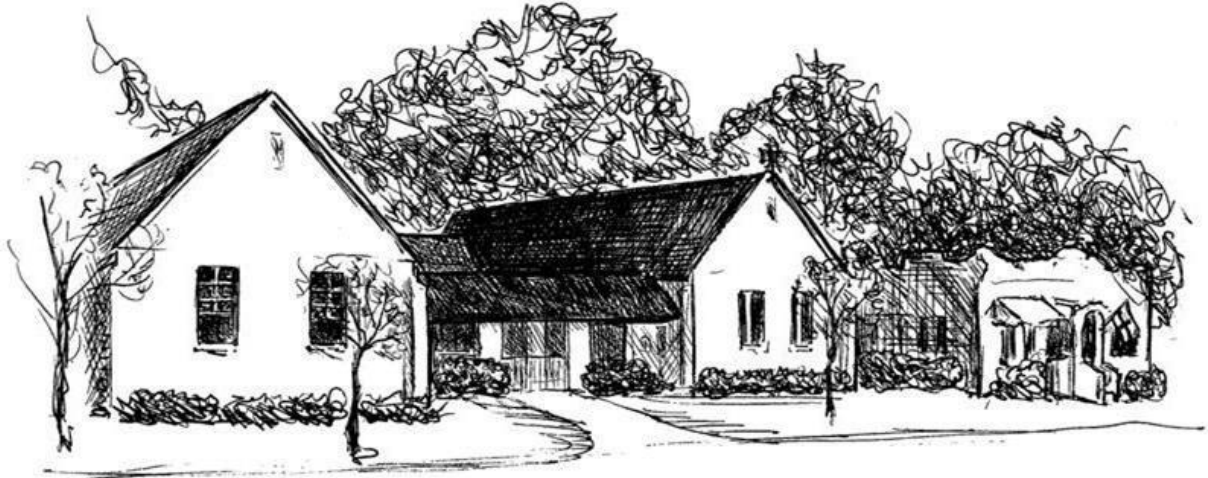


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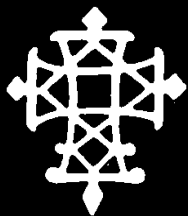


*St. Matthias Church strives to love God with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength; and strives to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. (Mark 12:29-30)*

**Sunday  
January 12, 2025**

**The First Sunday After the Epiphany**

**Holy Eucharist Rite II  
9:30 AM & 11:15 AM**



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Talk to God before Church. Listen to God during Church. Talk to each other after Church.

# The Word of God

## Entrance Rite

### ENTRANCE HYMN 119 *As with gladness men of old (Dix) (Verses 1-3)*



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 - fered gifts most rare at that man - ger rude and bare;



1 as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;  
2 there to bend the knee be - fore him whom heaven and earth a - dore;  
3 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,



1 so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.  
2 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek the mer - cy - seat.  
3 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heaven - ly King.

### OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

**Celebrant** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)

*The Celebrant may 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.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE (WLP) 883** *The Third Song of Isaiah (Canticle 11) (Haywood)*

*Refrain*



A - rise, shine, for your light has come, his  
glo - ry is up - on you.

Arise, shine, for your light has **come**, \*  
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon **you**.  
For behold, darkness covers the **land**; \*  
deep gloom enshrouds the **peoples**. *Refrain*

But over you the Lord shall **rise**, \*  
and his glory will appear upon **you**.  
Nations will stream to your **light**, \*  
and kings to the brightness of your **dawning**. *Refrain*

Your gates will always be **open**; \*  
by day or night they will never be **shut**.  
They will call you, The City of the **Lord**, \*  
The Zion of the Holy One of **Israel**. *Refrain*

Violence will no more be heard in your **land**, \*  
ruin or destruction within your **borders**.  
You will call your walls, **Salvation**, \*  
and all your portals, **Praise**,

† The sun will no more be your light by **day**; \*  
by night you will not need the brightness of the **moon**. *Refrain*

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY** (BCP p. 357)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.  
**Amen.**

# The Lessons

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 43:1-7

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Reader            The Word of the Lord.

**People            Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM (SAID IN UNISON): Psalm 29**

*Remain seated.*

**Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name;  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.  
The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.  
The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.  
The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;  
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.  
The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.  
The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe  
and strips the forests bare.  
And in the temple of the LORD  
all are crying, "Glory!"  
The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as King forevermore.  
The LORD shall give strength to his people;  
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

**SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Reader            The Word of the Lord.

**People            Thanks be to God.**

## SEQUENCE HYMN (LEVAS) 78 *Blessed Be the Name*

*All stand.*



1. Bless - ed be the name! Bless - ed be the name! Bless - ed be the name of the Lord! Bless - ed be the name! Bless - ed be the name of the Lord!

