

**ADVENT EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
3760 Dover Center Road  
Westlake, Ohio 44145**

**January 2, 2022**

**10:00 a.m.**

**The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

**Rite II - Holy Eucharist - The Word of God**

**PRELUDE**

**PROCESSIONAL Hymn # 128 We Three Kings**

**OPENING SALUTATION & RESPONSE**

**BCP 355**

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

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

*The Celebrant says:*

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.**

*All standing, sing*

**THE GLORIA Angels We Have Heard On High**

Angels we have heard on high,  
Singing sweetly through the night,  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their brace delight.

*Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

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Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why these songs of happy cheer?  
What great brightness did you see?  
What glad tidings did you hear? (Refrain)

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. (Refrain)

See him in a manger laid  
Whom the angels praise above;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
While we raise our hearts in love. (Refrain)

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant*    Let us pray.

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**BCP 214**

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*The people sit*

**READING**

**Isaiah 60:1-6, 9**

**Pew Bible 779**

*Reader*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

**Psalm 72:1-2, 10-17**

**BCP 685**

- 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;
- 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.
- 15 Long may he live!  
and may there be given to him gold from Arabia;\*  
may prayer be made for him always,  
and may they bless him all the day long.
  
- 16 May there be abundance of grain on the earth,  
growing thick even on the hilltops;\*  
may its fruit flourish like Lebanon,  
and its grain like grass upon the earth.
- 17 May his Name remain for ever  
and be established as long as the sun endures;\*  
may all the nations bless themselves in him and  
call him blessed.

**Psalm Response (sing)**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

**READING            Ephesians 3:1-12            Pew Bible 1225**

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

**GOSPEL PROCESSION    Hymn # 115 What Child Is This**

What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Who angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
    This, this is Christ the King,  
    Whom shepherds guard and angles sing:  
    Haste, haste to bring him laud,  
    The babe, the son of Mary.

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

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

**THE HOLY GOSPEL    Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23**

**Pew Bible 1008**

*Celebrant*        The Gospel of the Lord.

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

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
Come, peasant, king, to own him;  
The King of kings salvation brings,  
Let loving hearts enthrone him.  
    This, this is Christ the King,  
    Whom shepherds guard and angles sing:  
    Haste, haste to bring him laud,  
    The babe, the son of Mary.

**SERMON**

**Pastor Paul Laursen**

**NICENE CREED (all standing)**

**BCP 358**

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.

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE      BCP 387, Form 3**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly  
serve you;

***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons, especially Archbishop Welby; our Presiding Bishop  
Curry; our own Bishop Hollingsworth.

***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest;

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The People may add their own petitions.*

***Our Father in heaven,***

***We pray with open hearts and minds to know your will for us.***

***Reveal to us the initiatives we should take:***

***For nourishing ourselves with your Word; for supporting each other in Christian fellowship; for taking the Gospel to outside communities; and for loving and serving others in the power of your Spirit.***

***We are grateful for the pastoral encouragement you have provided us in this season. We are grateful for our lay leadership in their shouldering of extra burdens. Lord, we ask that you lay bare the hearts of this congregation, and open each one of us to every new day. Open us to what you have for our future as a new church family in Christ. Amen.***

## **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

**BCP 360**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant 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.

*Celebrant*

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**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

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

## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY    **BOB # 35 Come and Behold Him**

*Celebrant*        Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself  
                         for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

### PRESENTATION OF ALMS & OBLATIONS

### PREPARATION OF ELEMENTS

### DOXOLOGY

The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise him all creatures here below  
Praise him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

**BCP 361**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant says*

*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.**

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, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son 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:

*Celebrant and People*

**The Sanctus (sing)**    Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
                                  God of power and might,  
                                  Heaven and earth are full of your glory. (2Xs)  
                                  Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. (2Xs)

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your



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

*Celebrant*        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.

- \* *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. For those not yet baptized (or for baptized visitors who do not wish to receive the Sacrament), you may come to the altar rail and cross your arms; the priest will be happy to pray a prayer of blessings.\* Administration of Communion:*
  - *Please follow usher's directions to altar rail.*
  - *The consecrated bread is offered with the words,*  
*"The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven." (Amen).*
  - *The individual cups are offered with the words,*  
*"The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation," (Amen).*
- \* *Intersessory Prayer is available at the back of the Sanctuary.*

### **COMMUNION HYMN # 109 The First Nowell**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER,** *said by all*

BCP 365

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.

### **THE BLESSING**

**RECESSIONAL Hymn # 119 AS With Gladness Men of Old**

**THE DISMISSAL**

BCP 366

*The Celebrant dismisses them with these words*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*

Thanks be to God.

### **POSTLUDE**