



THE EPISCOPAL
CHURCH OF

St. MARY
the VIRGIN

10:00 a.m. The Feast of Epiphany, commemorated
January 10, 2021

The Word of God

Prelude

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G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Glory to God for ever and ever.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

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.

A Collect for Peace

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered together under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one God and Creator of us all; to whom be dominion and glory, now and forever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Isaiah 60: 1-6

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Psalm

Psalm 72:1-7,10-14

George A. MacFarren
(1813–1887)



- ¹ Give the King your / justice, ' O / God, *
and your righteousness to the / *King's* / Son;
- ² That he may rule your / peo'ple / 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 a-/mong ' the / people; *
he shall rescue the poor and / crush the ' op-/pressor.
- ⁵ He shall live as long as the sun and / moon ' en-/dure, *
from one generation / to ' an-/other.
- ⁶ He shall come down like rain up-/on the ' mown / field, *
like showers that / water ' the / earth.
- ⁷ In his time shall the / right'eous / 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 / of'fer / gifts.

- ¹¹ All kings shall bow / down ' be-/fore him, *
and all the nations / do ' him / service.
- ¹² For he shall deliver the poor who cries / out in ' dis-/tress, *
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 op-/pression ' and / violence, *
and dear shall their blood be / in ' his / sight.

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:1-12

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

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.

Reader *The Word of the Lord.*

People *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal, #128



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



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



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

Refrain

O ——— star of won - der, star of night,

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

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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 of our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Reflection

The Rev. Marguerite Judson

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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.

Prayers of the People

With a new light that shines in our hearts, let us pray.

We pray for us, your faithful people, and those who lead us, that we may walk in your way of love and manifest your love to the world. Shine your light on your Church,
And fill us with your glory.

We pray for all the nations of the world, that those in authority will work toward peace and equity for all their people. We pray especially for these global concerns (N.) Shine your light on the nations
And fill us with your glory.

We pray for our nation and the community in which we live, that we be agents of healing and ever vigilant to threats to the integrity of our democracy. Shine your light on this nation.
And fill us with your glory.

We pray for those who are suffering in ways that are known or hidden to us. We pray for those who struggle mightily in this life and those whose light is dimming. For those who are ill and those who care for them. For those who are born today and for those who will die. We pray especially for parishioners, family and friends (N.) Shine your light into the seasons and passages of our lives
And fill us with your glory.

We pray for those who have been called into larger life with you, especially (N.). Shine your perpetual light upon them
And fill us with your glory.

We pray for people everywhere, that their lives may be full, that their families may be secure, that their hearts be filled with your peace. We give thanks for your radiance into our own lives, especially (N.) Shine your light on all your children
And fill us with your glory.

Holy God, lead us forward on our own journeys: guide us by your teaching and fill us with your compassion. We offer our prayers and our hopes with gratitude for your love and presence among us, through the power of God made manifest. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

Gradual Hymn

Hymnal, #124

Unison or harmony

1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more beau - teous
2 True spake the pro - phet from a - far who told the
3 The guid - ing star a - bove is bright; with - in them
4 O Je - sus, while the star of grace im - pels us
5 To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to Christ, re -

1 than the noon - day light? It shines to her - ald
2 rise of Ja - cob's star; and east - ern sa - ges
3 shines a clear - er light, and leads them on with
4 on to seek thy face, let not our sloth - ful
5 vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly

1 forth the King, and Gen - tiles to his crib to bring.
2 with a - maze up - on the won - drous to - ken gaze.
3 power be - nign to seek the Giv - er of the sign.
4 hearts re - fuse the guid - ance of thy light to use.
5 Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

Greeting and Announcements

General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, source of all mercies, we give you our thanks for all your goodness and loving kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life; and above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ as we anxiously await his

coming. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by working before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

Prayer for the Human Family

Oh God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your son. Look now with compassion on the whole human family; and particularly this part of the family, in the United States; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Blessing

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ shining light into the world.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Chorale prelude on "Avec quelle beauté brille l'étoile du matin!" Maurice Dupré (1886-1971)
How brightly shines the morning star

Announcements at St. Mary the Virgin

Welcome Visitors And Guests

January 10, 2021

Thank you for worshipping with us. The community of St. Mary's is gathering online in many days and ways throughout the week while we are sheltering-in-place. Strengthening our community and serving our neighbors is more important than ever in these challenging times. To learn more about the variety of our offerings, please email office@smvsf.org and we will stay in touch with you!

Please enjoy our online offerings from children, youth, and adults.

We look forward to traveling this journey of faith with you

"THE PANDEMIC ZOOM-TIMES" SPECIAL

9 A.M. FAMILY SERVICE ON ZOOM

(SUN., JAN. 10)

Don't miss "The Pandemic Zoom-Times" news presentation this Sunday morning at 9:00am where famed 21st century interviewer, Cheric Oat, will speak with three wise searchers from the East during a watering stop on their return from an historical visit to the new baby, Jesus. It is said that these explorers, having traveled a long distance with a band of others believed to be magi, might be monarchs, and that they brought valuable gifts and bowed before the baby to pay him homage. The child was born in Bethlehem under strenuous conditions and a spectacular star which had been rising for weeks in the night sky.

Get the link to the service in the weekly Highlights or email Ashley at ashley@smvsf.org, or the Rev. Marguerite at marguerite@smvsf.org for access.

PAUSING IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Effective Dec. 14, 2020, we are pausing in-person outdoor services in response to changing public health indications and guidance from Bishop Marc Andrus. The only exceptions are small outdoor funerals.

The plan for regathering in person, approved by our Vestry this summer, indicated that if infection rates increased in San Francisco that all our gatherings would be virtual. And infection rates are steadily increasing in San Francisco, putting us back into our own "[red phase](#)" and excluding in-person gatherings.

