

# St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Catholic Parish

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The Second Sunday after Christmas Day  
Anticipation of the Epiphany of Our Lord (6 January)  
5 January 2025

## Choral Mass

Processional  
Morning Star

Hymn 46, 1<sup>st</sup> Tune  
James P. Harding, 1892



1. Bright-est and best of the sons— of the morn - ing, Dawn on our  
2. Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing, Low lies his  
3. Shall we then yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion, O - dors of  
4. Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion, Vain - ly with  
5. Bright-est and best of the sons— of the morn - ing, Dawn on our



dark - ness, and lend— us thine aid; Star of the east, the ho -  
head with the beasts of the stall; An - gels a - dore him in  
E - dom, and of - frings di - vine, Gems of the moun-tain, and  
gifts would his fa - vor se - cure; Rich - er by far is the  
dark - ness, and lend— us thine aid; Star of the east, the ho -



ri - zon a-dorn-ing, Guide where our in - fant Re-deem - er is laid.  
slum - ber re-clin - ing, Ma - ker and Mon-arch and Sa - viour of all.  
pearls of the o - cean, Myrrh from the for - est, and gold— from the mine?  
heart's a-do-ra - tion, Dear - er to God are the pray-ers of the poor.  
ri - son a-dorn-ing, Guide where our in - fant Re-deem - er is laid.

Reginald Heber, 1811, alt.

Collect for Purity  
Introit

BCP 67

The Decalogue (*may be said here*)

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Deacon: GOD spake these words, and said:

I am the LORD thy God; Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Deacon: Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them;

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Deacon: Thou shalt not take the Name of the LORD thy God in vain  
 People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.  
 Deacon: Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath-day.  
 People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.  
 Deacon: Honour thy father and thy mother;  
 People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.  
 Deacon: Thou shalt do no murder.  
 People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.  
 Deacon: Thou shalt not commit adultery.  
 People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.  
 Deacon: Thou shalt not steal.  
 People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.  
 Deacon: Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.  
 People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.  
 Deacon: Thou shalt not covet.  
 People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

**Summary of the Law**

**Kyrie Eleison**

Hymn 710  
 Healey Willan, 1928

Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Christ, have mer-cy up - on us.

Christ, have mer-cy up - on us. Christ, have mer-cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

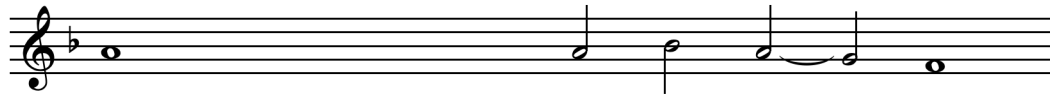
Hymn 739  
Old Scottish Chant



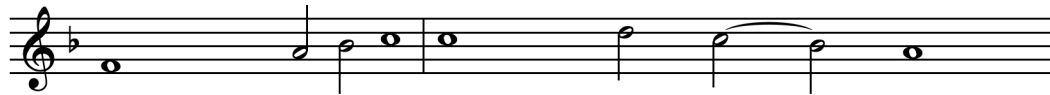
Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.



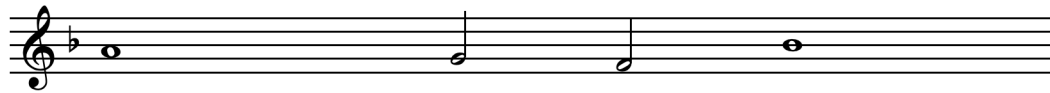
We praise thee, we bless thee, we wor - ship thee,



we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry,



O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Al - migh - ty.



O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - - - ther,



that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy up - on us.



Thou that takest away the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



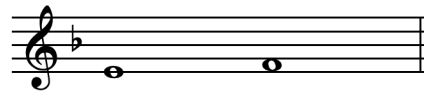
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mercy up-on us.



For thou on - ly art ho - ly; Thou on - ly art the Lord;



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Fa - ther.



A - men.

**Collect for the Second Sunday after Christmas Day**

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ALMIGHTY God, who hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word; Grant that the same light enkindled in our hearts may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Collect for The Epiphany**

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O GOD, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles; Mercifully grant that we, who know thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Lesson**

**Isaiah 60:1-9**

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side. Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee. The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall shew forth the praises of the Lord. All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee: they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory. Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows? Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the Lord thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee.

