

**A Service of Morning Prayer  
Wednesday, January 4, 2023  
Epiphany**



Three Wise Men – by Henry Collier

Welcome:

Hymn: CP 162 Sing of God Made Manifest

1 Sing of God made manifest  
in a child robust and blest,  
to whose home in Bethlehem  
where a star had guided them,  
magi came and gifts unbound,  
signs mysterious and profound:  
myrrh and frankincense and gold  
grave and God and king foretold.

2 Sing of God made manifest  
when at Jordan John confessed,  
"I should be baptized by you,  
but your bidding I will do."  
Then from heaven a double sign --  
dove-like Spirit, voice divine --  
hailed the true Anointed One:  
"This is my beloved Son."

3 Sing of God made manifest  
when Christ came as wedding-guest  
and at Cana gave a sign,  
turning water into wine;  
further still was love revealed  
as he taught, forgave, and healed,  
bringing light and life to all  
who would listen to God's call.

4 Sing of God made manifest  
on the cloud-capped mountain's crest,  
where the law and prophets waned  
so that Christ alone remained:  
glimpse of glory, pledge of grace,  
given as Jesus set his face  
towards the waiting cross and grave,  
sign of hope that God would save.

Gathering: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
And the love of God,  
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
Be with you all.

**And also with you.**

May his grace and peace be with you.  
**May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Almighty God,  
**To you all hearts are open,  
 All desires known,  
 And from you no secrets are hidden.  
 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.**

Trisagion: Holy God,  
 Holy and mighty,  
 Holy and immortal one,  
 Have mercy on us. (3x)

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 *Refrain:* All nations shall serve him.

72:1 Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.  
 72:2 May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.  
 72:3 May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.  
 72:4 May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.  
 72:5 May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.  
 72:6 May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.  
 72:7 In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.  
 72:10 May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.  
 72:11 May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.  
 72:12 For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.  
 72:13 He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.  
 72:14 From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight.

The Gospel:

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Matthew 2:1-12

2:1 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,  
 2:2 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."

2:3 When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him;  
 2:4 and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.  
 2:5 They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:  
 2:6 '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."  
 2:7 Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.  
 2:8 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."  
 2:9 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.  
 2:10 When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.  
 2:11 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.  
 2:12 And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Meditation: – Rev. Alison Westervelt

Hymn: CCLI 5302004 His Name Will Be Called

1 The people who walked in darkness  
 Have seen a great light  
 The people who dwelt in a darkened land  
 On them light has shined

**Refrain**

**For unto us a Child is born  
 Unto us a Son is given  
 He will reign upon the earth  
 He will reign in the heavens  
 And His Name will be called Wonderful  
 His Name will be called Counselor  
 His Name will be called Mighty God  
 Everlasting Father Prince of Peace**

2 We who walked in darkness  
 Have seen a great light  
 We who dwelt in a darkened land  
 On us light has shined

**Bridge**

Every valley will be lifted up  
 Every mountain and hill be made low  
 Make straight in the desert  
 A highway for our God

**Refrain**

**And His Name will be called Wonderful  
 His Name will be called Counselor  
 His Name will be called Mighty God  
 Everlasting Father Prince of Peace**

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Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.  
 I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
 and born of the Virgin Mary.  
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried.  
 He descended to the dead.  
 On the third day he rose again.  
 He ascended into heaven.  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again  
 to judge the living and the dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic Church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Healing Litany:

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers: Sandra... Merle..... Mary.....  
 Irene ..... Kathryn..... Helen..... Jenifer..... Tony and Mary Jean..... Luisa..... Miranda.....  
 Bill..... Maxime..... Geraldine.... Florence..... Joan..... Shirley and Cyril..... Mark and  
 Blake..... Lisa..... Marijke..... Chrissie, Cathy, and the family..... Diane..... Janelle.....  
 Rosemary..... Wayne

Let us offer our prayers for God's healing, saying, Hear and have mercy.

**Hear and have mercy**

Blessed Jesus, your Holy name is medicine for healing and a promise of eternal life

**Hear and have mercy**

Grant us your grace to heal those who are sick. We pray to you, O God,

**Hear and have mercy**

Give courage and faith to all who are disabled through injury or illness. We pray to you, O  
 God,

**Hear and have mercy**

Comfort, relieve, and heal all sick children. We pray to you, O God,

**Hear and have mercy**

Give courage to all who await surgery. We pray to you, O God,

**Hear and have mercy**

Support and encourage those who live with chronic illness. We pray to you, O God,

**Hear and have mercy**

Strengthen those who endure continual pain and give them hope. We pray to you, O God,

**Hear and have mercy**

Grant the refreshment of peaceful sleep to all who suffer. We pray to you, O God,

**Hear and have mercy**

Up hold those who keep watch over the sick. We pray to you, O God,

**Hear and have mercy.**

Jesus, Lamb of God,

**Hear and have mercy.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins,

**Hear and have mercy**

Jesus, redeemer of the world,

**Hear and have mercy**

Compassionate God, you so loved the world that you sent us Jesus to bear our infirmities and afflictions. Through acts of healing, he revealed you as the true source of health and salvation. For the sake of your Christ who suffered and died for us, conquered death, and now reigns with you in glory, hear the cry of your people. Have mercy on us, make us whole, and bring us at last into the fulness of your eternal life. Amen.

Collect:

Eternal God,  
 who by a star  
 led wise men to the worship of your Son.  
 Guide by your light the nations of the earth,  
 that the whole world may know your glory;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

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

## Hymn: CP 163 When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known

1 When Christ's appearing was made known,  
King Herod trembled for his throne;  
but he who offers heavenly birth  
sought not the kingdom of this earth.

2 The eastern sages saw from far  
and followed on his guiding star;  
by light their way to Light they trod,  
and by their gifts confessed their God.

3 Within the Jordan's sacred flood  
the heavenly Lamb in meekness stood,  
that he, to whom no sin was known,  
might cleanse his people from their own.

4 And O what a miracle divine,  
when water reddened into wine!  
He spake the word, and forth it flowed  
in streams that nature ne'er bestowed.

5 All glory, Jesus, be to thee  
for this thy glad Epiphany:  
whom with the Father we adore  
and Holy Ghost forevermore.

### The Dismissal:

Let us bless the Lord, giving thanks for his living word.  
**Thanks be to God.**

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power  
of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**