

The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ

SOLEMN MASS

Thursday, January 6, 2022, 6:00 PM

The Church of Saint Mary the Virgin in the City of New York

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About Epiphany

In the late second or early third century Christians in Egypt began to celebrate a feast for Jesus' birth and his baptism, but in the Eastern Christian communities it would be his baptism that became the main focus of the celebration we call "The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ." The Greek word *epiphaneia* in the New Testament means "appearance." It's usually translated in English as "manifestation" and carries the sense of "disclosure." At Jesus' baptism, the Father reveals that Jesus is his Son. In the West things are different. The first evidence for a celebration of the Epiphany comes from Paris in 361. (It's worth noting that the first evidence for a December 25 feast of the nativity in the West is from Rome in 354.) In the West, the Epiphany celebrates the visit of the wise men, the miracle at Cana, and, to a lesser extent, Jesus' baptism. In the centuries to come, it is the wise men whose story will come to have the greater place in the celebrations and in the devotional life of the church in Europe at Epiphany. In the East and in the West, these celebrations emerge as the church is working out its understanding of God's revelation of God's self as the Holy Trinity and how we are to speak of Jesus as both human and divine. It is worth noting that the earliest gospel appointed for Christmas Day in the West also may be the earliest gospel for Epiphany at Ephesus: the beginning of the gospel of John.

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About the Choral and Organ Music

The choral setting of the Introit, *In Epiphania Domini* ("Behold the Lord the Ruler is come"), is by David Hurd, organist and music director at Saint Mary the Virgin. This setting of the traditional text for the entrance of the ministers on the Feast of the Epiphany is for unaccompanied mixed voices and was composed in 2008 as music for the composer's annual Christmas greeting. The text is declaimed clearly in four-to-six voice chordal textures.

The choral setting of the Mass this evening is *Mass in the Dorian Mode* by Herbert Howells (1892–1983). This posthumously published work of Howells was his first to receive a professional London performance when it was sung at Mass in Westminster Cathedral in November 1912 under the direction of Sir Richard Terry, just six months after Howells became a student at the Royal College of Music. Over the next four years Howells composed several more pieces in Latin for the liturgy at Westminster Cathedral, all of which soon slipped into obscurity, and none of which were published in his lifetime. Fortunately, these remarkable earlier pieces subsequently have been published and are taking their place along with Howells's many later beloved settings for Anglican services. Howell's *Dorian Mass* is clearly a product of the resurgence of renaissance polyphony which the papal *Motu proprio* of 1903 had encouraged, and which Dr. Terry's work at Westminster Cathedral had anticipated. Almost a decade later Ralph Vaughan Williams's *Mass in G minor* (1921) would similarly reflect the inspiration and influence of renaissance church music in early twentieth-century England.

The motet sung during the administration of Communion is David Hurd's *We have seen his star* which was composed in 1974 for The Church of the Intercession, Harlem, where he was director of music at the time. The text quotes the question asked by the wise men from the East in Matthew 2:2 and appears liturgically both as the Alleluia and the Communion proper for the Feast of the Epiphany. The musical setting is for five voices with a brief soprano solo near the end. Since much of the motet rests on a G pedal-point, the motet has a gently hovering quality suggestive of the star gently hovering in the eastern sky, leading the Magi to worship the Christ child.

The organ postlude will be improvised.

The Organ Recital 5:30 PM

Dr. Jason Roberts, The Church of the Blessed Sacrament New York, New York

The Program

Improvisations on Themes of Epiphany

Themes for improvisation will include the chorale *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern* (How bright appears the Morning Star) and the nineteenth century American Carol *We three kings of Orient are.* These are found at 496/497 and 128 respectively in *The Hymnal 1982*. Jason Roberts will present these themes in a half-hour program of improvisation ranging in style from German baroque to modern French.

About the Organist

Jason Roberts is director of music ministries at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament in New York City. He has also served at St. Bartholomew's Church in New York and at St. James' Episcopal Church in West Hartford, Connecticut. He is a winner of the American Guild of Organists National Competition in Organ Improvisation and has been a finalist at competitions in St Albans, England, and Haarlem, the Netherlands. He keeps an active recital schedule and enjoys accompanying silent films. He has served on the faculty at Westminster Choir College, and his compositions have been performed at such diverse venues as Princeton University Chapel in New Jersey, Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles, and Westminster Abbey in London.