**Te Deum Laudamus**

Hymn 613A / BCP 10

E. G. Monk



WE praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to | be the Lord.  
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father | everlasting.  
To thee all Angels cry aloud; the Heavens, and all the | Powers therein;  
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim con|tinually do cry,  
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of | Sabaoth;  
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty | of thy **glory**.  
The glorious company of the Apostles | **praise** thee.  
The goodly fellowship of the | Prophets **praise** thee.  
The noble army of Martyrs | **praise** thee.  
The holy Church throughout all the world | doth acknowledge thee;  
The Father, of an infinite Majesty; Thine adorable, true, and | only Son;  
Also the Holy | Ghost, the Comforter.

THOU art the King of | Glory, • O Christ.  
Thou art the everlasting | Son of • the **Father**.  
When thou tookest upon thee to de|liver man,  
thou didst humble thyself to be | born of • a **Virgin**.

When thou hadst overcome the | sharpness • of death,  
 thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to | all **believers**.  
 Thou sittest at the right | hand of God,  
 in the glory | of the **Father**.  
 We believe that thou shalt come to | be our Judge.  
 We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed | with thy precious blood.  
 Make them to be numbered | with thy Saints,  
 in glory | **everlasting**.

O LORD, save thy people, and bless thine | heritage.  
 Govern them, and lift them | up for **ever**.  
 Day by day we | magni•fy thee;  
 And we worship thy Name ever, | world **without** end.  
 Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day with|**out** sin.  
 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have | mercy • upon us.  
 O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us, as our | trust • is in • thee.  
 O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never | be **confounded**.

Celebrant: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
 All: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

### The Epistle

#### *Ephesians 3:1-12*

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BRETHREN : For this cause, I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, if ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God, which is given me to you-ward: how that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; that the Gentiles should be fellow-heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; and to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: to the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, according to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: in whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.

### Gradual and Alleluia

#### The Gospel

#### *St. Matthew 2:1-12*

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Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord.

WHEN Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea, in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. When Herod the king had heard

these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.



Praise - be to thee, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

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I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. *Amen.*

## Announcements

**Sermon Hymn**  
The Wise Men

**Hymn 50, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tune**  
Berthold Tours, 1881



1. Saw you nev - er, in the twi - light, When the sun had left the skies,  
2. Heard you nev - er of the sto - ry How they crossed the de - sert wild,  
3. Know ye not that low - ly ba - by Was the bright and morn - ing Star?



Up in heav'n the clear stars shin - ing Through the gloom, like sil - ver eyes?  
Jouney'd on by plain and moun - tain, Till they found the ho - ly Child?  
He who came to light the Gen - tiles, And the dark - en'd isles a - far?



So of old the wise men, watch - ing, Saw a lit - tle stran - ger star,  
How they o - pen'd all their trea - sure, Kneel - ing to that in - fant King;  
And we, too, may seek his cra - dle; There our hearts' best trea - sures bring;



And they knew the King was giv - en, And they fol - lowed it from far.  
Gave the gold and fra - grant in - cense, Gave the myrrh in of - fer - ing?  
Love, and faith, and true de - vo - tion For our Sa - viour, God, and King.

Cecil Frances Alexander, 1853

**Sermon**

The Rt. Rev. Anthony F. Rasch

**Offertory Verse and Sentences**

## Offertory Hymn

Hymn 51

Three Kings of Orient

John Henry Hopkins, Jr., 1857



1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are, Bear - ing gifts we trav - erse a - far,  
2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, Gold I bring to crown him a - gain,  
3. Frank-in - cense to of - fer have I, In - cense owns a De - i - ty nigh,  
4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume Breathes a life of gath - er-ing gloom;  
5. Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King, and God, and Sac - ri - fice,



Field and foun-tain, Moor and moun - tain, Fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
King for ev - er, Ceas - ing ne - ver O - ver us all to reign.  
Prayer and prais - ing, All men rais - ing, Wor - ship him, God on high.  
Sor - r'wing, sigh - ing, Bleed - ing, dy - ing, Sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
Heav'n sings Al - le - lu - ia: Al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.



