

CHRIST AND SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
AN EPIPHANY SERVICE OF LIGHT



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Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

HYMN II7: Brightest and best of the stars of the morning

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 SENTENCES

Officiant Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Officiant A series of wonders mark this holy season as the Church is joined to her heavenly Bridegroom: A star leads the wise men to the Christ-child.

All **Alleluia.**

Officiant The infant Christ is presented in the Temple and recognized as the Messiah.

All **Alleluia.**

Officiant Jesus is revealed as the Christ in the waters of baptism.

All **Alleluia.**

Officiant Water is made wine at the wedding feast.

All **Alleluia. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Officiant Tonight we celebrate the great manifestations of the Divine in Jesus Christ which have long anchored the Church's season of Epiphany: the revelation of the child Jesus to the Magi from the East, the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, the baptism of the Lord by John in the Jordan River, and the turning of water into wine in the first miracle that Christ wrought, in Cana of Galilee. In scripture, symbol and song, we enter these mysteries with prayerful hearts that we also may see the glory of God in his son Jesus Christ. Through him, the Word made flesh, we make our prayer to the Father.

Let us pray. O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ: who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

I. The King of all the world is revealed to the Magi

FIRST LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

IN the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east 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 magi 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 in the east, 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.

ANTHEM: "There shall a Star" from *Christus*

Felix Mendelssohn

When Jesus, our Lord, was born in Bethlehem, in the land of Judea;
Behold, from the east to the city of Jerusalem there came wise men and said:
Say, where is he born, the king of Judea?
For we have seen his star, and are come to adore him.

There shall a Star from Jacob come forth, and a Sceptre from Israel rise up,
And dash in pieces princes and nations.

How brightly beams the morning star, with sudden radiance from a far, with light and
comfort glowing! Thy word, Jesus, inly feeds us, rightly leads us, life bestowing.
Praise, O praise such love o'er-flowing!

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.

COLLECT

Officiant 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.

II. The Christ is revealed in the waters of Baptism

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 3:13-17

THEN Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."



ANTHEM: The Baptism of Christ

Peter Hallock

Jesus autem hodie regressus est a Jordane.
[Jesus was on this day baptised in the Jordan.]

When Jesus Christ baptised was, the Holy Ghost descended with grace;
the Father's voice was heard in the place.
Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.
[This is my son, in whom I am pleased.]

There were Three Persons and one Lord,
the Son baptised with one accord, the Father said this blessed word:
Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.

Now, Jesus, as thou art both God and man,
and were baptised in from Jordan, at our last end, we pray thee, say then:
Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.

-Anonymous Medieval text

ANTHEM: O Jesus Christ, our Lord most dear

Richard Dirksen

O Jesus Christ, our Lord most dear,
As Thou wast once an infant here
So give this child of Thine, we pray,
Thy grace and blessing day by day.
O holy Jesus, Lord divine, We pray Thee guard this child of Thine.

As in Thy heav'nly kingdom, Lord,
Thy messengers obey Thy word,
Send forth the succor of Thy might
To shield this child both day and night.

And all his life, let angels keep
Him safe from harm, awake, asleep;
May he not bear the cross in vain,
But with Thy saints a crown attain.

-translated by Catherine Winkworth

Please stand and sing **HYMN 116:** "I come," the great Redeemer cries

This Endris Nyght

1 "I come," the great Re - deem - er cries, "to do thy will, O Lord!"
 2 "Thus it be - comes us to ful - fill all right-eous-ness," he said.
 3 Hark, a glad voice! The Fa - ther speaks from heaven's ex - alt - ed height:
 4 The Sa - vior Je - sus, well - be - loved! His Name we will pro - fess,
 5 No more we'll count our - selves our own but his in bonds of love.

1 At Jor - dan's stream, be - hold! He seals the sure pro - phet - ic word.
 2 Then, faith - ful to the Lord's com - mands, through Jor - dan's flood was led.
 3 "This is my Son, my well - be - loved, in whom I take de - light."
 4 like him de - sir - ous to ful - fill God's will in right-eous - ness.
 5 Oh, may such bonds for ev - er draw our souls to things a - bove!

COLLECT

Officiant 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.**

Please be seated.

III. The New Creation is revealed in the water made wine

THIRD LESSON

John 2:1-11

ON the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it. When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.



ANTHEM: Love bade me welcome

David Hurd

Love bade me welcome, yet my soul drew back,
Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in, drew nearer to me,
sweetly questioning, if I lacked any thing.

