

# EPIPHANY†

— *Seattle* —



THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

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## **THE SPONTANEOUS JOY OF CHRISTMAS**

Dear Epiphany,

Merry Christmas. It is my hope that your Christmas is filled with joy. Joy is an idea I think about a lot. It sits on the thin line of freedom, diminishing under obligation, thriving under spontaneity. When life feels like a series of "to do's," joy can be a missing link in our day. When we live spontaneously as our authentic selves, joy spills all over the place lubricating the machinations, rhythms, and routines of life.

Now, it is common to think of freedom as independent choice between alternatives, where more choices equal more freedom resulting in more joy. That is why full department store shelves and innumerable Internet options are supposed to bring joy during the holiday season. Yet, in reality, there is a synaptic disconnection between choice and freedom. If freedom were as easy as choosing, then our greatest moral aspiration would be to be a person who always pulls the "good" lever. Too often Christianity is thought of as a place to learn which lever to pull.

But that is not why Jesus was born. It is not about rules, right or wrong. Christianity is about joy. Beginning with the joy of the birth of a child. Followed by the joy of God saying at the baptism of Jesus, "This is my Son with whom I am well pleased." Jesus spends much of his public life in celebration with people he meets along the way. His first miracle in the Gospel of John is to replenish the wine at a wedding party. (That is a Savior I can follow.) Even the resurrection is a celebration of God's victory over death. Talk about joy.

God came to us in a way we can understand so we can know how to share in the freedom God hopes for us. Joy is the fruit of this freedom, and was, in fact, the message that caused Christianity to spread like wildfire. Christians were known to be more joyful than other people, not because they wore a "fixed smile of a pre-booked place in paradise," but because they were radiant. Jesus is God's smile made real, and Christians are people who smile back at Jesus. If that were not God's intent, God would have come into the world as an order, not an invitation; as a conquering warrior, not a defenseless child.

What does joyful spontaneity have to do with morality and freedom and choice? Everything! The morality of navigating good and bad choices is the morality of children. The morality of joy is becoming adults who spontaneously choose good because that is their habit, their way of life. They do so like a boy who catches a ball when it is thrown to him. It is a skill developed down at the core of his being that springs forth when the ball is thrown. There is joy in making the catch, each and every time.

That is the freedom of moral spontaneity shed upon us at Christmas: God freely, spontaneously appearing in our midst to share the blessing of divine, eternal joy. It is in God's joy, given through the birth of a child, that we are freed to be joyful. May this grace-filled gift be a blessing upon you this Christmas!

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## THE PRELUDE

*Welcome to Epiphany! We invite you to help create the experience of silence before our service. Our hope is to calm our hearts as we prepare to enter into an intensity of shared presence. Thank you for turning off all electronic devices. This service is livestreamed over the internet. If you do not wish to be seen in the video please see an usher for appropriate seating.*

### PRELUDE

*The choir enters during the Voluntary*

### THE VOLUNTARY: *Noël X*

*Louis-Claude Daquin*

### ANTHEM: *No Small Wonder*

*John Edwards*

Small wonder the star,  
small wonder the light,  
the angels in chorus,  
the shepherds in fright;  
but stable and manger for God -  
no small wonder!

Small wonder the kings,  
small wonder they bore  
the gold and the incense,  
the myrrh, to adore;  
but God gives his life on a cross -  
no small wonder!

Small wonder the love,  
small wonder the grace,  
the power, the glory,  
the light of his face;  
but all to redeem my poor heart -  
no small wonder

### ANTHEM: *A Spotless Rose*

*Herbert Howells*

A spotless Rose is blowing  
Sprung from a tender root,  
Of ancient seers' foreshowing,  
Of Jesse promised fruit;  
Its fairest bud unfolds to light  
Amid the cold, cold winter  
And in the dark midnight.

The Rose which I am singing,  
Whereof Isaiah said,  
Is from its sweet root springing  
In Mary, purest Maid;  
For through our God's great love and might  
The blessed babe she bare us  
In a cold, cold winter's night.

The first good joy that Mary had,  
It was the joy of one;  
To see the blessed Jesus Christ  
When He was first her son:  
When He was first her son, good man:  
And blessed may He be,  
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
To all eternity.

The next good joy that Mary had,  
It was the joy of two;  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ  
To make the lame to go:  
To make the lame to go, good man:  
And blessed may He be,  
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
To all eternity.