2. Jesus is the name of the Lord!

3. Worthy to be grand is the Lord!

### 9:30 AM GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

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

People **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.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**11:15 AM GOSPEL:** Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Priest            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Priest            The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**THE SERMON**

9:30 am

Children's Epiphany Pageant (Insert)

11:15 am

Father Jim Dorn

*To request a copy of the Sermon, please contact F. Jim at [jmdorn3@gmail.com](mailto:jmdorn3@gmail.com).*

**A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**THE NICENE CREED (BCP p. 358)**

*All stand.*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. *Amen.***



## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM IV

*All remain standing.*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

For the doctors, nurses, and all who seek to heal. May they know your protection and peace.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, (especially \_\_\_\_\_) give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

For peace in the world and in our lives. Heal, love, and bless the poorest, the refugees, and the victims of every war.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, \_\_\_\_\_.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week; (especially, \_\_\_\_\_) and for those celebrating anniversaries this week; (especially, \_\_\_\_\_).

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, (especially, \_\_\_\_\_) that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 359)

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**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 Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)

*All stand.*

**Celebrant**        The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People**         **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

# The Holy Communion

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)

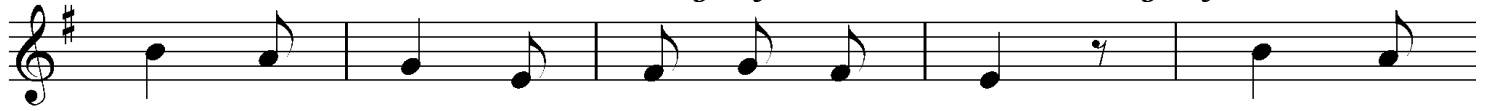
*The Celebrant says*

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

*Options for Giving:*

1. Checks can be made payable to St. Matthias Church. All offerings can be placed in the offertory plate or wooden boxes at the back of the Church and the East Door.
2. Credit or Debit Card via the giving tab on our website [stmatthiasfl.com/online-giving/](http://stmatthiasfl.com/online-giving/).
3. Text-to-Give via your smart phone to 73256 with matthias & amount in body of text.  
*Example: matthias \$25*

## OFFERTORY HYMN 128 *We three kings of Orient are (Three Kings of Orient)*



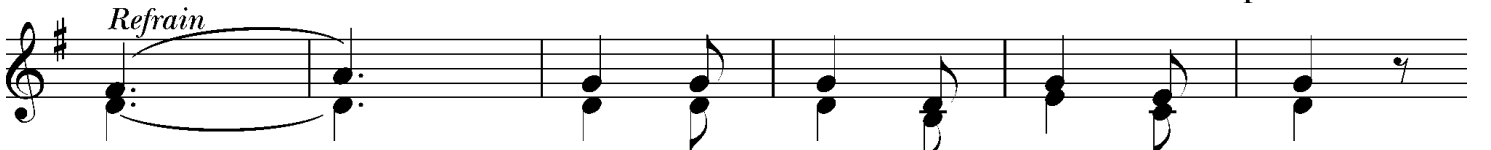
1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing  
2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I  
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense  
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a  
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



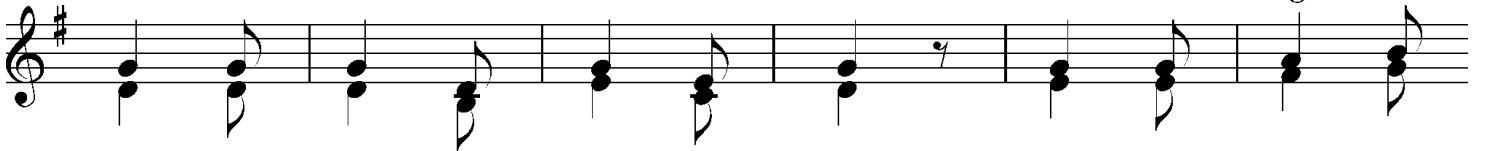
1 gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,  
2 bring to crown him a - gain, King for ev - er,  
3 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,  
4 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,  
5 God and Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al - le -



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!

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

*Celebrant and People*

**Generous God, you have given us riches beyond measure. We can only return a fraction of what we owe you; but we ask, Lord, that you bless our offerings and help us to use them wisely in your service and for your glory. Amen.**

Church of Scotland

# The Great Thanksgiving

**SURSUM CORDA** (BCP p. 367)

*The People remain standing.*

Celebrant      The Lord be with you.

**People**        **And also with you.**

Celebrant      Lift up your hearts.

**People**        **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People**        **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**PROPER PREFACE** (BCP p. 367)

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**SANCTUS S-125** *Holy, holy, holy Lord (Proulx)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BCP p. 368)

*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,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

## EPICLESIS (BCP p. 369)

*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 [\_\_\_\_\_ 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. **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)**

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

*People and Celebrant*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

### **FRACTION ANTHEM (BCP p. 364)**

*Alleluia.* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### **INVITATION (BCP p. 364)**

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365)**

*In the Episcopal Church, all baptized Christians, regardless of denomination or age, are welcome to receive the real and living presence of Christ in this Holy Communion. When it is your turn, please extend your hands upward, palms crossed to receive the bread (also called a wafer or host). When the cup of wine comes to you, either dip (also called intinction) the bread into the cup of wine and consume the bread or leave the bread in the palm of your hands, and the Eucharistic Minister will dip the bread into the cup of wine for you and place on your tongue. You may also choose to consume the bread without dipping it into the cup of wine.*

*Anyone may come forward for a prayer for God's blessings in lieu of receiving Communion. Please indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms across your chest.*

*The Priest will gladly bring communion or provide a blessing to anyone unable to come forward for Communion, please, let one of the Ushers know if this is desired.*

**Ushers will direct the congregation to receive Communion.**

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. Amen.