A guest, I answered, worthy to be here:
Love said, You shall be he.
I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah my dear,
I cannot look on thee.
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,
Who made the eyes but I?

Truth Lord, but I have marred them: let my shame
Go where it doth deserve.
And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame?
My dear, then I will serve.
You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat:
So I did sit and eat.

-George Herbert

1 All praise to you, O Lord, who by your might-y power did
2 You speak, and it is done; o-be-dient to your word, the
3 Oh, may this grace be ours: in you al-ways to live and
4 So, led from strength to strength, grant us, O Lord, to see the
man - i - fest your glo - ry forth in Ca - na's mar - riage hour.
wa - ter red - dening in - to wine pro - claims the pres - ent Lord.
drink of those re - fresh - ing streams which you a - lone can give.
mar - riage sup - per of the Lamb, the great e - piph - a - ny.

COLLECT

Officiant Let us pray. Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory: through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

IV. The infant Christ is presented in the Temple

FOURTH LESSON

Luke 2:22-38

WHEN the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah.

Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul, too.”

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.



During the anthem, an offering will be received.

ANTHEM: Nunc Dimittis (*world premiere*)

Stephen Coxe

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, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant From the rising of the sun to its setting, let us pray to the Lord.

(please kneel or sit)

That the people of God in all the world may worship in spirit and in truth, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Officiant That the Church may discover again that unity which is the God's will, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Officiant That the nations of the earth may seek after the ways that make for peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Officiant That the whole creation, groaning in travail, may be set free to enjoy the glorious liberty of the children of God, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Officiant That all who with Christ have entered the shadow of death may rest in peace and rise in glory, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Officiant Let us commend the world, to which Christ showed the way, to the mercy and protection of God.

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

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.**

Please stand.

THE BLESSING

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, and revealed him to Simeon and Anna as the Light of the nations, lead you also to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
 4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
 and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
 where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.



CHRIST AND ST. LUKE'S CHURCH

Orchestral Eucharist - rescheduled for **Sunday, February 15, 10:15am**

Our annual Orchestral Eucharist will feature Franz Joseph Haydn's charming *Missa brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo*, with students and faculty from the Governor's School for the Arts.

Treblefest Evensong - **Sunday, February 15, 5:00pm**

Our Choristers join other regional choristers in an uplifting service of Choral Evensong celebrating our youngest singers.

Midday Music III: Bach & Handel - **Friday, February 27, 12:00pm**

We celebrate our new chamber organ with an organ concerto of Handel and Bach Cantata 82 with bass soloist John Irving and the New Commonwealth Quartet.

The British Are Coming! - **Sunday, March 1, 4:00pm**

The Annual Allen Shaffer Concert featuring music from the United Kingdom. Melinda Van Niel sings songs of Howells and Britten's *A Charm of Lullabies*, Jeff Phelps and Stephen Coxe perform Britten's *Cello Sonata*, and tenor Scott Crissman, pianist Stephen Coxe, and the New Commonwealth Quartet perform Ralph Vaughan Williams song cycle *On Wenlock Edge*.

Botetourt Chamber Singers - **Friday, March 27, 7:00pm**

The Botetourt Chamber Singers are William & Mary's premier chamber choral ensemble under the direction of Dr. Michelle Kwok, performing both sacred and secular music from Bach, Rheinberger, Gibbs, and more.

Service of Tenebrae - **Sunday, March 29, 5:30pm**

Our special Holy Week offering includes this ancient service of shadows, or darkness, on the afternoon of Palm Sunday.

Midday Music IV: ODU Collegium Musicum - **Friday, April 24, 12:00pm**

Featuring the Collegium Musicum early music ensemble from Old Dominion University.

James Kealey Celebrity Organ Recital - **Sunday, May 10, 4:00pm**

First Prize and Audience Prize winner of the 2022 American Guild of Organists National Young Artist Competition in Organ Performance, James Kealey was named one of The Diapason magazine's "20 Under 30" in 2021. Co-sponsored by the Virginia Arts Festival and the Tidewater Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Tickets at vafest.org

Ascension Day Hymn Festival at St. Paul's Church - **Thursday, May 14, 7:00pm**

The Choirs of St. Paul's, St. Andrew's, and Christ & St. Luke's join forces to celebrate the feast of the Ascension, 40 days after Easter when Jesus was lifted up into heaven! This service will take place at St. Paul's Church, 201 St. Paul's Blvd, downtown Norfolk.

Midday Music V: New Commonwealth Quartet - **Friday, May 22, 12:00pm**