The next good joy that Mary had,  
It was the joy of three;  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ  
To make the blind to see;  
To make the blind to see, good man:  
And blessed may He be,  
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
To all eternity.

The next good joy that Mary had,  
It was the joy of four;  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ  
To read the Bible o'er:

To read the Bible o'er, good man:  
And blessed may He be,  
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
To all eternity.

The next good joy that Mary had,  
It was the joy of five;  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ  
To raise the dead alive:  
To raise the dead alive, good man:  
And blessed may He be,  
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
To all eternity.

The next good joy that Mary had,  
It was the joy of six;  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ  
To bear the crucifix:  
To bear the crucifix, good man:  
And blessed may He be,  
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
To all eternity.

The next good joy that Mary had,  
It was the joy of seven;  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ  
To wear the crown of heaven:  
To wear the crown of heaven, good man:  
And blessed may He be,  
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
To all eternity.

## THE GATHERING

*At the sound of the bell, all rise as able.  
The ministers of the liturgy enter during the Introit.*

### **INTROIT: *Puer natus est***

*Mode 7*

A child is born for us.  
A son is given to us.  
And the government shall be upon his shoulder.  
And his name shall be called "messenger of great counsel."  
Sing to the Lord a new a song, for he has done marvelous things.

### **OPENING SENTENCES**

*Presider* Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Presider* Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, King of peace: to you be praise and glory for ever. The new light of your incarnate Word gives gladness in our sorrow, and a presence in our isolation. Fill our lives with your light, until they overflow with gladness and praise.

*People* **Blessed be God for ever.**

**Presider** God our Father, today the Saviour is born and those who live in darkness are seeing a great light. Help us, who greet the birth of Christ with joy, to live in the light of your Son and to share the good news of your love. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who has come into the world.

**People** Blessed be God for ever.

The candles are lit.

**HYMN 104: A stable lamp is lighted**

Andujar

1 A sta - ble lamp is light - ed Whose  
2 (This) child through Da - vid's ci - ty Shall  
3 (Yet) he shall be for - sak - en, And  
4 (But) now, as at the end - ing, The  
glow shall wake the sky; The stars shall bend their voic - es,  
ride in tri - umph by; The palm shall strew its branch - es,  
yield - ed up to die; The sky shall groan and dark - en,  
low is lift - ed high; The stars shall bend their voic - es,  
And ev - ery stone shall cry. And ev - every stone shall cry,  
And ev - every stone shall cry. And ev - every stone shall cry,  
And ev - every stone shall cry. And ev - every stone shall cry,  
And straw like gold shall shine; A barn shall har - bor hea - ven,  
Though hea - vy, dull, and dumb, And lie with - in the road - way  
For ston - y hearts of men: God's blood up - on the spear - head,  
In prais - es of the Child By whose de - scent a - mong us  
A stall be - come a shrine. 2 This  
To pave his king - dom come. 3 Yet  
God's love re - fused a - gain. 4 But  
The worlds are rec - on - ciled.

*Final Ending*

Words: Richard Wilbur (1921-2017)  
Music: David Hurd (b.1950)

**Presider** Lord Jesus, Light of light, you have come among us. Help us who live by your light to shine as lights in your world. Glory to God in the highest.

**People** Amen.

THE FESTIVAL PROCESSION

*Presider*
*People*

Let us go forth in peace. In the name of Christ. A - men.

HYMN 83: O come all ye faithful

*Adeste Fidelis*

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
 2 God from — God, — Light from Light e - ter - nal, —  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, —  
 \*4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle, —  
 \*5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger, —

1 come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 2 lo! he ab - hors — not the Vir - gin's womb;  
 3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;  
 4 leav - ing their flocks, — draw — nigh to gaze;  
 5 we would em - brace — thee, with love and awe;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
 2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son — of the Fa - ther;  
 3 glo - ry to God, — glo - ry in the high - est;  
 4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;  
 5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

*Refrain*

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -  
 dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father,  
now in flesh appearing;  
*Refrain*

*Words and Music: John Francis Wade (1711-86)*

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**All** **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Presider* Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Sung by all*

**GLORIA: Missa ad Praesepe** (*sung by the choir*)

*George Malcolm (1917-97)*

Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee,  
we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*Sung in Latin*

Presider The Lord be with you.  
All **And with thy spirit.**  
Presider Let us pray.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *(said by all)*