THE ANGELUS 6:00 PM

All stand at the signal of the bell. A Minister says

| People | ✤ The angel of the Lord announced unto Mary, And she conceived by the Holy Spirit. |
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| Minister | Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women |
| People | and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen. |
| Minister | Behold, the handmaid of the Lord. |
| People | Be it unto me according to thy Word. |
| Minister | Hail Mary, full of grace |
| People | Holy Mary, Mother of God |
| Minister | And the Word was made flesh, |
| People | And dwelt among us. |
| Minister | Hail Mary, full of grace |
| People | Holy Mary, Mother of God |
| Minister | Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. |
| People | That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. |

The Minister says

Let us pray.

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that we who have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his 🕈 cross and passion be brought unto the glory of his resurrection; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

SOLEMN MASS

THE WORD OF GOD

The Entrance Song

All stand at the signal of the bell. The ministers of the assembly enter, and the Choir sings the appointed Introit. The setting, In Epiphania Domini, is by David Hurd (b. 1950).

| Ecce advenit dominator Dominus: | Behold, the Lord of hosts is coming; |
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| et regnum in manu eius, | in his hands are kingship, |
| et potestas, et imperium. | power and might. |
| Deus, iudicium tuum regi da: | Give the King your justice, O God, |
| et iustitiam tuam filio regis. | and your righteousness to the King's son. |
| Gloria Patri, | Glory to the Father, |
| et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. | and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: |
| Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, | as it was in the beginning, is now, |
| et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. | and will be for ever. |
| Amen. | Amen. |

The Opening Acclamation

The Celebrant sings

✤ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



People And bless-ed be his king-dom, now and for ev-er. A-men.

Setting: Louis Weil (b. 1935)

The Song of Praise

The Choir sings Gloria in excelsis Deo. The setting of the Mass ordinary is Mass in the Dorian Mode by Herbert Howells (1892–1983).

Glory to God in the highest,

We praise you, we bless you,

we worship you, we glorify you,

O Lord God, heavenly King,

you take away the sins of the world,

you take away the sins of the world,

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Most High,

in the glory of God the Father.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ,

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father;

almighty God and Father,

and on earth peace

we give you thanks

for your great glory.

have mercy on us;

receive our prayer;

have mercy on us.

Jesus Christ,

Amen.

you alone are the Lord,

with the Holy Spirit,

to people of good will.

Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.

Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe, Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris; qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis; qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram; qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, Tu solus Dominus, Tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant sings

| People | The Lord be with you. And also with you. |
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| 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. |

All AMEN.

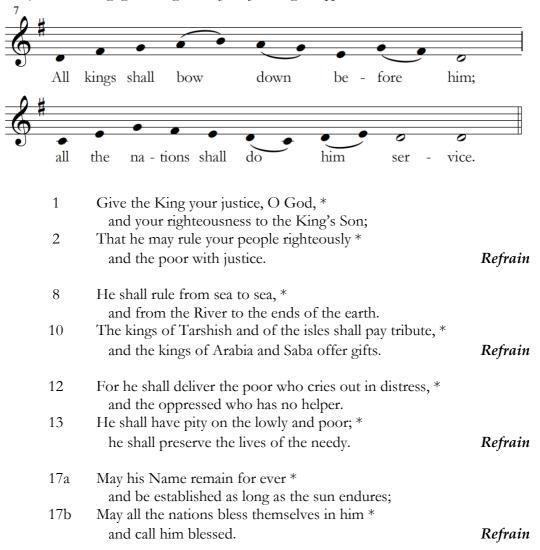
The Lessons

All are seated for the Lessons. The first Lesson, Isaiah 60:1–6, 9, is now read. After the Lesson, the Reader says

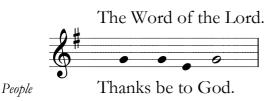
PeopleThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-2, 8-10, 12-13, 17

The Congregation remains seated. The Cantor sings the Refrain. The Congregation then repeats the Refrain. Then the Choir sings the psalm verses to an Anglican chant by Ivor Algernon Atkins (1869–1953), and the Congregation sings the Refrain following the appointed verses.



The second Lesson, Ephesians 3:1–12, is now sung. After the Lesson, the Reader sings



The Gospel Acclamation

All stand. The ministers of the assembly prepare for the Gospel while the appointed antiphon is sung.

