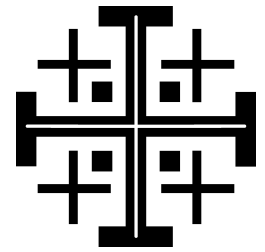




**Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill**  
**Episcopal/Anglican**  
**Alexandria, Virginia**



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**The Feast of the Epiphany (transferred)**

**January 6, 2019**

**Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:00 a.m.**

*Page references are for The Book of Common Prayer.  
Large Print Prayer Books are available; please request one from an usher.  
In respect for those wishing to pray before the service begins, the congregation is asked  
to remain as quiet as possible.*

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**Opening Acclamation**

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

**The Collect for Purity**

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***Kyrie eleison***

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**The Collect of the Day**

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. *Amen.*

**The 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.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 72:1-7,10-14 *Deus, judicium***

- 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 Epistle: 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.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew

Response: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

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

Response: *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

**The Sermon:** The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr.

**The Nicene Creed**

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**The Prayers of the People:**

After the Intercessor says "Savior of the nations,"  
the congregation responds "*Hear our prayer.*"

**Confession of Sin & Absolution**

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**The Peace**

**Welcome and Announcements**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**The Offertory**

**The Great Thanksgiving:** Eucharistic Prayer II

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*Sanctus and Benedictus*

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The Lord's Prayer

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**The Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Response: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

*Agnus Dei*

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*All baptized Christians are welcomed and encouraged to receive Holy Communion.*

*If you wish to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest.*

*Gluten-free hosts are available on request from the clergy.*

*For those who are interested in being baptized, please see a member of the clergy*

## Post Communion Prayer

*Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.*

## The Blessing

## The Dismissal

**SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:** *Altar Guild:* Diana Walker; *Chalice:* Dodd Sims; *Flower Guild:* Sally Guy Brown; *Reader:* David Ingold; *Usher:* Phyllis Sims; *Coffee Host:* Celia Ochs; *Vestry Greeter:* Keith June; *Vestry Counter:* Jim Wise; *Celebrant:* The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander

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January 2, 2019

"The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness did not overcome it."  
(John 1:5 NRSV)

The light changes so quickly this time of year. After the winter solstice, daily light increases quietly, persistently, noticeably. The quality of the light changes, too, softening from the hard, crystalline light of winter to the gentler, caressing light of spring.

On the Feast of the Epiphany and in the weeks that follow, we celebrate light --

- the light of Christ that came into the world,
- the light of a star that led magi to the Christ child,
- the light of revelation that points to Christ in ordinary things.

The light shines in the darkness, no matter how murky the night. It shines in the darkness, no matter how fearsome the grief or gloom. How do we learn to see the light, even in the darkest of physical or spiritual nights? We can begin with a simple Epiphany practice of noticing light.

Each day between the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6 and Ash Wednesday on February 26, notice something about the ordinary presence of light --

- the way it increases both morning and evening,
- the way it filters through trees,
- the way it makes puddles sparkle.

Look around and notice --

- when the last Christmas lights in your neighborhood disappear,
- how the street lights in your community succeed or fail at illuminating,
- how colors look different on overcast days and sunny days.

Take a moment every day simply to notice just one ordinary thing about the extraordinary gift of light. Because noticing physical light in the world and in your life is training you to see the light of Christ that shines in every darkness.

Enjoy the light.



The Rt. Rev. Susan E. Goff  
Bishop Suffragan and Ecclesiastical Authority



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