



# EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY (OBSERVED)  
JANUARY 5, 2025 | 10:00 A.M.  
HOLY EUCHARIST

**HYMNALS WE USE: H82 (Blue); LEVAS (Black and Red); WLP (Green)**

## PRELUDE

### THE WORD OF GOD

## OPENING RITE

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Celebrant*

Bless - ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

*People*

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

## ENTRANCE HYMN

As with gladness men of old

H82 #119

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* May God be with you.

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

*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. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

*A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.*

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon  
you.

For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;

but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;

your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their  
nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,

because the abundance of the sea shall be  
brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 72:1-7, 10-14**

*Deus, iudicum*

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.

- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
- 11 All kings shall bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, and the oppressed who has no helper.
- 13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- 14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

**THE SECOND READING**

Ephesians 3:1-12

*A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.*

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE HYMN**

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning

*Please stand as you are able.*

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**THE 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.**

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Jonathan Eden

## THE NICENE CREED

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

*Standing or Kneeling, the Leader and People pray responsively.*

*Intervenor*     For work and ministry within our Diocese, remembering especially: Christ Church, Boston; Church of the Advent, Boston; and the Charles River Episcopal Co-Housing Endeavor (CRECHE); and for the Holy Church of God throughout the world, that we may be witnesses of Christ's Gospel of love to all people.

*People*     **Enlighten the Church, O God.**

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Julia, our Bishop; and for all Bishops, that they may shine as beacons of hope to a sometimes hopeless world.

**Enlighten our Leaders, O God.**

For the clergy, and all who minister in the church, that they may proclaim with zeal, and pastor with tenderness.

**Enlighten our Ministers, O God.**

For this community of faith, that we may awaken to the needs and gifts of those around us and become servants of others for Christ's sake.

**Enlighten our Imaginations, O God.**

For Joseph, our President, and Maura, our Governor, and Michelle, our Mayor; that they and all persons in public authority may be people of trust and serve the common good.

**Enlighten our State, O God.**

For ourselves, that we may take to heart the plight of the poor and the outcast, those who are homeless and destitute, and any who suffer due to human greed.

**Enlighten our Conscience, O God.**

For those among us who are sick and infirm, especially Chris R., Alexis, Marilyn, Marcia, Ken, Emerson, Kenneth, Lynnette, Christina, Carol, Julie, Stanley, Mary, Catherine, Michael, Parker, Sergio, Martha, Anne, Patricia, Maureen, Rachael, Louise, Scott, Kathleen, Paul, Eddy, Christopher, Julie Ann, Joan, Bob, and those we now name silently or aloud (*pause*), that they may be delivered from their pain and distress and restored to wholeness of life.

**Enlighten our Darkness, O God.**

For those who live in fear for their lives, their families, and their homes, especially those in war-torn parts of the world, that their cries for mercy may be heard and their lives of dignity restored.

**Enlighten our World, O God.**

For those who have died, especially those we now name silently or aloud (*pause*), that they may know God's peace and perfect freedom in a kingdom that is forever.

**Enlighten our Hopes, O God.**

That God's light may shine in the hearts of all people and that our hearts may be turned to one another that your name may be glorified not only with our lips but in our lives.

**Enlighten our Hearts, O God.**

As you were manifested in a stable stall, as you were manifested in a miracle of water and of wine, as you were manifested in the radiance of the transfiguration,

**Enlighten our Lives and be manifested to the world through us.**

*Celebrant* O God, hear the prayers of your people, and what we have asked in our need, grant us in your light, all for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son. **Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

*Celebrant* The Peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

We three kings of Orient are

*Please stand as you are able.*  
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## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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*Celebrant* May God 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 God thanks and praise.**

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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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 Christ, 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,

**We remember Christ's death,**

**We proclaim Christ's resurrection,**

**We await Christ's coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 forever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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*Celebrant*

As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*Celebrant and People*

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,

your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.

Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.

For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.

Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,

now and for ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

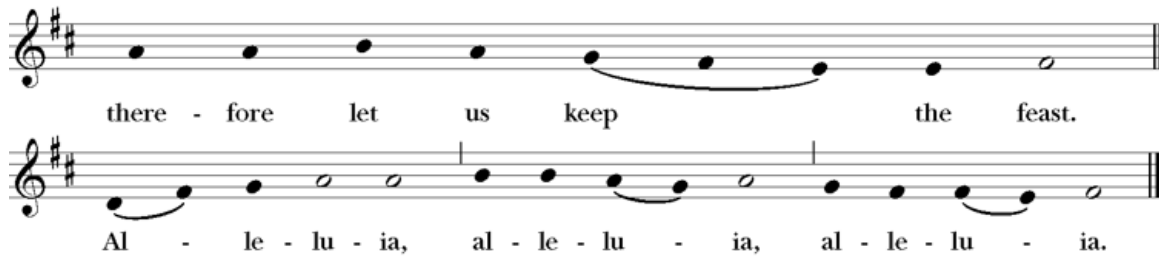
*A period of silence is kept.*

FRACTION ANTHEM

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;



*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion at Emmanuel Church.*

#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **Eternal God, by grace you accept us as living members  
of your Son Jesus Christ,  
and feed us with spiritual food  
in this sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace  
to do your work of reconciliation  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To Him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit  
may all creation sing hymns of thanks and praise. Amen.**

#### BLESSING

May Almighty God, by whose power our savior Jesus Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and free you from all sin. **Amen.**

May Jesus Christ, whose coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit, who was present at the dawning of creation and at the holy child's nativity, present us holy and acceptable to God's kingdom which is forever. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

#### RECESSIONAL HYMN

How bright appears the Morning Star

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#### DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Go in peace, to proclaim God's Word made flesh. Alleluia! Alleluia!

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

#### POSTLUDE

# WELCOME TO EMMANUEL CHURCH

We are glad that you have joined us today, and pray that you will know God's presence through our worship and in this community. Wherever you are in your journey with God or toward God, you are welcome here. Indeed, you are invited and welcome in our pews and in all the things we do as a community each week. We would also love to be in better touch throughout the year. Please reach out to our Priest in Charge, the Rev. Jonathan Eden, at [therev.jonteden@gmail.com](mailto:therev.jonteden@gmail.com) or at 617.798.0770 for more information.

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## CALENDAR

**Epiphany Party and Service**

**Tomorrow!** Monday, January 6, 7:00 p.m.

**Annual Meeting**

Sunday, February 9, 11:30 a.m.

To learn more about our offerings and news, please see our latest Newsletter, on our website under "News & Events."

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please be in touch with The Rev. Jonathan Eden.