Alleluia, alleluia. Vidimus stellam eius in Oriente, et venimus cum muneribus adorare Dominum. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. We have seen his star in the East, and we have come with gifts, to worship the Lord. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

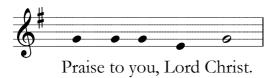
A Minister proclaims the Gospel, first singing

 People
 And also with you.

 Minister
 The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

 People
 Glo-ry to you, Lord Christ.

The appointed Gospel, Matthew 2:1–12, is now proclaimed. After the Gospel, the Minister sings



People

The Sermon The Reverend Dr. Peter Ross Powell

The Nicene Creed

All stand. The Creed is sung by all.

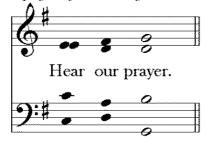




Setting: Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

The Prayers of the People

A Minister bids the prayers of the assembly. At the end of each petition the People sing



Setting: David Hurd (b. 1950)

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect. The People respond



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The Peace *The Celebrant sings*

| | The Peace of the Lord be always with you. |
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| People | And also with you. |

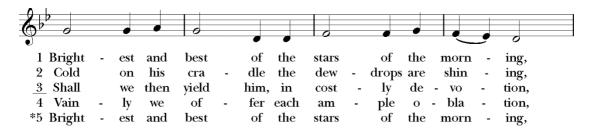
Then the Ministers and People may share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Preparation of the Gifts

Hymn: Brightest and best of the stars of the morning

All stand and sing the hymn while the ushers bring forward the People's gifts of bread and wine, and the Altar is prepared.





Words: Reginald Heber (1783–1826), alt. Music: *Star in the East*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835

The Great Thanksgiving

All remain standing. The Celebrant faces the People and sings



Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Choir sings Sanctus and Benedictus. The setting is by Howells.

| Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, | Holy, holy, holy Lord, |
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| Dominus Deus Sabaoth. | God of power and might, |
| Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. | heaven and earth are full of your glory. |
| Hosanna in excelsis. | Hosanna in the highest. |
| Benedictus qui venit | Blessed is he who comes |
| in nomine Domini. | in the name of the Lord. |
| Hosanna in excelsis. | Hosanna in the highest. |

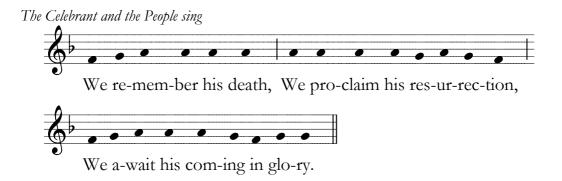
The People stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,



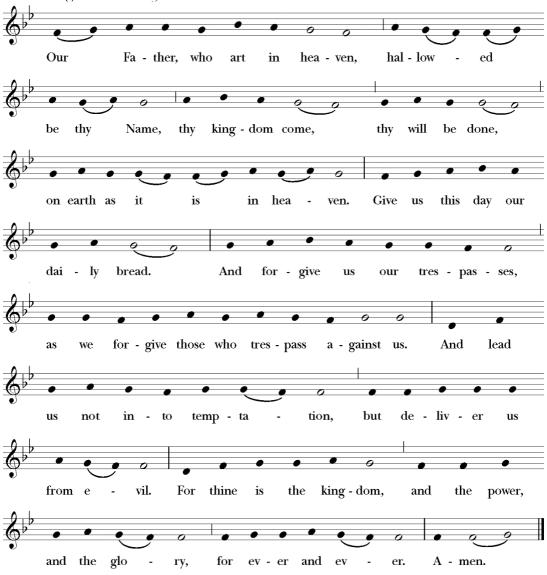
The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, the Virgin Mother of God, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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 for ever.



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



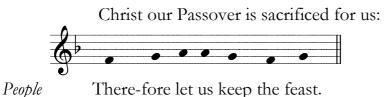
Then all sing the Lord's Prayer.



The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept. Then the Celebrant sings



Music: Memorial Acclamation & Fraction Anthem, Ambrosian Chant, adapted by Mason Martens (1933-1991)

The Choir sings Agnus Dei. The setting is by Howells.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi; miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi; miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi; dona nobis pacem. 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.

The Invitation

The Celebrant invites the People to receive the Holy Communion.

We are all invited to the Lord's Table

In the Episcopal Church all baptized persons are invited to receive the Holy Communion. Members of other Christian churches who are baptized are invited to receive the Body of Christ.

