

The First Sunday After Epiphany

January 9, 2022

Morning Prayer 9:30^{AM}



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Seven Days of Creation Indigenous Artistic Expression

This morning we celebrate a Service of Morning Prayer. This service is taken from the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer*. **Words printed in bold are spoken by the congregation.**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

✦ *Please stand as you are able and join in singing:*

OPENING HYMN #128

“We three kings of Orient are”



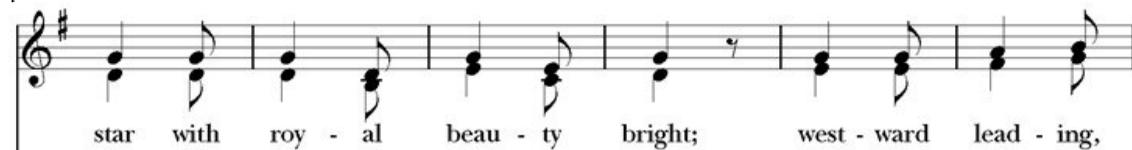
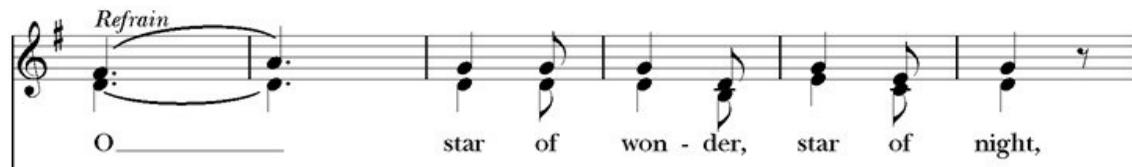
1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing
 2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and

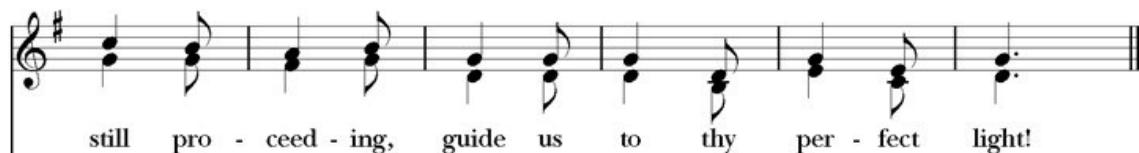


1 gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
 2 bring to crown him a - gain, King for ev - er,
 3 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
 4 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
 5 God and Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al - le -



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.





THE OPENING SENTENCE

Officiant: Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.
(*Isaiah 60:3*)

CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will.**

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

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever Amen. Alleluia.

VENITE

Psalm 95:1-7

The Lord has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him.

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before the presence of the Lord with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to God with psalms.

3 For you, O Lord, are a great God, *
and a great sovereign above all gods.

4 In your hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are yours also.

5 The sea is yours, for you made it, *
and your hands have molded the dry land.
6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
7 For you are our God, and we are the people of your pasture
and the sheep of your hand. *
Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!
The Lord has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him.

PSALM 147

1 Hallelujah!
How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!
2 The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem *
and gathers the exiles of Israel.
3 The Lord heals the brokenhearted *
and binds up their wounds.
4 The Lord counts the number of stars *
and calls them all by their names.
5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to the wisdom of God.
6 The Lord lifts up the lowly, *
but casts the wicked to the ground. .
7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.
8 The Lord covers the heavens with clouds *
and prepares rain for the earth,
making grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve humankind.
9 The Lord provides food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.
10 The Lord is not impressed by the might of a horse *
and has no pleasure in human strength,
11 but finds pleasure in those who fear God, *
in those who await the gracious favor of the Lord.
12 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion,
13 who has strengthened the bars of your gates, *
who has blessed your children within you.

- 14 For the Lord has established peace on your borders *
and satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 15 The Lord sends out a command to the earth, *
and this word runs very swiftly.
- 16 The Lord gives snow like wool *
and scatters hoarfrost like ashes
17 and hail like bread-crumbs; *
who can stand against such cold?
- 18 The Lord sends forth the word and melts them, *
blowing with the wind and the waters flow.
- 19 The Lord declares the word to Jacob, *
statutes and judgements to Israel.
- 20 The Lord has not done so to any other nation; *
to them these judgements have not been revealed.
Hallelujah!

THE LESSONS

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS 1:1-2:3

Read by: Julia Filancia-Wiesbard

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be

lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”

God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so.

