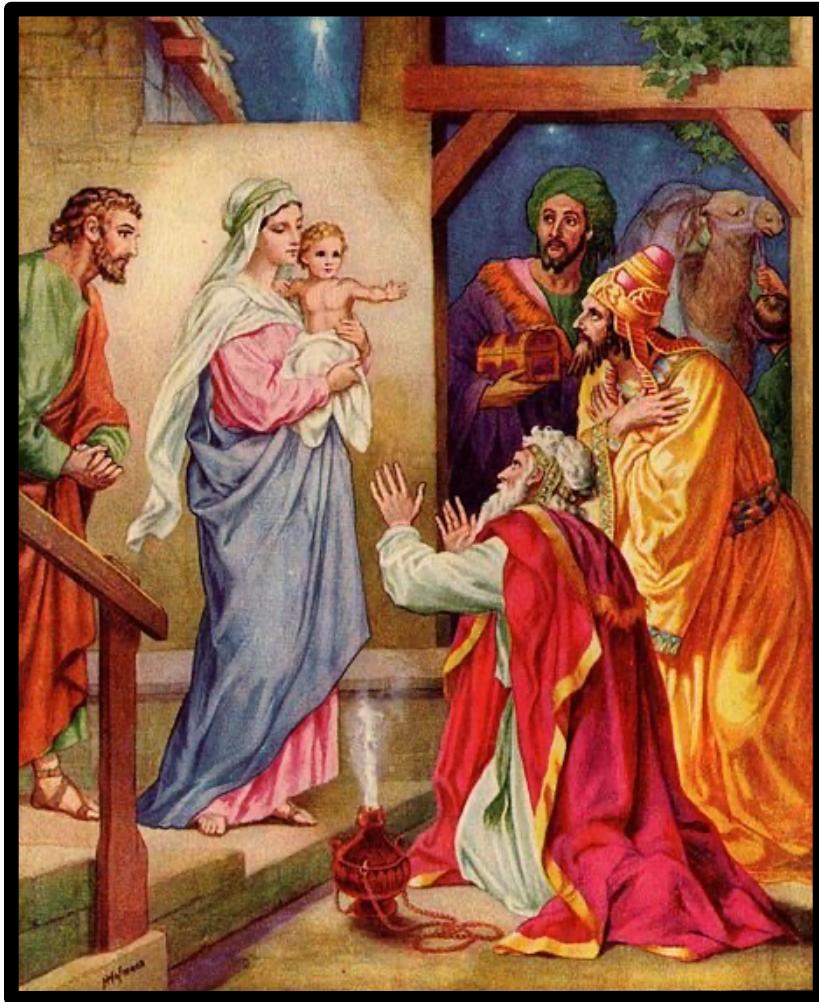


CHRIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Cashiers, North Carolina



**THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
THE HOLY EUCHARIST
06 JANUARY 2026 | 5:00 PM**

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY

We Three Kings

arr. Fred Bock

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PEALING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

The People stand and sing

THE PROCESSIONAL

We Three Kings of Orient Are

WRH 233

The People remain standing.

THE ACCLAMATION

BCP 123

Celebrant I will make you as a light for the nations,

People *That my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.*

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 124

The Celebrant and people say

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.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

BCP 124

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

THE KYRIE

BCP 124

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

People *Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 125

Celebrant The Lord be with You.

People: ***And with your spirit.***

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 people remain seated for the reading of God's Word.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-9

Bible 619

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ² For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. ³ And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. ⁴ Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. ⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶ 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 bring good news, the praises of the Lord. ⁷ All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to you; the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you; they shall come up with acceptance on my altar, and I will beautify my beautiful house. ⁸ Who are these that fly like a cloud, and like doves to their windows? ⁹ For the coastlands shall hope for me, the ships of Tarshish first, to bring your children from afar, their silver and gold with them, for the name of the Lord your God, and for the Holy One of Israel, because he has made you beautiful.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

The reader and people read responsively by half-verse.

THE PSALTER VERSES

Psalm 72

BCP 359

¹ Give the King thy judgments, O God, *
and thy righteousness unto the King's son.
² Then shall he judge thy people according unto right, *
and defend the poor.