If you wish to receive Communion, please proceed down the center aisle maintaining social-distancing. The ushers will gladly answer any questions and will provide directions.

The Bread is carefully placed in the hand of each Communicant.

Please return to your seat via the side aisles.

The Celebrant will be happy to offer a blessing to those who do not wish to receive Communion.

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The Communion Song and Motet

As the ministration of Communion begins, the appointed antiphon is sung.

Vidimus stellam eius in Oriente, et venimus cum muneribus adorare Dominum. We have seen his star in the East and we have come with our gifts to worship the Lord. During the ministration of Communion, the Choir sings the motet, We have seen his star. The setting is by David Hurd (b. 1950).

Alleluia. We have seen his star in the east, alleluia; and have come with offerings to worship the Lord. Alleluia.

Hymn: What star is this, with beams so bright

The Congregation stands and sings the hymn.



Words: Charles Coffin (1676–1749–); tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861,

after John Chandler (1807–1876), alt.

Music: Puer nobis, melody from Trier MS, fifteenth century; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571–1621); harm. Cowley Carol Book, 1902

The Postcommunion Prayer

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

| Celebrant | Almighty and everliving God, |
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| <i>All</i> | 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 for ever. Amen. |

The Blessing

The Celebrant says

| People | The Lord be with you. And also with you. |
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| Celebrant | The blessing of God Almighty, \blacksquare the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. |
| People | Amen. |

The Proclamation of the Date of Easter

The People remain standing as a Minister announces the movable feasts of the New Year.

Dear brothers and sisters, the glory of the Lord has shone upon us, and shall ever be manifest among us, until the day of his return. Through the rhythms of time and seasons, let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation. Let us recall the year's culmination, the celebration of the Passover of the Lord: the supper on the night before he suffered, his crucifixion, his burial, and his rising from the dead. This year Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Day will be celebrated between the evening of the fourteenth of April and the evening of the seventeenth of April.

Each Easter Day—as on each Sunday—the People of God recall Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, by which he has for ever conquered sin and death. From Easter Day are reckoned all the days we keep holy. Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, will occur on the second day of March. Ascension Day will be celebrated on the twenty-sixth day of May. The Day of Pentecost, the joyful conclusion of the Easter Season, will be celebrated on the fifth day of June. And this year the First Sunday of Advent will be on the twenty-seventh day of November.

The People of God also celebrate the passover of Christ in all the feasts of Our Lord, in the feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary, of the Apostles and Saints, and in the commemoration of the departed.

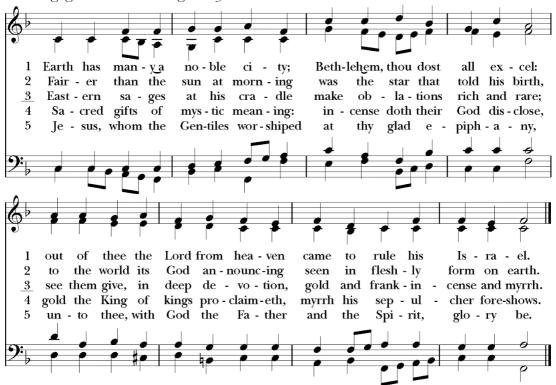
To Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come, Lord of time and history, be endless praise, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

Welcome and Announcements

All are seated for the announcements.

Hymn: Earth has many a noble city

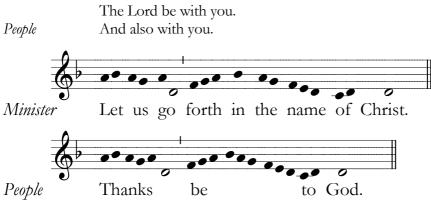
The Congregation stands and sings the hymn.



Words: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348–410?); tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, alt. Music: Stuttgart, melody from Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge, 1715; adapt. William Henry Havergal (1793–1870); harm. K. D. Smith (b. 1928).

The Dismissal

A Minister dismisses the assembly, first singing



Setting: Missa orbis factor

The Postlude

Improvisation

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR AND IN THE CHURCH ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR ALL VALIANT SEEKERS AFTER TRUTH, LIBERTY, JUSTICE, AND DEMOCRATIC RULE.

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The Presentation

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

The Angelus 12:00 PM Mass 12:10 PM

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