



St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church

THE CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

January 6, 2019 ~ 10:00 a.m.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST ~ RITE ONE

We invite you to participate in the worship of God. Our service is The Holy Eucharist Rite One in The Book of Common Prayer. For ease of use, this leaflet contains the congregational portions of the liturgy and service music. Congregational responses are printed in italics. Hymn numbers refer to The Hymnal 1982. Page numbers refer to The Book of Common Prayer for those wishing to use it. Lesson and Gospel texts are taken from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Prelude

*New Dawn, New Day
Brightest and Best*

L. Smith
M. Balderston



The Word of God

Processional Hymn

Hymn 128, vss. 1-3, 5: We three kings of Orient are

Three Kings of Orient

The 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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Celebrant: 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.*

The Summary of the Law

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Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

The Gloria

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

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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 thy Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

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- 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.

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever.

Amen.

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn

Hymn 124, Vss. 1-3, 5: What star is this

Puer nobis

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Tim Backus

The Nicene Creed

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*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*

A Litany for Epiphany

The Magi journeyed so far to find you, Redeemer and Saviour, we too must search for you all our lives.
Help us to find you, Lord.

The Magi brought precious gifts to you. Our treasure must be the gift of building up your kingdom here and now.
Help us to find you, Lord.

The coming of the strangers from the East marked the showing forth of Christ to the whole world. As Christians we are called to show forth Christ's love in our everyday lives.
Help us to find you, Lord.

You were in the world but they did not know you. You came to your own and they did not receive you. There was no room for you at the inn. Is there any room for you in our hearts?
Help us to respond to you, Lord.

The Magi were prepared to leave their homes to search for the new king whose sign was a star in the east. We too must be prepared to search and become a pilgrim people.
Help us to seek and find you, Lord.

God has called us out of darkness into the light. May we experience his kindness and blessing and be strong in faith, hope and love.
Help us show your light in the world.

Today's Intercessor will now read congregational prayers for healing, protection and thanksgiving.

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The Confession

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*Celebrant and People:
Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.*

Absolution

Celebrant: Almighty God our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace

(Please greet one another and welcome a guest.)

Welcome

The Offertory

Light Up the Fire

McClellan/Paculabo

Hymn at the Presentation *(Choir & Congregation)*

Hymn 380, Vs. 3: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.



The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: *It is meet and right so to do.*

Celebrant: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, because in the mystery of the flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

The Sanctus

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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.

(The congregation may stand, kneel or sit.)

The Celebrant 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 Father, 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 Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

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

The Lord's Prayer

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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

The Breaking of The Bread

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Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

Fraction Anthem

Lamb of God

Marjorie Landsmark DeLewis

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Prayer of Humble Access

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We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table, But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink the blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

The Communion

(All baptized Christians of any denomination are welcome to receive the Eucharist at the Lord's Table.)

Hymn at the Administration

Hymn 117: Brightest and best are the stars of the morning

Morning Star

Hymn 112: In the bleak midwinter

Cranham

Hymn 98: Unto us a boy is born

Puer nobis nascitur

The Post-Communion Prayer

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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.

A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis *(in unison)*

Lord, make us instruments of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

Hymn 616, Vss. 1, 3-5: Hail to the Lord’s Anointed

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Good King Wincelas

S. Otis



“Pray for each other so that you may be healed.” (James 5:16b)

MINISTERS FOR THIS SERVICE

Ushers/Greeters	Chip & Janet Wood
Acolytes	Lonnie Lorren Barbara MacNeil Averette Culver
Eucharistic Ministers	John Griffing John Boden
Lectors	Bob Brownlie Flash Gordon
Intercessor	Cathy Griffing
Oblationers	Tom & Lita Brown
Nursery Assistant	Dana Miller
Ministers of Music	St. Francis Adult Choir
Organist/Choirmaster	Cathy Griffing
Celebrant	The Rev. Tim Backus

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

SUN., JAN. 6:	9:00 a.m.	Adult Education
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 a.m. - Communion	Nursery
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite One
	11:15 a.m.	Coffee Hour
TUES., JAN. 8:	10:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
	11:30 a.m.	WOSF Luncheon
WEDS., JAN. 9:	12:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharistic Rite Two
THURS., JAN. 10:	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
FRI., JAN. 11:	9-11:00 a.m.	Senior Moment Café
SAT. JAN. 12:	9:00 a.m.	ECW Business Meeting
SUN., JAN. 13:	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 a.m. - Communion	Nursery
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite One
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS. We are happy to have you with us today to share in worship and fellowship. Please fill out a pew card, put it in the offering plate and sign the guest book in the Atrium. Join us after the service in the Parish Hall for refreshments and conversation.

