

# **ST. JOHN'S**

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## **EPISCOPAL CHURCH**



### **The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

**January 2, 2022**

**9:30 AM**

Welcome to Historic St. John's Episcopal Church. We are very glad you are celebrating with us today. Child care is available in the nursery (room 205) during the 9:30 AM service. The Adult Lectionary Class meets after the 9:30 AM service in the library as well as on Zoom.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion of bread and wine. If you are of another religious tradition or don't have a religious affiliation, we encourage you to come forward at the time of Communion to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms across your chest while at the communion station.

If you don't have a church home, we hope you will consider making St. John's your spiritual home. Feel free to contact the Parish Office for more information: (703) 803-7500 or e-mail us at [SJECCentreville@aol.com](mailto:SJECCentreville@aol.com).

St. John's stands upon its original foundation first consecrated on July 14, 1850, and for 171 years has been an integral part of the Centreville Community. St. John's is rooted in the Anglican Tradition and remains a center for healing, hope and hospitality. We are pleased to share this historic church with our ministry partners: Wellspring United Church of Christ, St. Anthony of Padua (American National Catholic Church), Myungsung Korean Baptist Church, Centreville Spanish Seventh-Day Adventist Church, the Presbyterian Korean Church of Vision and Love, Grace Baptist Church, Nepali Pathshala of Virginia, 12 + 12 Alcoholics Anonymous, Elim Kids Academy, Gamblers Anonymous, and Grace and Glory Korean Baptist Church.

## Holy Eucharist: Rite II

### The Word of God

The Prelude

The Processional Hymn: 124, "What star is this, with beams so bright"

*Puer nobis*

The Opening Acclamation *The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 355

The Collect for Purity p. 355

The Gloria: Hymn 96: "Angels we have heard on high" *Gloria*

The Collect of the Day: p. 214

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 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 Psalm: 72:1-7,10-14, said responsively by half-verse p. 685

The Second Lesson: 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 Gospel Hymn: 128, verses 1 - 3, "We three kings of Orient are"

*Three Kings of Orient*

The Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

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 Hymn: 128, verses 4 & 5, "We three kings of Orient are"

*Three Kings of Orient*

The Sermon: The Rev. Carol Hancock

*After the sermon, a moment of silence is observed. Please remain seated.*

The Nicene Creed [stand]

The Prayers of the People, form IV [ <i>kneel</i> ]	p. 388
The Confession of Sin & Absolution	p. 360
The Peace [ <i>stand</i> ]	

### **The Celebration of Holy Communion**

#### The Offertory

The Offertory Sentence [*sit*]

The Doxology - Hymn: 115, verse 3 & final refrain only, "What child is this"

#### *Greensleeves*

#### The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer: B [*stand*] p. 367

Sanctus: S130, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord"

The Lord's Prayer p. 364

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

The Fraction Anthem: S164, "Jesus, Lamb of God" *Agnus Dei*

#### The Invitation to Communion

p. 365 The Communion Hymn: 112, "In the bleak midwinter" *Cranham*

The Post Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving p. 365

#### The Blessing

#### The Announcements

The Recessional Hymn: 135, "Songs of thankfulness and praise" *Salzburg*

#### The Dismissal

#### The Postlude