We realize that pausing our small in-person gatherings is a disappointment. But our community has been creative and resourceful in finding new ways to gather together during these challenging times, and St. Mary's perseveres in serving the needs of our neighbors and friends.

We will continue to meet virtually for worship, community building and various ministry meetings. Please join us for our regular [worship services](#) on Sunday and

special services on feast days.

Together, we continue to gather as the faithful community of St. Mary the Virgin, to await the Christ Child and to share Christ's love with a hurting world.

Please contact the Rev. Marguerite Judson at marguerite@smvsf.org, or Ashley Ryan at ashley@smvsf.org if you have any questions.

TIDINGS OF COMFORT AND JOY 2020

As the Christmas season closes, we are reaching out to the entire St. Mary's family about *Tidings of Comfort and Joy* supporting the St. Mary's outreach grant program. This annual fundraiser is an important part of our continued commitment to serve our community. Due to the challenging circumstances of this year, we are unable to hold our annual Pantry and Greens Sales, yet the needs of our local community are greater than ever. Every gift of any dollar amount in support of *Tidings* goes directly to our local nonprofits to provide food, shelter, and care during these difficult times.

Even though we cannot gather together to pick up our favorite sweets and festive greens, we hope that you will help our community by clicking [HERE](#) to make your gift today. With still so many things on our to-do holiday lists, this is an easy way to support our local organizations with one gift.

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous

donor who will match \$10,000, your gift will go even further.

SIMPLE STORIES FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON!

Are you overwhelmed by all the technology that has taken over your daily life? Would you like a little break and enjoy a story, just like when you were a kid?

We invite you to listen to a Holiday Story during this Epiphany season. These stories are audio only and hopefully will offer you a brief, but enjoyable, respite during your day. Stories are currently read by The Rev. David, The Rev. Marguerite, Natalie Hala and David Crosson. And if you have a story you would like to read and share with the wider St. Mary's parish, let us know!

Simple stories may be found on our website [HERE](#).

ARE THE HOLIDAYS A DIFFICULT TIME FOR YOU? STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE HERE FOR YOU

Are you finding yourself sad, in pain, depressed, or alone during the holidays? Are you bereaved with the memory of a loved one who is not here to share the joy of the season with you? There are many reasons that we might find the holiday season the most painful time of the year, especially *this* year. St. Mary's lay Stephen Ministers are here now and all year to walk with you and make sure that you are not alone. Stephen Ministers provide trained Christ-centered pastoral support to people

in times of crisis. If you, or someone you know, might benefit from a Stephen Minister, contact either the Rev. David Erickson, the Rev. Marguerite Judson, or Stephen Ministry coordinator David Crosson.

**ST. MARY MAGDALENE SCHOLARSHIP
2021-2022**

The St. Mary Magdalene Scholarship Fund was created by a generous bequest of a long-time parishioner of St. Mary the Virgin. This gift funds college scholarships for young women from the parish. Scholarships will be available to young women attending college for the 2021-2022 school year. More information and 2 application forms are available on the St. Mary's website [HERE](#). One form is for new applicants and there is a different form for previous applicants who received scholarships last year. Applications will be due March 1, 2021. If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Tatum at ruth.tatum@gmail.com.

**HOPE AND THE HOLY SPIRIT:
ST. MARY'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2021**

Even in the midst of these unprecedented times, The Holy Spirit is present sustaining us and inspiring us to be witnesses of Christ's hope for the world. Now, St. Mary's needs your partnership in continuing to be an Instrument of God's grace in the world. We humbly ask that you prayerfully consider making a meaningful pledge towards the 2021

annual campaign. Pledge packets were recently mailed out. If you did not receive one, or if you have any questions about pledging, please contact Rev. David at david@smvsf.org. Pledge cards may be returned to the church via the mail or you may make a pledge at <https://smvsf.org/donation>.

**ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES FOR
VIRTUAL WORSHIP DURING THE WEEK
(WEDNESDAYS, AND SUNDAYS)**

To see the full extent of our weekly opportunities, check out the schedule listed on our website and weekly Highlights!

YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

All 6th-12th graders are invited to attend **Zoom Youth Group** from 5-6pm! [Follow this link](#) to hang out with your friends, have some fun conversation, and play some games. See you there!

We Pray For...

PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES and FRIENDS

Sacred Ground Circles at St. Mary's
Margaret Beck
Alexandra Grover
Matthew Franklin & Family
Gunilla Lane
Jose Mata
Bill Gulley
Jack Stewart & Giny Stewart
Clair Alt
Steve Collins
Mary Hardman
Sophie Reynolds
Russ & Margaret Lipton
David Slora

CONTINUING PRAYERS

*Prayers are offered for ongoing concerns during the
Wed. 12:10 service.*

André Diedrichs
June
Pat Okimoto
Dorris Howard
Kevin Teeney
The Community at the Heritage
The Community of St. Francis
San Francisco Night Ministry
Jane
Pete
Quinn Charles Fay
Erich
Tim Eland
Forester Davis
Phyllis Shepherd
Simon

RECENTLY DECEASED

Molly Burke
Carolyn Jean Broyles
Stewart Austin
Penelope Alexandra
Queena Maggiora
Lucie Huynh
Robin Sutherland
Svea Nystrom

GLOBAL CONCERNS

For those most threatened by the escalation
of the capacity for nuclear weapons.

For the integrity of our democracy and all
democracies that its people shall recognize
that eternal vigilance is the ongoing price
of freedom.

For all people of the United States that
reconciliation and peace can overcome
caustic divisions, violence, lies, and
hatred.

THANKSGIVINGS

For the grace of fresh starts and new
beginnings in 2021.

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