All O God, who hast caused this holy night to shine with the illumination of the true Light: Grant us, we beseech thee, that as we have known the mystery of that Light upon earth, so may we also perfectly enjoy him in heaven; where with thee and the Holy Spirit he liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*All are seated.*

### THE LESSON: *Isaiah 9:2-7*

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

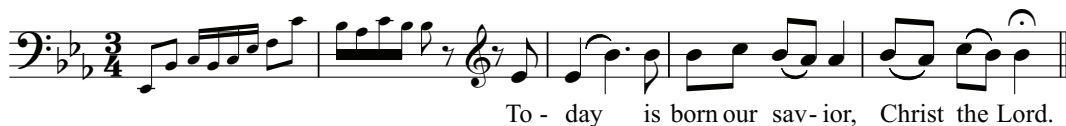
Lector The Word of the Lord.  
All **Thanks be to God**

*The people remain seated.*

PSALM 97 *(verses sung by the choir, all join in the refrain)*

Anglican Chant: C. V. Stanford

### Refrain



The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice; \*  
let the multitude of the isles be glad.  
Clouds and darkness are round about him, \*  
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne. **Refrain**

A fire goes before him \*  
and burns up his enemies on every side.  
His lightnings light up the world; \*  
the earth sees it and is afraid.  
The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, \*  
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.  
The heavens declare his righteousness, \*  
and all the peoples see his glory. **Refrain**



Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! \*  
 Bow down before him, all you gods.  
 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, \*  
 because of your judgments, O Lord.  
 For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth; \*  
 you are exalted far above all gods.  
 The Lord loves those who hate evil; \*  
 he preserves the lives of his saints and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.  
 Light has sprung up for the righteous, \*  
 and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.  
 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, \*  
 and give thanks to his holy Name. **Refrain**

*The people stand.*

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *The refrain is sung first by the Cantor, and then sung by all.*



*Verse:* I proclaim to you good news of great joy:  
 today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord.  
**Refrain** *(sung by all)*

*The people remain standing.*

**THE GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20**

*Gospeler* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**All** **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.  
**All** **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## THE SERMON: *The Reverend Doyt L. Conn, Jr.*

*Reflective silence and stillness are kept after the sermon.*

*The people stand to say*

### THE NICENE CREED

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.

*The people remain standing.*

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Intercessor* On this holy night, as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, O Lord, that your Church may be a sign of truth and hope. May our unity give you glory throughout the world and serve as a sign of your faithful love.

*All* Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Guide the leaders of all nations and those whom they govern that justice and peace may increase. May we experience the fruits of righteousness and the blessings of your reign of love.

*All* Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* May this good earth and its creatures, blessed through the birth of the Christ child, reveal your glory. Give us grace to guard its riches wisely and to share its bounty justly.

*All* Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Bless this community and this congregation and all who are dear to us. May we embrace the good news of your birth and share it generously with all those seeking your love.

*All* Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Comfort and heal the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer. May the light of your Son bring healing and may we be agents of hope in your name.

*All* Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* For those who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, grant them rest and the sure knowledge of your peace. Remind us, Lord, that neither death nor life will separate us from your love.

*All* Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*The Presider offers a Concluding Collect.*

*Presider* 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.**

## THE PEACE

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All* **And with thy spirit.**

*The ministers and people greet one another in the name of Christ.*

## THE WELCOME

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*Presider* To us a child is born, to us a son is given; and he shall be called the Prince of Peace.



*The offertory is the time during the service when we give offerings to God, acknowledging that all we have comes from God. The choir offers their gift of music, and this is our opportunity to offer thanks to God through a monetary gift to support the ministries of Epiphany. Active Epiphany parishioners make an annual pledge commitment toward the vitality of our ministries. In some cases pledging parishioners also make a financial contribution at the offertory. Money placed in the hunger basket at Communion supports our outreach ministry of feeding those in need. You may use the QR code, either during the anthem or later at your convenience, or place your offering in the offering plate as it is passed.*

*The people remain seated.*

### **AT THE OFFERTORY: A Child is Born**

*Leo Nestor (1948-2019)*

A child is born in Bethlehem, alleluia!  
Wherefore rejoice, Jerusalem, alleluia, alleluia!  
With joyful hearts in praise,  
Christ, the newborn King adore now  
as newfound songs we raise.

