



ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
JACKSON HOLE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024
THE EPIPHANY
10:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

FAMILY SUNDAY!

We are delighted to have you with us today. You are invited to God's table to receive communion and to share in our community. If you are visiting, please introduce yourself and fill out a Welcome Card. Place the card in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. If you are looking for a church to call home, you are welcome here!

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

"In the Bleak Midwinter" Gustav Holst, arr. Sheku Kanneh-Mason

OPENING HYMN

"The first Nowell" vs. 1, 2, 3, 5, The Hymnal 109

The People stand as able for the Hymn and opening

1 The first No - well the an - gel did say
2 They look - ed up and saw a star
3 And by the light of that same star
4 This star drew nigh to the north - west,
5 Then en - tered in those wise men three

1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,
3 three wise men came from coun - try far;
4 o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,
5 full rev - erent - ly up - on their knee,

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,
2 and to the earth it gave great light,
3 to seek for a king was their in - tent,
4 and there it did both stop and stay
5 and of - fered there in his pres - ence

1 on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
3 and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
4 right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
5 their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

Refrain
No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,
born is the King of Is - ra - el.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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.**

GATHERING HYMN

“What Child is this, who, laid to rest” vs. 1, 3, The Hymnal 115

Unison or harmony

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for
peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds
guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to
bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

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.**

THE LESSONS

The People Sit

A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

ISAIAH 60:1-6

Get out of bed, Jerusalem! Wake up. Put your face in the sunlight. God's bright glory has risen for you. The whole earth is wrapped in darkness, all people sunk in deep darkness, But God rises on you, his sunrise glory breaks over you. Nations will come to your light, kings to your sunburst brightness. Look up! Look around! Watch as they gather, watch as they approach you: Your sons coming from great distances, your daughters carried by their nannies. When you see them coming you'll smile—big smiles! Your heart will swell and, yes, burst! All those people returning by sea for the reunion, a rich harvest of exiles gathered in from the nations! And then streams of camel caravans as far as the eye can see, young camels of nomads in Midian and Ephah, Pouring in from the south from Sheba, loaded with gold and frankincense, preaching the praises of God.

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

PSALM 72:1-7,10-14

Remaining seated, the Lector and the People say the Psalm responsively

- 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.

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

EPHESIANS 3:1-12

This is why I, Paul, am in jail for Christ, having taken up the cause of you outsiders, so-called. I take it that you're familiar with the part I was given in God's plan for including everybody. I got the inside story on this from God himself, as I just wrote you in brief. As you read over what I have written to you, you'll be able to see for yourselves into the mystery of Christ. None of our ancestors understood this. Only in our time has it been made clear by God's Spirit through his holy apostles and prophets of this new order. The mystery is that people who have never heard of God and those who have heard of him all their lives (what I've been calling outsiders and insiders) stand on the same ground before God. They get the same offer, same help, same promises in Christ Jesus.

