valley, NY; I was professor of Church History, Music, and Liturgy at the General Theological Seminary in NYC; then I took a much needed sabbatical helping the Holy Cross monks in Santa Barbara before it closed. Then the Presiding Bishop asked me to assist in the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe. When Covid started my oldest son and I were living in Paris and decided it would be safer to come back to the US and we landed in San Francisco where I've served as interim priest at two parishes.

I fell in love with SoCal when I was in Santa Barbara and I'm so excited you've given me the opportunity to come back. I'm so looking forward to hearing your stories now that you know part of mine - and creating our own stories together for the foreseeable future.

See you on the 15th!

Devotedly in Christ,
Fr. Shane

The Rev'd Shane Scott-Hamblen, ThD

Worship with us:

Tuesday Morning Holy Eucharist

Tuesdays at 8:30 am

The Rev. Dr. Barbara Stewart celebrates and preaches each Tuesday.

Featured saint for Jan. 10:

William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645.



Prayer Vigil for Peace

Fridays at 6:00 pm

Join us every Friday at 6:00 pm in the St. Michael's sanctuary and on Zoom as we pray for peace in our community and around the world.

Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/stmikessunday>

(Meeting ID: 912 3096 9532 / Passcode: 080100)

Worship bulletins: <https://www.stmikescdm.org/worship-bulletins/>



At a Glance:

This Week at St. Mike's

Sunday, January 8

- 9:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 10:00 am Celebration of The Rev. Dr. Barbara Stewart's 30 Years of Priesthood
- 10:30 am Sunday Conversations

Tuesday, January 10

- 8:30 am Holy Eucharist
- 7:00 pm Tuesday Night at Mike's

Thursday, January 12

- 8:30 am Men's Fellowship
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 13

- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 6:00 pm Prayer Vigil for Peace

Sunday, January 15

- 8:00 am Bible Challenge
- 9:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 10:30 am Sunday Conversations

For more information, contact the church office at 949-644-0463 or email church@stmikescdm.org.

Welcome Our New Rector!

Sunday, Jan. 15

We are delighted to welcome the Rev. Canon Dr. Shane Scott-Hamblen as the next Rector of St. Michael & All Angels. Jan. 15 will be his first Sunday with us.

Father Shane loves God and he loves God's people. He has a proven record of community engagement and will meet everyone where they are. He is committed to involving children, youth, and the marginalized into full participation in the life of the congregation. He will guide us to be a church that lives up to Christ's charge to love our neighbor as ourselves with open hearts, kindness, and respect.

Father Shane's arrival marks the end of a nationwide rector search and two years of prayerful discernment. Huge thanks to this congregation for your faith, prayers, and patience throughout this process. Thanks to our Transition and Rector Search committees for their dedication and many hours of hard work. Thanks to our Vestry to their perseverance and commitment.

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Tuesday: 8 am to 3 pm
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Keith Lumpkin, Stewardship
Kim Montgomery, Christian Education
Louise Stover, Senior Warden
Mary Bailey, Mission
Stacie Tibbetts, Treasurer
Steve Morris, Ombudsman

Adult Christian Education and Small Discussion Groups

All are welcome to join one or more of the groups listed below. For more information, visit our website:

<https://www.stmikescdm.org>

St. Mike's Sunday Conversations

10:30 am in Michael's Room and on Zoom

Sunday, Jan. 8 we begin the Great Course series
History and Archaeology of the Bible.

Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/sundaysat10>

Meeting ID: 966 632 5340 / Passcode: 221426

View our updated schedule:

<https://www.stmikescdm.org/blog/sunday-conversations-1030-am/>

Contact: **Kim Montgomery**

Tuesday Nights at Mike's

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm on Zoom

Jan. 10: Review of possible word choices for 2023.

Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/tuesdayatmikes>

Meeting ID: 834 2976 3754 / Passcode: none

Contact: **Beth Bianchi**

Bible Challenge

Third Sundays at 8:00 am in the Conference Room

Bible Challenge will resume Sunday, January 8.

The study of *O Wisdom* continues through Epiphany.

Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/thirdsundaybiblechallenge>

Meeting ID: 958 1933 0475 / Passcode: 018474

Contact: **Susan Caldwell**

Inklings Book Group

Third Mondays at 10:30 am in the Davis Library and on Zoom

Note: the next Inklings will be on Monday, January 23

Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/inklingsbookgroup>

Meeting ID: 938 4250 5095 / Passcode: 573156

Contact: **Susan Caldwell**

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Fridays at 10:00 am

Please join us as we knit or crochet and pray!

Contact: **Barbara Stewart+** at (949) 378-9780

Men's Fellowship Group

Thursdays at 8:30 am

Dedicated to studying the Bible and the works of Christian theologians. Open to all adult men of the parish.

Contact: **Kim Montgomery**

Visit our church calendar for more:

<https://www.stmikescdm.org/events>