³ The mountains also shall bring peace, *
and the little hills righteousness unto the people.

⁴ He shall keep the simple folk by their right, *
defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrong doer.

⁵ They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth, *
from one generation to another.

⁶ He shall come down like the rain upon the mown grass, *
even as the drops that water the earth.

⁷ In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.

⁸ His dominion shall be also from the one sea to the other, *
and from the River unto the world's end.

⁹ They that dwell in the wilderness shall kneel before him; *
his enemies shall lick the dust.

¹⁰ The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall give presents; *
the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts.

¹¹ All kings shall fall down before him; *
all nations shall do him service.,

¹² For he shall deliver the poor when he cries, *
the needy also, and the one that has no helper.

¹³ He shall be favorable to the lowly and needy, *
and shall preserve the lives of the poor.

¹⁴ He shall deliver them from falsehood and wrong, *
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

¹⁵ Long may he live! And unto him shall be given the gold of Arabia; *
prayer shall ever be made unto him, and daily shall he be blessed.

¹⁶ There shall be an abundance of grain on the earth, thick upon the hilltops; *
its fruit shall flourish like Lebanon, its grain like the grass upon the earth.

¹⁷ His Name shall endure for ever; his Name shall remain as long as the sun. *

All the nations shall be blessed through him and shall call him blessed.

¹⁸ Blessed be the LORD God, even the God of Israel, *

who alone does wondrous things;

¹⁹ And blessed be the Name of his majesty for ever; *

and all the earth shall be filled with his majesty. Amen, Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 3:1-13

Bible 977

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—² assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you,³ how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly.⁴ When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ,⁵ which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit.⁶ This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.⁷ Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power.⁸ To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things,¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.¹¹ This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord,¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.¹³ So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand to sing the Sequence Hymn and remain standing for the Gospel Lesson.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN ***It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*** (Stanzas 1&2) WRH 191

Deacon The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

Bible 807

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem,² saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him;⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: ⁶ 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'"⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared.⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him."⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was.¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.¹¹ And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SEQUENCE HYMN *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* (Stanza 3) WRH 191

THE SERMON

The Rev'd Nick McGee

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 127

All Standing, Celebrant and People say

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from

the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All Kneeling

Reader Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People ***That we all may be one.***

Reader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People ***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

Reader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People ***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

Reader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People ***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Reader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People ***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Reader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People ***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Reader Give to the departed eternal rest.

People ***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Reader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People ***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

The Celebrant Concludes with this Collect.

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

THE CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

The Deacon says

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God. *Silence*

All remain kneeling and say

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.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to 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 COMFORTABLE WORDS

BCP 130

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And with your spirit.***

THE OFFERTORY

Celebrant Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and earth is yours;

yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all.
All things come from you, O Lord,
People And of your own have we given you.

All Remain Standing

HOLY COMMUNION

THE SURSUM CORDA

BCP 132

*Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with your spirit.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who took on our mortal flesh to reveal his glory; that he might bring us out of darkness and into his own glorious light. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

WRH 738

Celebrant and People Sing

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In

obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, 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, Jesus 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 forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 forever. ***Amen.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant then says

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

Celebrant and People together pray

BCP 134

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

BCP 135

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

BCP 136

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
People *have mercy on us.*
Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
People *have mercy on us.*
Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
People *grant us your peace.*

THE MINSTRATION OF COMMUNION

All Christians who have turned in faith to Jesus Christ and have been baptized are invited to come forward for communion. Those who are not baptized or do not wish to receive Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. You may stand or kneel at the altar. To receive communion in the traditional manner you may consume the bread and drink from the chalice or you may dip the bread in the wine. If you desire gluten free bread, please tell the server. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and Communion will be brought to you.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 137

Heavenly Father, We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE RETIRING PROCESSION

The First Noel

WRH 229

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.***

THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY

SERVING IN WORSHIP

The Rev'd Dr. Marc Robertson
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The Rev'd Nick McGee
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Kevin McGinnis
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