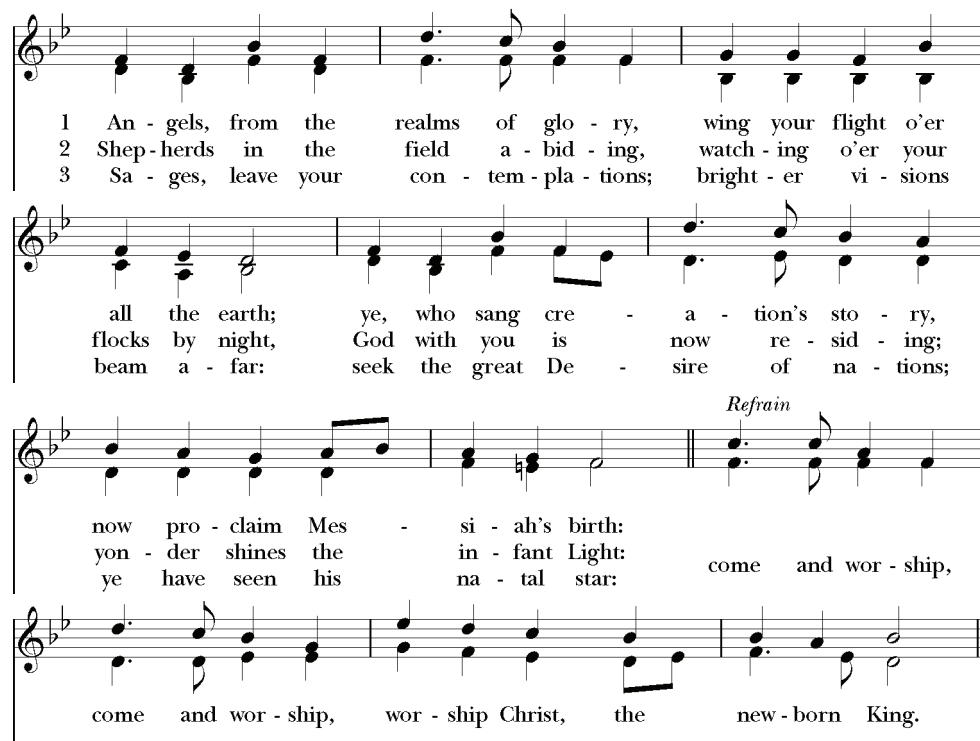
The Message is accessible and welcoming to everyone, across the board. This is my life work: helping people understand and respond to this Message. It came as a sheer gift to me, a real surprise, God handling all the details. When it came to presenting the Message to people who had no background in God's way, I was the least qualified of any of the available Christians. God saw to it that I was equipped, but you can be sure that it had nothing to do with my natural abilities. And so here I am, preaching and writing about things that are way over my head, the inexhaustible riches and generosity of Christ. My task is to bring out in the open and make plain what God, who created all this in the first place, has been doing in secret and behind the scenes all along. Through followers of Jesus like yourselves gathered in churches, this extraordinary plan of God is becoming known and talked about even among the angels! All this is proceeding along lines planned all along by God and then executed in Christ Jesus. When we trust in him, we're free to say whatever needs to be said, bold to go wherever we need to go.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

“Angels, from the realms of glory” vs. 1, 3, The Hymnal 93

The People stand as able for the hymn and the Gospel



1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
 2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions

all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;
 beam a - far: seek the great De - sire of na - tions;

Refrain

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,
 ye have seen his na - tal star:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 2:1-12

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem village, Judah territory—this was during Herod's kingship—a band of scholars arrived in Jerusalem from the East. They asked around, “Where can we find and pay homage to the newborn King of the Jews? We observed a star in the eastern sky that signaled his birth. We're on pilgrimage to worship him.” When word of their inquiry got to Herod, he was terrified—and not Herod alone, but most of Jerusalem as well. Herod lost no time. He gathered all the high priests and religion scholars in the city together and asked, “Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?” They told him, “Bethlehem, Judah territory. The prophet Micah wrote it plainly: It's you, Bethlehem, in Judah's land, no longer bringing up the rear. From you will come the leader who will shepherd-rule my people, my Israel.” Herod then arranged a secret meeting with the scholars from the East. Pretending to be as devout as they were, he got them to tell him exactly when the birth-announcement star appeared. Then he told them the prophecy about Bethlehem, and said, “Go find this child. Leave no stone

unturned. As soon as you find him, send word and I'll join you at once in your worship." Instructed by the king, they set off. Then the star appeared again, the same star they had seen in the eastern skies. It led them on until it hovered over the place of the child. They could hardly contain themselves: They were in the right place! They had arrived at the right time! They entered the house and saw the child in the arms of Mary, his mother. Overcome, they kneeled and worshiped him. Then they opened their luggage and presented gifts: gold, frankincense, myrrh. In a dream, they were warned not to report back to Herod. So they worked out another route, left the territory without being seen, and returned to their own country.

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

THE FAMILY SERMON

Travis Helms

The People may be seated

A moment of silence will be observed for reflection after the sermon

THE NICENE CREED

The People stand as able and say together

**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.

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER
The Scottish Episcopal Church

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY
Santa Maria Magdalena,
Favorito, Cuba
AMOS Health & Hope,
Nicaragua

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER
St. John's, Green River

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Charlie Ezzell
Lt. Commander Wolf Klotz

SERVING ON A MISSION
Emilie Johnson

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Angela
Ken Asel
Ashley Berry
Rebecca Bollman
Breckenridge & Burns Family
Stan Burch
Carole Collins
Meghan Davis
Paul Davis
Parker Felton & Family
Joyce Good
John
Kip MacMillan
Keith Mader & Family
Kimberly Mullikin
Parish Family
Dennis Reynolds
Jim Ross
Isabel
Kelly & Randy Sales
Robert Schaupp
A'ida Shaw & Family
Frank Sidles
Parker Steveson
Jim Thomas
Barbara Tucker
Jim West
Ann Willot

