



Episcopal Church of the Epiphany  
Feast of the Holy Name  
January 1, 2012, 10:30 am

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### The Word of God

Processional Hymn (the people stand)

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*.....#93

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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

*What Child Is This Who Laid to Rest?*.....#115

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Lessons (the people sit)

The First Lesson – Numbers 6:22-27

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm – Psalm 8

Refrain: **How exalted is your Name in all the world!**

*Domine, Dominus noster*

O LORD our Governor, \*

**how exalted is your Name in all the world!**

Out of the mouths of infants and children \*

**your majesty is praised above the heavens.**

You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, \*

**to quell the enemy and the avenger.**

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, \*

**the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,**

What is man that you should be mindful of him? \* **the son of man that you should seek him out?**

You have made him but little lower than the angels; \*

**you adorn him with glory and honor;**

You give him mastery over the works of your hands; \*

**you put all things under his feet:**

All sheep and oxen, \*

**even the wild beasts of the field,**

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, \*

**and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.**

O LORD our Governor, \*

**how exalted is your Name in all the world!**

Refrain: **How exalted is your Name in all the world!**

The Second Lesson – Galatians 4:4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Sequence – Luke 2:15-21 (the people stand)

Hymn 450 – All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name,  
verses 1-3

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

**Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

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

**Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

Hymn 450 – All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name,  
verses 4-5

The Sermon (the people sit)

The Nicene Creed

**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

Father, we pray for Saint Stephens, Smith Station and the Church of the Epiphany, Leeds; for our companion diocese in Haiti and its bishop Zaché; for the Board, officers, and members of Episcopal Church Women; for the Trustees of the University of the South at Sewanee; and 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 Katharine, our presiding bishop, for Kee, our bishop, for Arnold, our priest, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

We pray for Barack, our President; for Robert, our governor; for George, our mayor; and 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.*  
*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

### Confession of Sin (the people stand or kneel)

Let us confess our sins against God and our  
neighbor.

**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.**

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

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

### Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

## The Holy Communion

The Offertory Hymn .....*Glorify Thy Name*

**Father, we love you, we praise you we adore you.**  
**Glorify thy Name in all the earth.**  
**Glorify thy Name, glorify thy Name,**  
**Glorify thy Name in all the earth.**  
**Jesus, we love you . . .**  
**Spirit, we love you . . .**

### The Presentation

**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.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Then, 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.

*The Celebrant says a Preface*

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:

*The people sing (found in the Hymnal at S 129)*

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel*

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 only and eternal Son,  
to share our human nature, to live and die as one of  
us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered  
himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice  
for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and  
death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O  
Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.  
Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we  
offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people  
the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and  
drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also  
that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament,

and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.*

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

***Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed by 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.***

### The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

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.

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

*After Communion, the people stand or kneel and the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

***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.***

Recessional Hymn (the people stand)

*The Snow Lay On the Ground.....#110*

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.***

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Please join us in the Little House immediately following worship for refreshments and fellowship.

Our namesake festival is Friday of this week. Join us for a special First Thursday gathering January 5 at 6:30 pm in the Little House as we celebrate "Epiphany Eve" together.

Next Sunday, January 8, is "Guest Sunday." This is a great time for you to invite a friend or neighbor to come to church with you!

Serving at Epiphany this week:

Ushers: Eddie and Pam Harper  
Altar Guild: Betty Weldon and Pam VanEtten  
Lay Reader: Kathy Haynie  
Chalice Bearer: Jere VanEtten  
Refreshments: Laura Williams  
Stewards: Maurice and Debra McCord