**COMMUNION HYMN 135** *Songs of thankfulness and praise (Salzburg)*



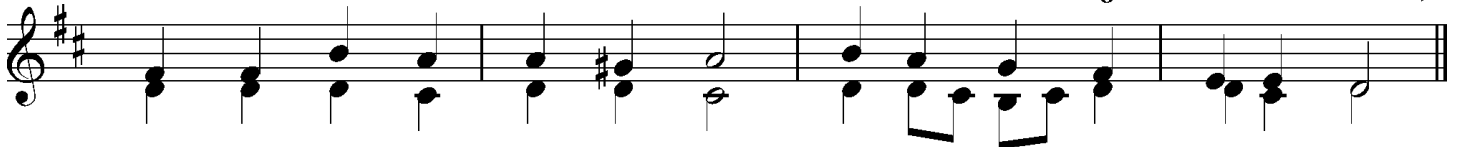
1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,  
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;  
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
 4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,



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 dev - il's might;  
 where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.



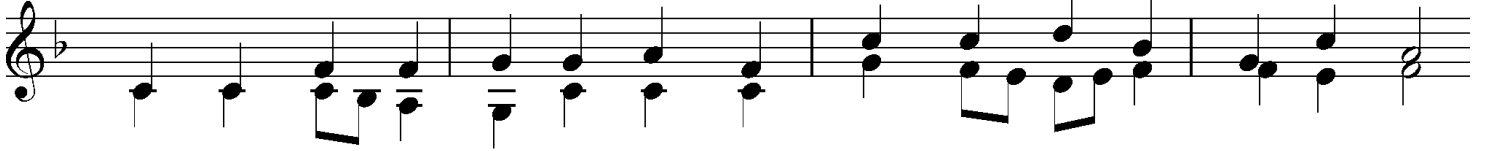
branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;  
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,



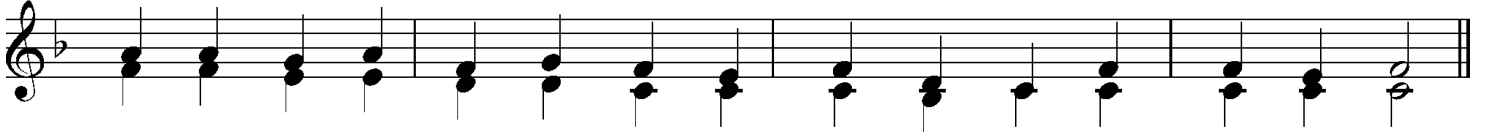
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
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 cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.



## COMMUNION HYMN 127 *Earth has many a noble city (Stuttgart)*



1 Earth has man - y a no - ble ci - ty; Beth-lehem, thou dost all ex - cel:  
2 Fair - er than the sun at morn - ing was the star that told his birth,  
3 East - ern sa - ges at his cra - dle make ob - la - tions rich and rare;  
4 Sa - cred gifts of mys - tic mean - ing: in - cense doth their God dis - close,  
5 Je - sus, whom the Gen - tiles wor - shiped at thy glad e - piph - a - ny,



1 out of thee the Lord from hea - ven came to rule his Is - ra - el.  
2 to the world its God an - nounc - ing seen in flesh - ly form on earth.  
3 see them give, in deep de - vo - tion, gold and frank - in - cense and myrrh.  
4 gold the King of kings pro - claim - eth, myrrh his sep - ul - cher fore - shows.  
5 un - to thee, with God the Fa - ther and the Spi - rit, glo - ry be.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

## PRAYER FOR EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. ***Amen.***

## BIRTHDAY BLESSING (BCP p. 830)

Watch over thy child, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* wherever *he* may be. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* fall; and in *his* heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

## **ANNIVERSARY BLESSING (BCP p. 431)**

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

## **BLESSING OF THE PEOPLE**

May all of you have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called that you might inherit a blessing. And may the may the blessing of God almighty the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. ***Amen.***

1 Peter 3:8-9

**CLOSING HYMN 616** *Hail to the Lord's Anointed (Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein)*



1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,  
3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,  
4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;  
5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;



1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!  
2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;  
3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:  
4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;  
5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:



1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;  
2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,  
3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;  
4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;  
5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;



1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.  
3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.  
4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.  
5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

**DISMISSAL** (BCP p. 366)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

**At the end of the 9:30 am service, all are welcome to join us for  
Coffee & Fellows hip in the Parish Hall.**