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS
Laura Callari
Joy Greene
David Hardie
Russell Hawkins
Chelcie Jonke
Lily Koinis
Woody Macker
Jack Spitler

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES
Robert & Katie Ayers
Jeff & Anna Olson

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In the silence after each bidding, the People may offer their own prayers, kneeling or standing

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; for our Bishop, Paul-Gordon; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people, and for Emilie who is serving abroad on a mission.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the The Scottish Episcopal Church in the Anglican cycle of prayer; for our partners in ministry, Santa Maria Magdalena in Favorito, Cuba; AMOS Health and Hope, Nicaragua; for St. John's, Green River in our own Diocese of Wyoming.

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

Silence

I ask your prayers for Joe, our President, and for all the world's leaders; for those on our Military Prayer List: Charlie Ezzell, Lieutenant Commander Wolf Klotz, and all officers and enlisted people.

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 the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for those on our prayer list and those we now name.

Silence

I ask your prayers in thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

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

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed, and those we now name. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

I ask your prayers for our Legacy of Love campaign. As we share the vision, may our hearts be open and lives be touched by the love we have for each other. Continue to give us courage to reach out, as we continue to serve our Jackson Hole community.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

The People kneel or stand as able

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

**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

The People stand as able

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The People sit. The Revelations Newsletter is available in the Narthex and Hansen Hall for more information on what is happening around the parish.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

“Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head” arr. Cathy Moglebust

PRESENTATION HYMN

“From all that dwell below the skies” v. 3, The Hymnal 380

The People stand as able

*3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

The People stand as able

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

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” The Hymnal S130, Franz Schubert

The Celebrant and the People sing together

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Ho - sann - na in the high - est.

The People kneel or stand as the Celebrant continues

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,

<i>Celebrant</i>	We remember his death,
<i>& People</i>	We proclaim his resurrection,
	We await his coming in glory;

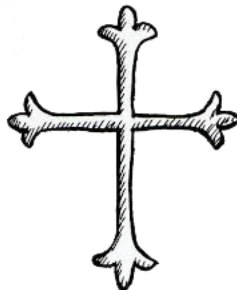
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

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 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.**

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

<i>Celebrant</i>	Our Father, who art in heaven,
<i>& People</i>	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.



BREAKING OF THE BREAD

As the Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, a period of silence is kept

“Jesus Lamb of God” The Hymnal S164, Franz Schubert



Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive communion in this parish. If it's your first time to receive communion or the first time in this church, the most important thing to know is it's impossible to do it wrong! We're glad you're joining us. You may kneel or stand as you approach the communion rail. Place your hands together and clergy will place the wafer in your palm. You may eat the bread and receive communion as bread alone. You may dip the bread in the wine chalice (there's a fancy word for this—intinction) or you may drink from the chalice. In that act of receiving communion, we remember the life and teachings of Jesus, along with his death and resurrection, AND it's something we do TOGETHER in order to remember we are all connected—communing with one another through this life and what's to come.

A member of St. John's Prayer & Healing Ministry is available to be a companion in prayer in the Columbarium to the left of the main altar during Communion and following the service.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“On Christmas Night all Christians Sing” arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

“Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella” arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

The People kneel or stand as able

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Celebrant

& People

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

The Priest blesses the people

CLOSING HYMN

“We three kings of Orient are” vs 1-5, The Hymnal 128

1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing
2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and

1 gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
2 bring to crown him a - gain, King for ev - er,
3 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
4 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
5 God and Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al - le -

1 moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
2 ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
3 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship him, God Most High.
4 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
5 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

Refrain

O star of won - der, star of night,
star with roy - al beau - ty bright; west - ward lead - ing,
still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

THE DISMISSAL

As the procession passes down the aisle, you are invited to face the doors of the church for the Dismissal

Deacon

Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

“Joy to the World” arr. Marth Lynn Thompson

We invite you to join us for Coffee Hour in Hansen Hall after the service.



The Flower Team provides altar flowers for the church on Sundays and when a parishioner dedicates flowers to a loved one. The ministry shares these arrangements with those on our In Need of Comfort list. If you would like to donate flowers in honor or remembrance of someone, contact Pam Woodson at pam@stjohnsjackson.org, call 307-733-2603 or use the sign up sheet in Hansen Hall.



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