

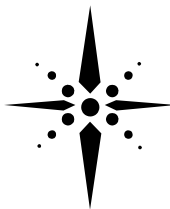
St. Clement's Episcopal Church

The Epiphany

The Lucernarium and Service of Evening Prayer

January 6, 2009

6:30 p.m.



The church is in darkness. Please stand as the choirs and officiants enter in silence.

Officiant Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Prayer for Light

Officiant Let us pray.

All kneel.

Officiant O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know thee now by faith, to thy presence, where we may behold thy glory face to face; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

Anthems at the Candlelighting

Officiant You, O Lord, are my lamp; my God, you make my darkness bright.

People You, O Lord, are my lamp; my God, you make my darkness bright.

Officiant You have been my helper:

People My God, you make my darkness bright.

Officiant Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

People You, O Lord, are my lamp; my God, you make my darkness bright.

Officiant Let my prayer be set forth, O Lord:

People As incense in your sight.

Hymn 24: verses 1 & 2 The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended

St. Clement

Sung by the congregation, kneeling.

Officiant All nations shall be blessed in him, and do him service.

People All nations shall be blessed in him, and do him service.

Officiant All kings shall bow down before him:

People And do him service.

Officiant Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

People All nations shall be blessed in him, and do him service.

Officiant The kings of Tarshish and the isles shall pay tribute:

People The kings of Arabia and Saba shall offer gifts.

Hymn 24: verses 3 & 4 As o'er each continent and island

St. Clement

Sung by the congregation, kneeling.

The Invitatory

All stand.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

People As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Hymn 26: The Phos Hilaron O gracious Light

Conditor alme siderum

Sung by the congregation, standing.

Psalm 72:1-7,10-14

The congregation, standing, responds at the asterisk.

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.
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

All sit.

First Lesson: 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Song of Mary

Magnificat, sung by the Adult Choir.

William Byrd

Short Service

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is on them that fear him, throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm, he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers Abraham and his seed for ever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, and is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

Second Lesson: 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Song of Simeon

Nunc Dimittis, sung by the Adult Choir.

William Byrd

Short Service

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; to be a light to lighten the Gentiles; and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, and is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

Third Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 124

What star is this, with beams so bright

Puer nobis

Sung by the congregation, standing.

The Apostles' Creed

Said by the officiant and people, standing.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary:
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead:
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost: the holy catholic church; the communion of saints:
the forgiveness of sins: the resurrection of the body: and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

All kneel.

The Lord's Prayer

Said by the officiant and people, kneeling.

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 Responses

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

People And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

People And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People For only in thee can we live in safety.

Officiant Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

People And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Officiant Let thy way be known upon earth;

People Thy saving health among all nations.

Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.

The Collects

Officiant Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise thee in that City of which he is the light; and where he liveth and reigneth for ever and ever.

People Amen.

Officiant Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know thee as thou art revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of thy love.

People Amen.

Officiant Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for thy love's sake.

People Amen.

All sit.

Offertory Anthem: Kings in Glory

Martin Shaw

Sung by the choirs, with soloists Wendell Brooks and Helen Hampton.

Three Kings in great glory of horses and men,
In haste come a-riding o'er mountain and fen;
For their King is awaiting, and lo they would bring
The best of their treasure to give to their King.

Poor shepherds lie huddled tonight on the plain,
Their silly sheep guarding from danger and pain,
For the wolves howl around them, and bitter the air
That blows o'er the snowfield all frozen and bare.

Come monarchs, and enter, your Monarch is here,
Doff crowns, on the bare sod fall down and revere;
For the best you can offer is little, I trow,
To the Lord God of Heav'n you're a-kneeling to now.

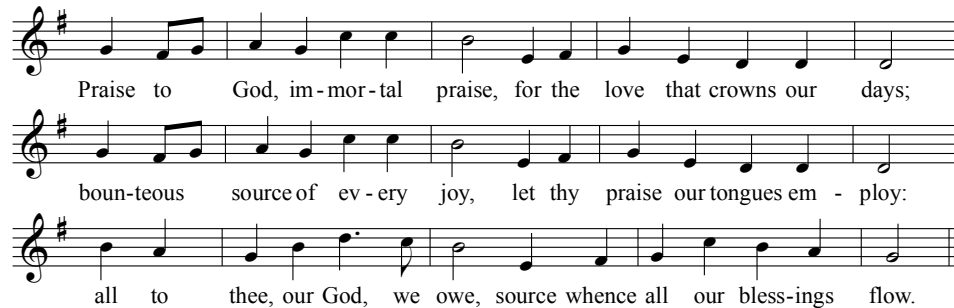
Come, shepherds, and fear not, he will not despise
The gifts that you bring him, though rude in men's eyes,
See, he's not arrayed here in purple and gold,
God's Lamb lies as helpless as lamb of your fold.

Then simple and gentle, and foolish and wise,
Come adore the great Lord of the earth and the skies,
Who deigns for us all on this night to be born
This night that is fairer than midsummer morn.

Presentation Hymn 288, verse 1

Dix

Sung by the congregation and choirs, standing.



Praise to God, im-mor-tal praise, for the love that crowns our days;
boun-teous source of ev-ery joy, let thy praise our tongues em-ploy:
all to thee, our God, we owe, source whence all our bless-ings flow.

The General Thanksgiving

Said by the officiant and people, kneeling.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Said by the officiant and people, kneeling.

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

The congregation stands.

The candles are lit during the singing of the final hymn.

Hold the lit candle vertically and tilt the unlit candle.

Hymn 497

How bright appears the Morning Star

Wie schön leuchtet

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| <p>1. How bright appears the Morning Star,
with mercy beaming from afar;
the host of heaven rejoices;
O righteous Branch, O Jesse's Rod!
Thou Son of Man and Son of God!
We, too, will lift our voices:
Jesus, Jesus!
Holy, holy, yet most lowly,
draw thou near us;
great Emmanuel, come and hear us.</p> | <p>2. Though circled by the hosts on high,
he deigned to cast a pitying eye
upon his helpless creature;
the whole creation's Head and Lord,
by highest seraphim adored,
assumed our very nature;
Jesus, grant us,
through thy merit, to inherit
thy salvation;
hear, O hear our supplication.</p> |
| <p>3. Rejoice, ye heavens; thou earth, reply;
with praise, ye sinners, fill the sky,
for this his Incarnation.
Incarnate God, put forth thy power,
ride on, ride on, great Conqueror,
till all know thy salvation.
Amen, amen!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise be given
evermore, by earth and heaven.</p> | |

The Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Grace

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.
People Amen.

Organ Recessional*Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*

Johann Pachelbel

*The congregation follows the choir out of the church during the organ recessional.
All are invited to Palache Hall for a reception following the service.*