O — star of won - der, star of night, Star with roy - al beau - ty bright;



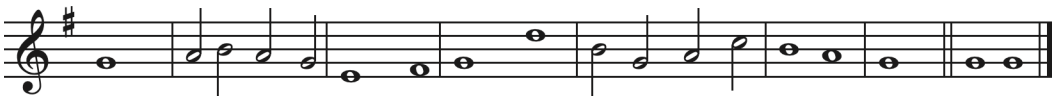
West - ward lead - ing, Still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to thy per - fect light! A - men.

John Henry Hopkins, Jr., 1857

## Doxology (Hymnal 139, 1st verse)



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;



Praise him above, ye heav'n - ly host: Praise Father, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Amen.

## Bidding Prayers

### Orate, Fratres

Celebrant: Brethren, pray that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People: The Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his Name; both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church. *Amen.*

## Prayer for the Whole State of Christ's Church

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## General Confession

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ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry



for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Absolution**

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**The Comfortable Words**

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**Sursum Corda**

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*Priest* The Lord be with you. *All* And with thy spirit.

*Priest* Lift up your hearts

*All* We lift them up unto the Lord

*Priest* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*All* It is meet and right so to do

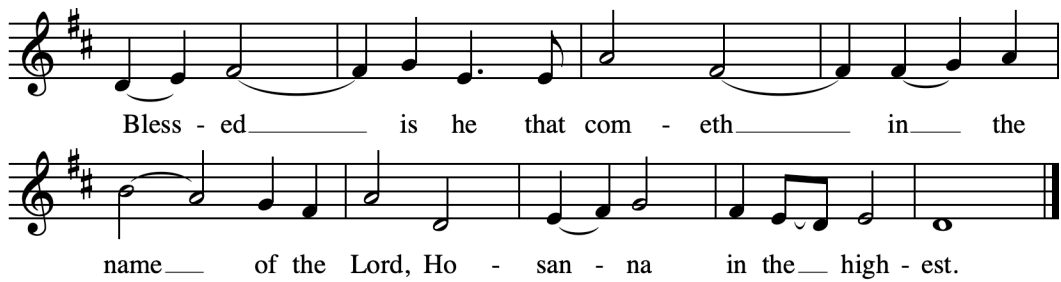
**Preface of Epiphany**

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**Sanctus and Benedictus**

Hymn 797  
Healey Willan, 1928

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, Lord God of hosts,  
heav-en and earth are full of thy glo-ry:  
Glo-ry be to thee, oh Lord most High.