The child lies in a manger low, alleluia!  
Who rules while all the ages go, alleluia, alleluia!  
With joyful hearts in praise,  
Christ, the newborn King adore now  
As newfound songs we raise.



**SANCTUS: Missa ad Praesepe** (sung by the choir)

Malcolm

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*Sung in Latin*

*The presider continues.*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful God, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O God Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to pray,

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *sung by all*

Our Fa-ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed be thy Name, thy king - dom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our dai - ly bread.  
And for - give us our tres - pas - ses, as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us.  
And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - li - ver us from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom,  
and the power, and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

### **AGNUS DEI: *Missa ad Praesepe*** *(sung by the choir)*

Malcolm

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.

*Sung in Latin*

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All are invited to receive the Holy Communion. It is your choice as to whether you receive Holy Communion or a blessing. You may receive Communion or a blessing at the standing station in the front of the nave or proceed to the altar rail. The bread will be placed in your palm. You may consume the bread and then drink from the chalice (please grasp the bottom of the chalice firmly and guide it to your lips); or, you may leave the bread in your palm for the chalice bearer to dip it into the wine and place it on your tongue. Self-intinction is strongly discouraged by the Episcopal church. The people's response to receiving the bread and the wine is "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available. To indicate to the Eucharistic minister that you would like a gluten-free wafer, please present your hands palms down. Those who do not wish to receive Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.*

## MUSIC AT COMMUNION

### ***Communion Proper***

In the beauty of holiness have I begotten you like dew from the womb of the morning.

### ***O magnum mysterium***

*Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)*

O great mystery,  
and wonderful sacrament,  
that animals should see the newborn Lord,  
lying in a manger!  
Blessed is the virgin whose womb  
was worthy to bear  
the Lord, Jesus Christ.  
Alleluia!

*(Sung in Latin)*

Sung by all

HYMN 115: What child is this, who laid to rest

Greensleeves

*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.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-98)  
Music: English melody

The people stand as able.

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

All O Lord our God, thou hast graciously accepted us as living members of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. In this night thou hast made known to us again the coming of thine only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ: confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns and Christ the Morning Star riseth in our hearts. To him be glory now and for ever. Amen.

The people kneel as the lights are dimmed and the candles are lit.

## MUSIC AFTER COMMUNION—*Silent night, holy night*

*Stille Nacht*

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,  
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake  
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.  
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,  
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly  
heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is  
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.  
born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is  
birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848)

Music: melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863)



The people stand as able.

## THE BLESSING

**Presider** May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. Amen.

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the good news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

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

## HYMN 87: Hark! the herald angels sing

Mendelssohn

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!  
2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;  
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of Right - eous - ness!

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!  
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
Light and life to all he brings; Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.  
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,

with the an - ge - lic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88)  
Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

## DISMISSAL

**Minister** Let us bless the Lord, alleluia, alleluia!

**All** Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!

After the procession has led the way out of the church,  
we invite you to remain for the Voluntary or depart quietly.

## VOLUNTARY: Carillon de Westminster

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**Music Classes!**

**SATURDAYS**

January 6, 13, 20, 27, February 3 & 10

**Music, My Grownup, & ME!**

A fun-filled, play-based class for toddlers and caregivers.

*For ages 2 to 4 with an adult*

11:00 - 11:45 am - \$200

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**An Introduction to Collaborative Music**

Have fun learning to make music along with other young performers using a variety of group instruments.

*Drop-off class for ages 6 - 10*

12:00 - 12:45 pm - \$200



**MONDAYS**

January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12

**Guitar Ensemble Class**

Students of *all* abilities come together to learn songs in community!

Whether a beginner or life-long player, students will have the opportunity to grow their skill and play a part suited to their abilities in the ensemble.

*For ages 8 through adult*

6:45 - 7:45 pm - \$270

**THURSDAYS**

January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8 & 15

**Let's Explore Music:  
Foundations of Music**

Learn by singing and playing with other young musicians!

*Drop-off class for ages 4 - 5*

4:30 - 5:00 pm - \$155

**Let's Explore Music:  
Find Your Voice!**

Sing your heart out and have fun doing it!