God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

A SONG OF CREATION

Invocation

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

In the high vault of heaven, glorify the Lord, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

I The Cosmic Order

Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord, *
O heavens and all waters above the heavens.

Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, *
all winds and fire and heat.

Winter and Summer, glorify the Lord, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold, *
drops of dew and flakes of snow

Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, *
O shining light and enfolding dark.

Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

II The Earth and its Creatures

Let the earth glorify the Lord, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills, and all that grows upon the earth, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, *
O whales and all that move in the waters.

All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, *
and all you flocks and herds.

O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

III The People of God

Let the people of God glorify the Lord, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.
You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Doxology

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
sing praise and give honor for ever.
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 1:29-34

Reader: Ava Filancia-Weisbard

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A SONG OF THE SPIRIT

Behold, I am coming soon,” says the Lord, “and bringing my reward with me, *
to give to everyone according to their deeds.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, *
the beginning and the end.”

Blessed are those who do God’s commandments,
that they may have the right to the tree of life, *
and may enter the city through the gates.

“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to you, *
with this testimony for all the churches.

“I am the root and the offspring of David, *
I am the bright morning star.”

“Come!” say the Spirit and the Bride; *

“Come!” let each hearer reply!
Come forward, you who are thirsty, *
let those who desire take the water of life as a gift.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

SUFFRAGES

V. Help us, O God our Savior;

R. **Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**

V. Look upon your congregation.

R. **Give to your people the blessing of peace.**

V. Declare your glory among the nations;

R. **And your wonders among all peoples.**

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

R. **Never forget the lives of your poor.**

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

R. **And your favor to those who are true of heart.**

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

R. **So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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**

A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR MISSION

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

✠ *Please stand as you are able and join in singing:*

HYMN #82

“Of the Father’s love begotten!”



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be -
2 O that birth for ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin,
3 Let the heights of heaven a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
4 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
prais - es sing; powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him,
Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing,



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that
bore the Sa - vior of our race; and the Babe, the
and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on
and un - wea - ried prais - es be; hon - or, glo - ry



are, that have _____ been, and that fu - ture
 world's Re - deem - er, first re - vealed his
 earth be si - lent, ev - ery voice in
 and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal



years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

PRAYER LIST

We pray for all those suffering with COVID-19.

We pray for those who are in the hospital or home recuperating, especially: **Tom Acheson, Frederic, Peter, Bob Gowen, Yumi, Ronald Garvey, Ed Meddaugh, Max, Anne, Cathy, Barbara, Howard Flemming, Hudson Beauregard; Ellie Ruvo, Joyce Makimi, Rosemary Recine, Robert Lynch, Joe Smith, and Angela Carrozzo.**

We pray for those who are homebound: **Esmerilda Hastings, Margaret Vaccaro, Lee Williams, Dorothy Dushin, Roberta Darrigrand; Jim, Marge, Carolyn Damiano, Deanna Ammirato , and Bill & Dorothy D'Amato.**

We pray for those for whom our prayers are asked, especially: **Liz & Jeff Daniele, Andrew Tom, Rebecca, Vince Servio, Sarah Paruolo, Annaliese Haag, Gerald, Marilyn Griffin, Paul Ruvo, Helene, Jason, Peter, Hannelore, Marina Brandt, Linda Hill, Carol White, Steven Schubert, Paul Seltzer, Jeff and The Rt. Rev Andrew St. John**

We pray for those who have died, especially the over 53 million world wide and 800,000 in this country who have died from COVID-19

We pray for those in our hearts whom we now name, either silently or aloud.

A PRAYER OF ST CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **THRIFT SHOP:** The thrift shop will be closed for the month of January due to the up tick in Covid cases in Pleasantville. Store hours will be revisited in February.

CONFIRMATION CLASS Is on January 11 at 5:45PM. We will meet on Zoom for the month of January. Please contact Mother Mary+ for more information

ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK: Be sure to see St. John's On-line Sunday School lessons on our [website](#) Contact Mother Mary+ if you are interested in story reading

SAVE THE DATE ANNUAL MEETING: The annual meeting will be on Sunday February 6th after church. It will be hybrid so you may attend in person or via zoom. More information to come.

TUESDAY MORNING PRAYER 8:00AM Please consider beginning your day in prayer together. ZOOM link in TW@SJ or [click here](#). Meeting ID 847 0590 3160

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY: 11:00AM; Please consider joining us on zoom. Link in TW@SJ or [click here](#). Meeting ID 981708897

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