



# Holy Cross EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Second Sunday after Christmas

Epiphany Observed

January 5, 2025

## The Service of the Word

**Prelude:** *Isabelle Areola (piano)*

**Opening Hymn 96:** "Angels We Have Heard on High"

*Celebrant* Alleluia! To us a child is born.  
*People* Come let us adore him. Alleluia!

**The Collect for Purity**

*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*

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL \*\*\* (Ages 4 – 10 years)

During the following hymn, children process with the leader to the Chapel for a lesson and singing; they return at The Peace.

**Song of Praise 87:** "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

*Hark! The herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!  
Joyful, all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem!  
Hark! The herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King!*

**The Collect of the Day** - *prayed by the Celebrant*

**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.

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

**Psalm 72 1-7, 10-14** (read responsively by whole verse)

- 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.**

**Sequence Hymn:** "Light of the World"



## The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 2:1-12*

*Reader* 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.

*Reader* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

**Message:** *Festival of Lights*  
*Rev. Roger Hungerford*

### The Nicene Creed (p. 358 BCP)

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 &  
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.*

(\*“catholic” means universal)

### Prayers of the People

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;  
for this gathering; for our priests and our bishops; and for  
all people and ministers. Pray for the Church. – *Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations;  
and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and  
peace throughout the world. - *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the  
oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need  
or trouble. – *Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper  
knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found  
by him. - *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed and for those who  
miss them. Pray for those who have died. – *Silence*

### The Confession

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.*

### The Peace: Welcome & Announcements

#### New Members of the Daughters of the King

Sally Roberts

Martha Sparks

Tiffa Collins



# The Holy Communion

This portion of the service begins on p. 361 in the BCP however, you are encouraged to give your attention to the altar.

**The Communion.** *All seeking God through Jesus are invited and welcome to receive Communion. Anyone who does not wish to receive communion is invited come forward, cross their arms over their chest, and receive a blessing. If you would like the clergy to bring communion to someone in the pews, please notify the ushers at the door of the church. For bread only, no wine, put one arm across your chest. Gluten Free available.*

Born to suffer born to save  
Born to raise us from the grave  
Christ the everlasting Lord  
He shall reign forevermore (Chorus)

**Closing Hymn 473:** "Lift High The Cross"

**Offertory 81:** "Low how A Rose"

**The Doxology 380:** (v. 3)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**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.

**People** *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

**Sanctus S-129**

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

**Celebrant** Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People** *Christ has died.*

*Christ is risen.*

*Christ will come again.*

**Communion Hymn 109:** "The First Noel"

**Communion Hymn:** "Noel" (See Insert)

Love incarnate love divine  
Star and angels gave the sign  
Bow to babe on bended knee  
The Savior of humanity  
Unto us a Child is born  
He shall reign forevermore

(Chorus) Noel Noel  
Come and see what God has done  
Noel Noel  
The story of amazing love  
The light of the world given for us  
Noel

Son of God and Son of man  
There before the world began

## Serving Today

### 8:00am

DOD: Pam Walker

Chalice Bearers: Ed Austin

Readers: Chip Lands & Isabelle Peterson

### 10:30am

DOD: Susan Bell

Acolytes: McKenzie Simpler & Sierra Dixon

Chalice Bearers: Angela Hinkle & Camille Lukow

Readers: Marline Austin & Leslee Williams

*Additional Ways to Give*

PayPal



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# Flower Dedications

## Your Sermon Notes:

### Prayer List

*Requested Prayers will remain on the list for 4 weeks. Please let us know if you need to be on longer.*

#### Requested Prayer

Diane Persell, Duane Shontz, \*Fay Scordato, Harriett Kerr, Josh & Crystal,. Tony Kimmons, Jaime Badilla Laura Catalfamo, Mabel, Shontz/Beckwith Families, The Deuber Family, Tony Kimmons, Ty Wise, Valenzuela and Monreal Family

#### Military

Adam Thomas, Adam Zigler, Alexander Logan, Anthony Robbins, Asa Ramsey, Ben Boyer, Benjamin Merriweather, Cale Eggart, Chase Coleman, Christian Clark, Corbin Czeck, Daniel Payden, Donovan Chau, Doug Wiessman, Dylan Hoewt, Grant Hungerford, Hunter Bailey, Jackie Neville, James Madden, Jeremy Rice, Jose Hernandez, Kathryn Rubio, Kevin Kahl, Kyle McChesney,

Landen Haskins, Laz Bailiff, Marc Ruiz, Mike Darrah, Nicholas Pinkston, Shaun Southall, Stephen del Risco, Taylor Knueven, Tyler Post

#### Repose of the Soul

Svetlana Karochkina, Martha Tissington, Adele & Jorge Valenzuela, Darlene Beckwith, Dallas Barbara Nell Goodrich

#### Clergy

The Rev. Rob Dixon, Pastor/Rector  
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The Rev. Roger Hungerford, Associate Rector, Emeritus

#### Vestry

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