*Drop-off class for kids K-2, ages 6-8*

5:15 - 6:00 pm - \$200

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*Associate Rector* The Reverend Lisa Ozaeta

*Assisting Priest* The Reverend Pam Tinsley

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*Director of Music* Zachary Hemenway

*Assistant Director of Music* Julian Petrallia

*The Epiphany Choir*

*Verger* Bob Barnes

*Thurifer* John Starbard

*Crucifer* Nico Balducci

*Lector* Travis Salisbury

*Ushers* Dawn Friend, Travis Salisbury

*Flowers* Alice Foreman

*Altar Guild* Dawn Friend, John Starbard

THE POINSETTIAS ARE  
GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF . . .

MY PARENTS, PHOEBE AND BOB KING FROM MARGARET KING;  
LOIS & WALTER CARLISLE FROM TERRY AND DIANE CARLISLE;  
KATIE PEGLER AND ROBERT PEGLER FROM JILL MARSDEN & ROS BOND;  
JACK MAYOTTE FROM JUDITH MAYOTTE;  
GUY FALSKOW FROM BETTY FALSKOW;  
THAD ALSTON FROM KELLI MARTIN;  
DAVID BLACK AND WAYNE SCHUH FROM INEZ BLACK;  
OUR PARENTS AND BROTHER FROM BOB, DAWN, AND NADIA FRIEND;  
AL AND CARLA SARGENT FROM LAURA SARGENT & JIM AND VIVI MARLOW;  
CAROLYN SCHEER FROM GLENN AND SUSAN WARD;  
LOIS A. REX, WALLY REX, AND JOHN W. HALSTEAD  
FROM BILL REX AND FAMILY;  
LAWRENCE AND IRENE SONGER FROM KENNA HART;  
MILDRED GOULD FROM DAWN LEPORE AND KEN GLADDEN;  
GINGER ACKERLEY FROM PATTY AND JIMMY BARRIER;  
RICHARD COYLE FROM SHERILYN PETERSON;  
DORALIN BURROWS (MOTHER OF BARB MARSHALL) FROM THE VESTRY;  
MY MOTHER ANN COWAN FROM GLADYS BOSTICK;  
MY PARENTS, JOHN AND MARCELLA HAY FROM JULIE HAY;  
SHERMAN W. DAY FROM STEVE DAY;  
MY MOTHER IDA NEARY FROM BRAD NEARY;  
WITHROW MEEKER FROM THE ROHRBACH FAMILY;  
BARBARA PRINGLE FROM GLADYS BOSTICK;  
HARRY AND PHYLLIS DEMIAN FROM PAM DEMIAN;  
CATHERINE DOROTHY FROM KITTI LILE;  
LAUREN, KARA, AND CASEY FROM LAURA AND CHRIS RODDE;  
TERRIE RUNDLE FROM DALE RUNDLE;  
MY SISTER, CHARLOTTE WILLIAMSON FROM ALEC WILLIAMSON;  
HUGO L. BLACK III FROM JEANNINE BLACK;  
RICH COYLE FROM CORY CARLSON AND RHODA ALTOM;  
FRANCES DELANEY MURRAY, WHO JOINS HER SISTERS LORETTA, PAT, AND JOAN IN PEACE WITH THE LORD  
FROM MEGAN HUTCHESON AND ROB PORCARELLI

## AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR . . .

MY DAUGHTER, MOIRA ROSE FROM BRAD NEARY;  
MY DAUGHTER, LISA MOLDREM FROM ANNE MOLDREM;  
OUR FAMILY FROM NEIL AND NANCY McREYNOLDS;  
FOR MY FAMILY FROM CAROLINE NORMANN;  
FROM MISSY ROSS;  
OUR PARENTS: DONNA AND DaCOSTA, GRACIA AND DOYT, CECIL AND SUZANNE  
FROM KRISTIN AND DOYT CONN;  
OUR WONDERFUL EPIPHANY FAMILY FROM DWAYNE AND LORELLE SHEARER;  
FROM MISSY ROSS;  
OUR FAMILY AND CHURCH COMMUNITY FROM MARGIE AND AL EINSTEIN;  
OUR FAMILY FROM JOHN AND LAUREL NESHOLM;  
FROM JANET HOEHNE;  
THE HEALTH OF OUR PARENTS FROM AASHISH AND SUSANNAH DHAMDHERE;  
OUR BELOVED GRANDCHILDREN: THEO, SAM, CYRUS AND ALMA  
FROM SUE AND JOHN CARY;  
LEWIS BOHLER, JR. FROM KELLI MARTIN;  
MY FAMILY FROM SALLY CLARKE;  
FROM VERNON AND DALE BARBACK;  
OUR NEIGHBORHOOD CHURCH, HOPE IN THE WORLD FROM BOB AND AUDREY SEALE;  
MY SONS, ALEXANDER AND CHRISTOPHER FROM SOPHIE HAGER HUME;  
FROM RENE HENRY;  
THE EPIPHANY STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS FROM KRISTINE LUND;  
OUR FAMILIES FROM SUZANNE AND BILL WHITAKER;  
FROM GRETCHEN ROSOFF,  
OUR FAMILY FROM BARBEE AND JIM CRUTCHER;  
FROM NANCY DAPPER;  
OUR CHILDREN, HALEY, JOHN MARK, HEATH AND FRANCIÉ FROM LISA AND MYRA OZAETA;  
OUR GRANDCHILDREN, SIENNA AND BRIGGS FROM DAVE AND PAM TINSLEY;  
OUR GRANDDAUGHTER, MCKENNA MARIE SUMMerville FROM KAREN AND CLYDE SUMMerville;