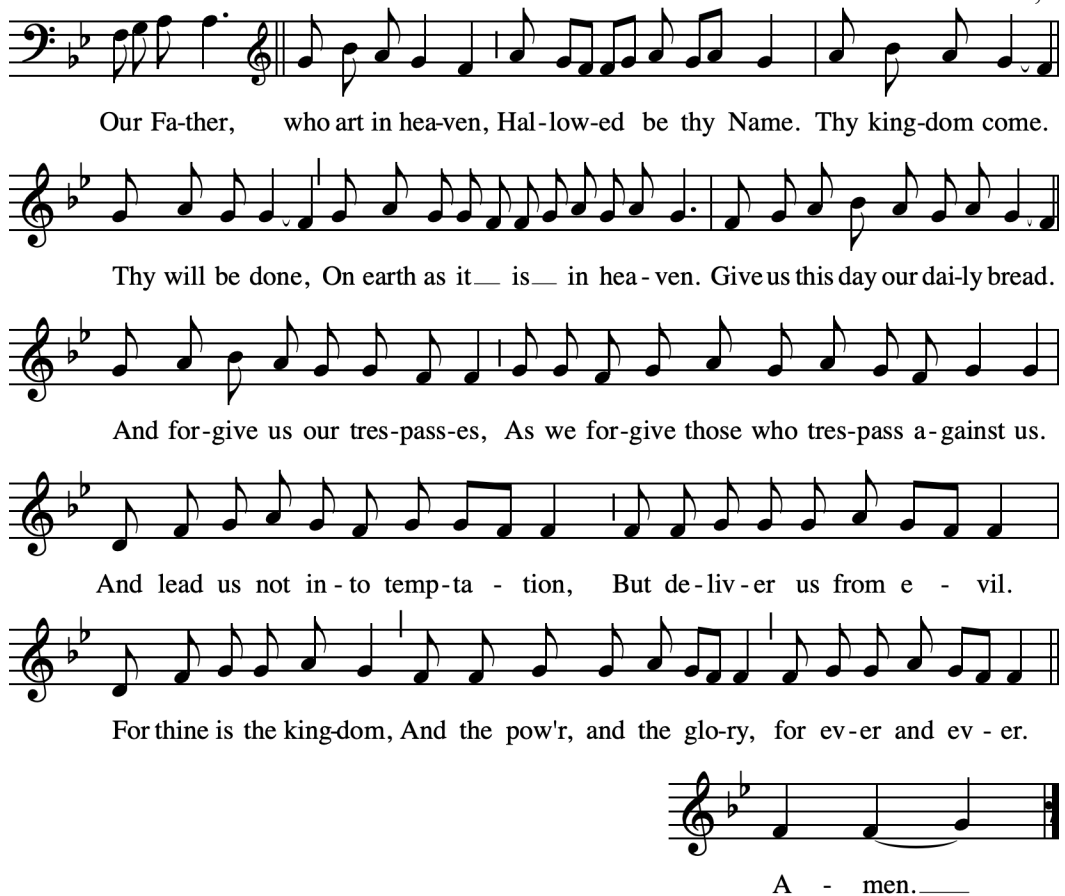


Bless - ed \_\_\_\_\_ is he that com - eth \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ the  
name \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord, Ho - san - na in the \_\_\_\_\_ high - est.

**Prayer of Consecration**

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,  
**The Lord's Prayer**

Hymn 722  
Traditional, very ancient



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-pass-es, As we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us.  
And lead us not in - to temp-ta - tion, But de-liv-er us from e - vil.  
For thine is the king-dom, And the pow'r, and the glo-ry, for ev-er and ev - er.  
A - men. \_\_\_\_\_

**The Fracture**

**The Peace**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People: And with thy spirit.

## Agnus Dei

Hymn 712  
Healey Willan, 1928

O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

### Prayer of Humble Access

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*By traditional use, prayed by the Priest on behalf of all who will receive. By St. Mary's usage, the congregation may join in praying aloud:*

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 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.*

### Communion of the Faithful

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God; behold Him that taketh away the sins of the world.

People: (3x) Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

*For those attending in person, we have resumed the custom of kneeling or standing at the Altar Rail to Receive. Here are the various Ways of Receiving:*

1. *Receive the Host into your hands, or directly onto the tongue. Receive directly from the Chalice, guiding it gently by the base.*
2. *Receive by Intinction, receiving the Host into your hands and leaving it there; the Deacon will take it and dip it in the Chalice and place it onto your tongue.*
3. *You may receive only the Host of itself, either in your hands or on your tongue. Our Lord is equally present in either Form.*

*As a precaution and courtesy to others and for your own safety, we respectfully request that in the event you are currently suffering from a cold or other communicable illness, please refrain from receiving from the Chalice.*

*For those attending remotely: Please take a moment of silence to realize the presence of Jesus Christ in your soul and make your spiritual communion.*

*In union, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every Altar of Thy Church, where Thy blessed Body and Blood have been offered to the Father, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to Thee my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to Thee. And since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to Thee, and embrace Thee with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from Thee. Let me live and die in Thy love. Amen.*

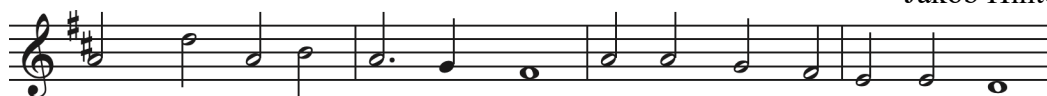
*Grant, O Lord Jesus Christ, that as the hem of Thy garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch Thy Body, so the soul of Thy servant may be healed by like faith in Thee, Whom I cannot now sacramentally receive; through Thy tender mercy, Who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost ever one God. Amen.*

## Communion Hymn

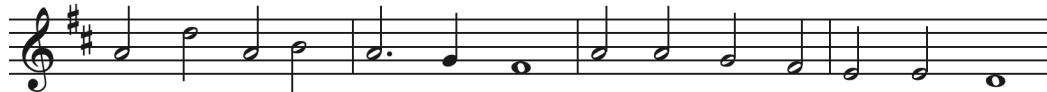
Salzburg

Hymn 53

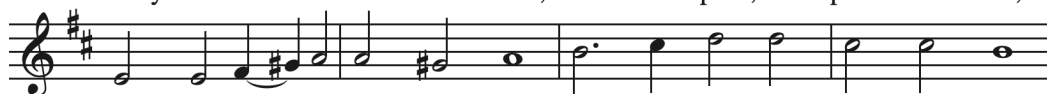
Jakob Hinter, 1678, alt.



1. Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise,  
 2. Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;  
 3. Man - i - fest in ma - king whole Pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
 4. Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, Mir - rored in thy ho - ly word;



Man - i - fest - ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far;  
 And at Ca - na, wed - ding guest, In thy God - head man - i - fest;  
 Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell - ing all the de - vil's might;  
 May we im - i - tate thee now, And be pure, as pure art thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In thy birth at Beth - le - hem;  
 Man - i - fest in power di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, E - ver bring - ing good from ill;  
 That we like to thee may be At thy great e - pi - pha - ny;



(v.1-3) An-thems be to thee ad - drest, God in man made man-i-fest.  
 (v.4) And may praise thee, e - ver blest, God in man made man-i-fest. Amen.

Christopher Wordsworth, 1862

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

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*By traditional use, prayed by the Priest. By St. Mary's usage, the congregation may join in praying aloud:*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. 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 honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

## **Post-Communion Prayers**

### **Dismissal**

#### **Episcopal Blessing**

Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord

People: From this time forth forever more.

Bishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord

People: Who hath made heaven and earth.

Bishop: The Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the ✠Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

**Retiring Processional:**

Hymn 52

Dix

Conrad Kocher, 1838, alt.



1. As with glad - ness men of old Did the guid - ing star be - hold;  
 2. As with joy - ful steps they sped To that low - ly man - ger bed;  
 3. As they of - fer'd gifts most rare At that man - ger rude and bare;  
 4. Ho - ly Je - sus! ev - 'ry day Keep us in the nar - row way;  
 5. In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright, Need they no cre - a - ted light;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;  
 There to bend the knee be - fore Him whom heav'n and earth a - dore;  
 So may we with ho - ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al - loy,  
 And, when earth - ly things are past, Bring our ran - somed souls at last  
 Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down:



So, most gra - cious Lord, may we Ev - er - more be led to thee.  
 So may we with will - ing feet Ev - er seek the mer - cy seat.  
 All our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heav'n - ly King.  
 Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.  
 There for ev - er may we sing Al - le - lu - ias to our King.



A - men.  
 William Chatterton Dix, 1860

**Announcements**

Celebrant	The Right Reverend Anthony F. Rasch
Epistoler	Robert Jones
Lector	
Acolyte	Tony Shehata
Acolyte in Training	Robert Yeager
Accompanist	Beth Kubo
Zoom Wrangler	Landon Melamed
Altar Guild	Gretchen Martin and Tori Wood

Midweek Mass will be celebrated this week on Wednesday at 10 am (Octave of Epiphany).

Deacon John Yeager is recuperating at home and is experiencing some weakness, and in addition has been given instruction that he is not to resume driving for two weeks. So please keep our beloved Deacon in prayer for continued and complete recovery.

Happy Birthday!

Jill Jones (7 January)

John 'J.R.' Bowyer (9 January)

Next Sunday: The Vestry meets following the Coffee Fellowship.

Reverend Darnell Coleman will be our Guest Preacher Sunday January 19th, commencing 'The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.' Darnell is an ordained Baptist minister and an Assistant Minister at Greater Community Missionary Baptist Church in Pacoima. This will be his 16th occasion to preach from our pulpit.

The 2024 Fourth Quarter Missionary Mite Box offering will be received throughout the month of January.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be conducted on Sunday, 26 January, in the Parish Hall following the Mass. Business to be conducted includes: election of two new members for a three year term on the Vestry, election of the 2025 Junior Warden, appointment of the 2025 Senior Warden, presentation and acceptance of the Treasurer's Annual Report for 2024, presentation and approval of the 2025 Parish Budget, and the election of delegates and alternates to the 2025 Diocesan Synod.

All are welcome to attend, however to propose or second motions or to vote, you must be a member of the Parish in good standing. To be nominated to the Vestry, you must be: 18 years of age or older, listed as a Member in the Parish Register, a Contributor of Record, and regular in attendance. Please, if you plan to nominate someone from the floor, ask their permission in advance to be certain of their willingness to serve and that they meet the Parish by-law requirements as stated.