

# Saint George's Church

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January 7, 2018

## FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

**PRELUDE:** March of the Three Kings Daniel E. Gawthrop (b.1949)

**HYMN 128:** "We three kings of Orient are"

**INTROIT:** *Behold he appeareth; the Lord and Ruler; and in his hand the kingdom and power and dominion. Give the King thy judgments, O God; and thy righteousness unto the King's Son. Glory be...*

**OPENING SENTENCE (BCP 323):**

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

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

**COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP 323)**

**kneel**

*Celebrant begins: Let us pray*

*Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**KYRIE ELEISON: S-91** "Missa Sancta Maria Magdalena" Healey Willan

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS: S-202** \*found in the front section of *The Hymnal 1982*

**COLLECT OF THE DAY:**

*Celebrant The Lord be with you.*

**People And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant Let us pray.*

O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know thee now by faith, to thy presence, where we may behold thy glory face to face; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

fore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

*Celebrant: Behold the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world*

**People: Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof but speak the word only and I shall be healed**

**THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION:**

(All baptized Christians may receive, regardless of age or denomination.)

**COMMUNION SENTENCE:** *We have seen his star in the East; and are come with offerings to worship the Lord.*

**COMMUNION ANTHEM:** "There shall a star come out of Jacob" Mendelssohn

*There shall a star come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel.*

*With might destroying princes and cities. As bright the star of morning gleams.*

*So Jesus sheddeth glorious beams of light and consolation.*

*Thy word, O Lord, radiance darting, truth imparting gives salvation.*

*Thine be praise and adoration.*

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP 339):**

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

**\*FINAL HYMN 119:** "As with gladness men of old"

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**POSTLUDE: Fugue in C**

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

**Today's Celebrant & Servers**

Officiant-The Reverend Matthew R. Stromberg

Organist & Director of Music- Andrew Krystopolski

Crucifer-, Alice Pumbo, Steve Hartz, or Colton Jaquith

Thurifer- Chris Henry Acolytes: J.J Moran , Anna Thiessen MC 10 AM-David

Kennison, Lector 8:00 AM Kevin Grace or Alice Pumbo

Greeters: Jerri Moore & Judy DeLong

Lector 10 AM: Gregory P. Thomas

Counters: Jeff Wengrovius

**WELCOME GUESTS**-We are glad that you are with us today! Please complete a visitor card and give it to Father Matt as you leave and please consider joining us for a coffee reception in the Great Hall after the service. Please note that Sunday School is available for children ages 3-8 during the 10:00am service upstairs in the Great Hall.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP** Our next dates for theology on tap are Jan. 11th at the Van Dyck 7:30 PM. The topic will be "Should Christians be Pacifist?"

**LENTEN SUPPER SERIES** Beginning 2/11 and running throughout Lent (with the exception of 2/25) St. George's will be hosting a Lenten discussion series Sunday evenings at 6PM based on Anglican Bishop NT Wright's Surprised by Hope. In six transforming, faith-inspiring sessions, Wright, a premiere biblical scholar, opens your eyes to the amazing full scope of what God's Word has to say about the world to come and the world that is. Sessions will include a potluck supper. Sign up sheet pending.

**FAURE REQUIEM** On the evening of Sunday 2/25 3PM join us for a special Evening Service featuring the Music of the Faure Requiem. A number of guest will join the St Cecilia choir to offer this beautiful evening of music as the final service of Andrew Krystopolski's time as musical director at St. George's.

**ALL ON THE SAME PAGE** St. George's book club will meet January 21 fol-

lowing the 10 AM Mass. The book to be discussed is *Lilac Girls*, a memorable novel of survival based on true events that occurred during WWII.

**CITY MISSION FOOD PANTRY**- St George's maintains ongoing support through donations to the City Mission Food Pantry. Please remember the food pantry when doing your grocery shopping as your contributions assist those who are not able to consistently realize proper nutrition for themselves or their families.