AND FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLLY

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# Feast of the Epiphany

Saturday | January 6 | 7:30 pm | Church

Every year, 12 days after Christmas, the Epiphany Family gathers for a party. We celebrate the arrival of the Magi with a Festive Eucharist. In the Anglican Tradition, this is the official end of Christmastide, but it also has deeper meanings, with its own short season that marks the Baptism of Our Lord and the Wedding of Cana.

Why these events? How are they connected to Christmas? The answer lies in the meaning of the word “epiphany” – it is a moment of sudden revelation or insight, and through these events, we honor the moments in the Jesus story when God made Godself known to God’s people. The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of God incarnate as Jesus Christ.

During this service, we will also be blessing chalk for you to take home to mark another great Anglican tradition: Chalking of the Doors. This is a way to celebrate and literally mark this feast with chalk on our front doors, asking for God’s blessing on our lives and home.

This is our eponymous feast as a community, so we follow the Festive Eucharist with a festive party! We ask you to help us make this celebration a success by giving our hospitality team a hand. Please contact **Amanda Eap** at **[Amanda@epiphanyseattle.org](mailto:Amanda@epiphanyseattle.org)** to inquire about helping out by bringing food or beverages, or lending a helping hand before, during, or after the event.

Feast of the Epiphany is our family reunion. We hope you come.

Your presence is essential to the festivities!

# **Weekly Worship Services at Epiphany**

## **Sundays**

### **8:45 am Holy Eucharist**

A service of Holy Eucharist in the church using modern language (Rite II) from the Book of Common Prayer. Anthems are sung by our Epiphany Choir with hymns sung by the choir and congregation.

### **11:00 am Holy Eucharist**

A service of Holy Eucharist in the church using traditional language (Rite I) from the Book of Common Prayer. This service uses incense and Sanctus bells to engage all of your senses in worship. Parts of the Eucharist are chanted. Anthems and hymns are sung by the choir and congregation.

### **5:30 pm Evensong**

Sung at the close of day in cathedrals and churches throughout the world, Choral Evensong is a service of Evening Prayer, derived from the ancient offices of Vespers and Compline. The choir sings the traditional evening prayers of the church that have been offered for centuries, while the congregation listens, joins in the hymns, and adds their own prayers to those of the choir. Reception follows in the Chapel. *Resumes January 8, 2023*

## **PARISH PRAYER LIST**

### **WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE BIRTHDAYS FALL BETWEEN DECEMBER 24 AND DECEMBER 30**

Karen Summerville, Cameron Cohen, Linda Albert Young, Ed Emerson, Gretchen Rosoff,  
Laurel Nesholm, Bobbie Spaeth, Claire Anderson, Eleanor Anderson,  
Daniel Ferguson, Terry Carlisle, Laura Sargent