PLEASE JOIN US THIS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, AT NOON as we celebrate the Holy Eucharist and commemorate the life and work of Julia Chester Emery, who served for 40 years as secretary of the Women's Auxiliary of the U.S. Episcopal Church's Board of Missions. She is particularly recognized for her creation of the United Thank Offering.

NEW ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM started today at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. "The Call" authored by Adam Hamilton is the story of the Apostle Paul, whose writings continue to shape the lives of one-third of the world's population, a man second only to Jesus in his impact and influence on the Christian faith, and whose witness defines what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ. It was a call – a call to turn the world upside down.

"FIRST FRIDAY'S WITH THE FATHER". On the first Friday of every month from 9-11 a.m., all adults are invited to join our Rector, Fr. Tim, who will introduce various topics of reflection with open ended conversation. This is also an excellent opportunity where various thoughts, ideas, questions and suggestions can be raised and discussed openly as a group with the rector. The first Friday with the Father begins February 7. **First Friday's with the Father** will meet in conjunction with Senior Moment's Cafe in the 'Great Room' (also known as the Youth Room) across from the library. Senior Moment's Café meets every Friday from 9-11 a.m., so please feel invited to attend weekly or anytime you are available on Friday mornings. Senior Moments is an excellent opportunity to get to know other adult members of the church through open conversation in a relaxed atmosphere with coffee and refreshments.

FOOD FOR THE POOR MINISTRIES. During the service on Sunday, January 20, we will welcome and hear from The Rev. Holly Ostlund about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Rev. Ostlund will share personal witness about Food for the Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another. Rev. Ostlund has served multiple churches in the diocese of south Florida and is a graduate of the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest.

ECW BUSINESS MEETING. All ladies are invited to our first 2019 meeting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, January 12 in the Parish Hall. Light refreshments will be served.

CHILDREN/YOUTH/PARENT/FAMILY MEETING: JANUARY 27 in the Parish Hall following Coffee Hour. During the beginning phase of 2019, we will be strategically exploring new ways to reach our children/youth/families. All are welcome to attend this meeting regardless of how much time you are able to invest. With the Children/Family Task Force, our goal is to completely revamp the way we are handling children/family ministries and education, and we need your help. One of the most important ways to accomplish this is by collaborating with children/youth/parents to understand what the needs and desires are for our kids and for their parents. Your ideas and suggestions, large or small, are welcomed. Creative ideas are especially welcomed! Please join us for this very special meeting. We have an exciting year ahead of us!

PRAYER LIST

Pray for Healing: Lonnie Barlow, Wyatt Blancheri, George Bokas, Stephen Barona, Mike Bosworth, Alan Bunt, Martha Bunt, Tammy Cantrell, Penny Carter, Lessie Cauthen, Anna Clausen, Sky Currie, Fred Daniel, Bill Delavan, Marzell Ellis, Jan Flanigan, Valorie Griffing, Phyllis Ham, Jennifer Henderson, Clauzell Holloway, Mary Howard, Josephina Jimenez, Elizabeth Kenworthy, Nicole Kostic, Kristie Kroh, Brenda Lawrence, Alexis Loes, Cline May, Liza McKee, Bryan & Karen Noa, Rosemary Noel, Mariah O'Hara, Jessica Ogden, K.K. Owen, Lynn & Sue Parker, Marlena Peña, Jan Reddit, Katlynn Salzman, Marianne Stanky, Savannah Stanky, John Stearns, Bob Stine, Bob Stine, Jr., Genia Weidler, Pat Wilson

Pray for Active Duty Military: Martin Bunt, Michael Christiansen, Matthew King, Doug Kroh, Daniel Lane, Bryan Lucas, Kenneth Marshall, Tyler Mathews, Shane Murtha, Anthony Olson, Josh Payne, Dylan Price, Jason Pritchett, Ryan Schuler, Karri Styron, T.J. Teicher, Kevin Walsh, Nicolas Zbikowski