**VESTRY NOMINATIONS** There is one open nomination for Senior Warden. Traditionally a Church Warden is nominated from the ranks of the Vestry. There are two open nominations for Vestry members (providing one Vestry Member is nominated to serve as Senior Warden. See the posting in the back of the Church.

**ANNUAL MEETING**- The anticipated date for the annual meeting of St. George's Episcopal Church is January 28th, 2018. More details will be fourth coming.

**WEEKLY SHAPENOTE SINGING IN THE GREAT HALL.** All are welcome (you don't need to know how to sing or read music) to experience the old harmonies of the Sacred Harp tunebook every Wednesday from 6-8pm. More information at [albanysacredharp.org](http://albanysacredharp.org). Come join us, and let your friends who love to sing know about this new opportunity.

### THIS WEEK AT ST. GEORGE'S

**Sunday, January 7**

*THE EPIPHANY (observed)*

7:30 AM Morning Prayer

8:00 AM Mass, Rite II

9:10 AM Bible Study

10:00 AM Mass, Rite I

**Monday, January 8**

Of the Octave

**Tuesday, January 9**

Julia Chester Emery

(Fr. Matt is away for the day)

2:00 PM ALM Capital Living

**Wednesday, January 10**

William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

5:00PM Evening Prayer

**Thursday, January 11**

Of the Octave

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

2:00 PM ALM Glen Eddy

5:00 PM Evening Prayer

7:30 PM Theology on Tap (Van Dyck)

**Friday, January 12**

*Aelred, Abbot of Rievaulx*

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

12:15 PM Mass, Rite I

5:00 PM Evening Prayer

**Saturday, January 13** Baptism of Our Lord

**Parish Intercessions**-Dorothy, Larry, Bob H., Joan P., Jill, Aileen, Craig, Shirley, Nicholas, Kate, Robert H., Martha, Loren & family, Pat, Dagmar Mary, Pat R., Douglas, Alice, Patricia, George, Katherine, Michele, Ken, Polly, Christian, and Sam

**Recently Deceased:** Tina Danley, Gloria Ericson, Estelle Murphy, and Carol Coppola

**Birthdays:** Judith Smith 1/7, Charles Stamm 1/9, Jonah Thiessen 1/11, Ann B. Stamm 1/13

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**THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 60: 1-6**

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, iudicium***St. Martin Psalter*

1 Give the King your justice, O God, \* *tome: Wie schon Leuchtet*

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. *Antiphon*

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. *Antiphon*

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. *Antiphon*

**THE EPISTLE: Ephesians 3:1-12**

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus

through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Reader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 117: "Brightest and best" *Morning Star*

ALLELUIA: *We have seen his star in the East; and are come with offerings to worship the Lord.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL: **Matthew 2:1-12** *stand*

Celebrant: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark*

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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.

Celebrant: *The Gospel of the Lord*

People: **Praise to thee, O Christ**

INTERLUDE: "Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh" *Daniel E. Gawthrop*

THE SERMON *Fr. Matt Stromberg*

NICENE CREED (BCP 327) *stand*

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascend-**

**ed into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP 328)

CONFESSION (BCP 331)

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we earnestly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

Officiant: *Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen .*

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF CHALK

OFFERTORY SENTENCE: *The kings of Tharsis and of the isles shall give presents; the Kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts; all kings shall fall down before him; all nations shall do him service.*

\*OFFERTORY HYMN 109: "The First Nowell"

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (BCP 333)

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings:*

Celebrant *The Lord be with you.*

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant *Lift up your hearts.*

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant *Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.*

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

**Celebrant:** *It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God... Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying...*

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS: S-114 *Healey Willan*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I: (BCP 334) *kneel*

LORD'S PRAYER

THE FRACTION (BCP 337):

Celebrant: *Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!*

People: **Therefore Let us keep the feast**

Celebrant: *The peace of the Lord be with you*

People: **And with thy spirit**

AGNUS DEI: S-158 *Healey Willan*

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (BCP 337):

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us there-**