### **WE PRAY FOR THOSE ON THE DIOCESAN**

#### **CYCLE OF PRAYER**

Good Shepherd, Vancouver  
St. Luke's/San Lucas, Vancouver

### **WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE ILL OR GRIEVING**

Cheryl Morgan, Eileen Riley, Marylyn Vincent, The Osterlind Family, Steve, Lynn Manley,  
Alice Foreman, Thomas, John Kirkpatrick, Barbara Lock, Melanie Hodgman,  
Amber Gregory, Dennis Hogan, Trudy Baldwin, Jessica Khan, Mary Jane Anderson,  
Arthur Sullivan, Rose Chimo, Linda Baker, Bill Hess, Jane Hess, Barbara Beck,  
Jeremy Bacon, Miah, Janet Salisbury, Pete Melin, Norma Lorenzana,  
Bill Ingham, Sherry Braak, Cooper Sayer, Kathleen Balducci, Tommy Carlisle,  
Bill Rex, Lisa Robertson, Ava Hall, Diane, Mary Magee, Ruth Hurt, William

### **WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**

Wier Harman, Casey Schmidt, Patricia Horner

Are you or a loved one in need of some extra, tender loving care? Pastoral Care Ministries at Epiphany can reach out through a written prayer, a Eucharistic visit, a phone call, a greeting card, a bouquet of Epiphany flowers, a prayer shawl, and/or a meal delivered. Please contact Diane Carlisle at [verger@epiphanyseattle.org](mailto:verger@epiphanyseattle.org)

## Parish Staff

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The Rev. Doyt L. Conn, Jr.	<i>Rector</i>
Jad Baaklini	<i>Director of Communications</i>
Karen Berry	<i>Parish Administrator</i>
The Rev. Lex Breckinridge	<i>Assisting Priest</i>
Diane Carlisle	<i>Exec. Assistant to the Rector and Director of Worship</i>
Pam Demian	<i>Business Administrator</i>
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Bryan Fiehler	<i>Audio Visual Minister</i>
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Laura Rodde	<i>Chief of Staff</i>
Laura Sargent	<i>Music Department Coordinator</i>
The Rev. Pam Tinsley	<i>Associate Priest</i>

## Volunteer Ministry Leaders

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Ann Beck	<i>YWCA Cleanup &amp; Teen Feed</i>
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Diana Bender	<i>Discernment</i>
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Jenny Cummins	<i>Tiny Homes</i>
Karen Forbes	<i>Women's Retreat Group</i>
Alice Foreman	<i>Flower Ministry</i>
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Sherman Griffin	<i>Music at Epiphany</i>
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Pete Melin	<i>Tiny Homes</i>
Bethany Miller	<i>Chaplain Washington Park Tower</i>
Robin Mondares	<i>Chaplain Aegis</i>
Nancy Morrow	<i>Parkshore Ministry</i>
Laurel Nesholm	<i>Art Guild</i>
Elizabeth Roberts	<i>Women's Retreat Group</i>
Jonathan Roberts	<i>C. S. Lewis Minyan</i>
Lorelle Shearer	<i>Meals Ministry</i>
Trish Stone	<i>All Threads Together</i>

To find out more about all of our ministries go to  
[epiphanyseattle.org/engage](http://epiphanyseattle.org/engage).

## Volunteer Professionals

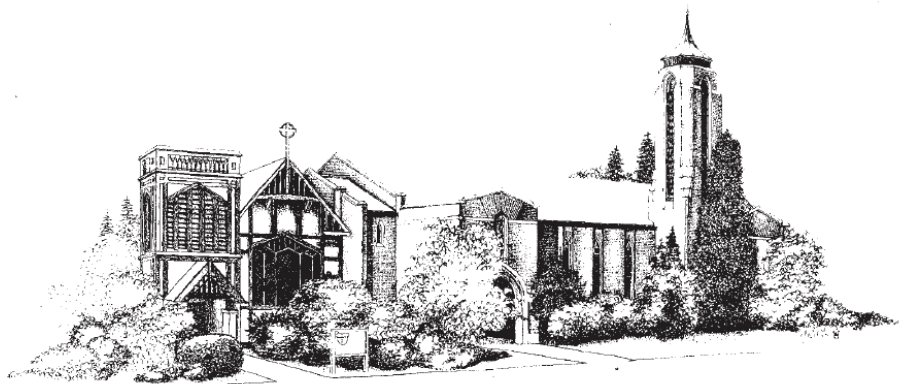
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Bill Forbes	<i>Buildings and Grounds</i>
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Doug Marshall	<i>Treasurer</i>
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## Vestry

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Kelli Martin - Senior Warden	
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Dwayne Shearer	Lesa Sroufe
Alec Williamson	



Wherever you are on your spiritual journey,  
you have a place at Epiphany.